



Growth in Membership

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Warmest Greetings from Australia!

As Membership Chair, I would like to share some exciting news of the membership growth within BPW International since the election of the new Executive Board during the BPW International Congress in Cairo, October 2017.

The International Federation of Business and Professional Women was founded in 1930 in Geneva by Lena Madesin Phillips. Over the past 88 years, it has grown into the largest international network of business and professional women with members in more than 100 countries, across five regions.

Since October we have received enquiries to form new Affiliate Clubs in many new countries including; Anguilla, Congo, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Qatar, Syria, Tanzania, and Zambia. Applications have been received to form new Affiliate Clubs where we have existing clubs but no Federation including: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, India, Malaysia,

Panama, Peru, South Africa, the Philippines and United Arab Emirates.

Under the Constitutional Guidelines, a country can apply to be a Federation where there are more than 100 members and at least three Affiliate Clubs and this triennium we are delighted to welcome our first Country Federation, BPW Lebanon. During the last triennium, we approved three new affiliate clubs in Lebanon and the new Federation was approved and warmly welcomed in April 2018. In the coming months, as more new affiliate clubs are approved, we hope to welcome Federations in the Philippines, Burkina Faso and Malaysia.

During the following weeks, I will be introducing each of the new clubs that have been approved and asking you to join me in welcoming them into the BPW sisterhood. For those of you attending the BPW Leaders' Summit in New York 8th- 9th March 2019, I look forward very much to seeing you there.



from right to left: Carmen Zogheib - BPW Lebanon President, Nina Sfeir - BPW Byblos Club President, and Amira Sghaier - BPW Baalbeck Club President.

Newest BPW Federation: BPW Lebanon

Please join us in welcoming our newest Federation, BPW Lebanon. For BPW International establishing BPW Lebanon has been a dream fulfilled for our founder Lena Madesin Phillips, who died on her way to the Middle East while seeking to establish a BPW presence in Lebanon in 1955.

On the 18 September 2018, BPW Lebanon held their first Equal Pay Day Campaign. The first Equal Pay Campaign in the Middle East, a historic event for BPW. Congratulations to President Carmen Zogheib and the members of BPW Lebanon.

BPW international welcomes our newest country to BPW's Global network: BPW Tbilisi, Georgia

Please welcome to BPW sisterhood, BPW Tbilisi President, Ekaterine Maisuradze, a doctor by profession, a woman who connects continents by promoting Georgia and other countries in Asia and Africa. Ekaterine (Katrina) is the president of the first BPW club in Georgia. Congratulations BPW Tbilisi and welcome to BPW International.

