

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

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Cooperation with other Organizations -
FUNCTIONAL POLICIES IN THE WILPF

as amended October 28, 1962

From the Handbook

- d. A branch, or an individual, may not take action IN THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, IN opposition to national or international policies.
- e. A branch may work cooperatively with other organizations when the project falls within the objects and methods of the United States Section, and when it has first obtained the approval of the National Section. Only if the Section is part of the policy-making of a national co-operative organizational effort, or if the local branch is part of the policy-making of a local cooperative organizational effort may joint action be taken; otherwise independent parallel action is taken.
- f. Without authorization of the national, state, or local branch an individual member shall not speak in the NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION.

From By-laws for Local Branches

- 4-a. A branch or an individual, may not take action in the name of the organization, in opposition to national or international policies.
- b. An individual member shall not speak in the name of the organization without authorization of the national, state, or local branch.
5. Printed or mimeographed material carrying the WILPF name other than meeting notices, bulletins or material from National WILPF sources, must be cleared with the National Literature Committee before being issued.
6. A branch may work co-operatively with other organizations when the project falls within the Objects and Methods of the United States Section and when it has first obtained approval of the National Section or cooperation has already been recommended by national. Only if the Section is a part of the policy-making of a national cooperative organizational effort, or if the branch is a part of the policy-making of a local or state cooperative organizational effort, may joint action be taken; otherwise independent parallel action is taken.

From the Annual Meeting, May 1962

For purposes of clarification, it may be useful to state here the current WILPF policy regarding our relationship to Women Strike for Peace, Women for Peace and other spontaneous peace action groups.

Recognizing that these groups are not organizations, and therefore do not necessarily have a common philosophy or common policies, we cooperate with their projects as individuals, not as an organization. We heartily endorse their activities to date, and have, through our publications and other means of communication, encouraged individual participation in their actions.

WILPF members have always felt free to work on any peace project they wished, but they work as individuals, not as members of the WILPF, unless the project is specifically endorsed by a local, state or national WILPF organization. The National office should be consulted where there is any question raised.

Additional statement approved by the National Board, October 1962

A local branch of the WILPF may not call or permit its name to be used for a call to action on any nationwide basis unless it has cleared this action with the national office.

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The National Board of the WILPF further recommends that whenever the name of the WILPF is used at public meetings or mass action or demonstrations in cooperation with other like-minded peace groups, that the president of the local branch work to assure that:

1. Strict discipline be maintained.
2. Signs be in keeping with the spirit of the WILPF.
3. Behavior of the participants be in strict compliance with the rules of non-violence which is the basis of all WILPF action.