

# Academic Women's Association fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Academic Women's Association fonds.** – 1973-1996.

1.01 m of textual records.

## **Administrative History**

The Academic Women's Association of the University of British Columbia was founded in September 1976 to foster collegiality among academic women, to encourage and promote equal opportunities for women to participate fully in all aspects of University affairs, to provide a forum for discussion on matters that affect women at the University, and to initiate any enquiry, study, or action as decided upon by the Association. Membership in the AWA is open to all women holding tenured full-time or part-time positions, as well as those with temporary academic appointments. The Association's administrative structure was largely *ad hoc* in nature until the late 1980's, when steady growth in its membership, its increasing activism, and establishment of regular awards, a newsletter, and a monograph publishing programme led to changes in its constitution in 1989. The following year began a regular series of meetings between the AWA President and the University President to discuss women's equality and other human rights issues. The Association also fosters relations with University offices with similar aims with respect to women's issues, and is involved with several University committees that also address those issues.

## **Custodial History**

The Association's records dating from the 1970's and 1980's are from four accruals between 1980 and 1985, plus a more recent accrual in 2008. Other materials from the late 1980's and 1990's were transferred to the University Archives by former AWA president Brenda Peterson in 1996.

## **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of correspondence, minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting and its Executive Committee, reports by the Association and other organizations, published materials, questionnaires, and copies of the AWA constitution and administrative history.

## **Notes**

File List available.

Further accruals are expected.

## Series Descriptions

### **Constitution and history series.** – 1977-1992.

0.5 cm of textual records.

Series includes the original 1977 Association constitution, the revised 1989 constitution, a history of the Association written by secretary and treasurer Hilda Thomas, and related correspondence.

### **Annual General Meetings series.** – 1976-1996.

2 cm of textual records.

Series includes agendas, minutes, and reports from the Association's Annual General Meetings, as well as related correspondence.

### **Executive meetings series.** – 1989-1996.

14 cm of textual records.

Series includes agendas and minutes of the Association's Executive meetings, as well as related reports and correspondence.

### **Accounts series.** – 1990-1994.

0.5 cm of textual records.

Series includes reports of annual, quarterly accounts, and special accounts, along with supporting documentation.

### **Correspondence and related materials series.** – 1976-1996.

32 cm of textual records.

Series includes correspondence, primarily between the Association's president and other offices and individuals both within and outside the University, as well as some meeting minutes and copies of memos from the president to Association members.

### **Membership Committee series.** – 1976-1995.

3 cm of textual records.

Series includes membership lists, correspondence and membership information sent to new or potential members, and a copy of a 1981 membership questionnaire.

**Newsletter Committee series.** – 1992-1996.

2 cm of textual records.

Series consists of copies of the Association's newsletter, as published and distributed by the Newsletter Committee.

**Programme Committee series.** – 1992-1994.

1 cm of textual records.

Series consists of announcements of luncheons and other Association social events, and related correspondence.

**Presidents' Meetings series.** – 1990-1996.

16 cm of textual records.

Series includes agendas and minutes from meetings between the Association and University Presidents, reports on University women's issues, and related correspondence.

**UBC committees series.** – 1973-1996.

6.5 cm of textual records.

Series includes agendas, minutes, reports, and correspondence from several committees with which the Association has been involved: the President's Advisory Committee on Women's Safety on Campus, the President's Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women at UBC, the Progress through the Ranks Committee, and the Provost's Advisory Committee on Multiculturalism.

**UBC organization connections series.** – 1991-1994.

1.5 cm of textual records.

Series includes reports and correspondence relating to University offices with which the AWA maintains close relations, including the Centre for Research in Women's Studies & Gender Relations, the Advisor to the President on Women & Gender Relations, and the Women Students' Office.

**Subject files series.** – 1974-1996.

22 cm of textual records.

Series includes reports, correspondence, and published materials relating to other organizations, and issues and events of interest to the Association and its membership.

# File list

BOX 1

## CONSTITUTION AND HISTORY

- 1-1 Constitution, Annual Reports 1977-79
- 1-2 Constitution & bylaws revised - 09/02/89
- 1-3 History of the AWA 1981-92
- 1-3a AWA Constitution 1994

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1-4 Minutes, Notices of Meetings 1976-78
- 1-5 Annual general meetings/reports 1977-92
- 1-6 Annual General Meeting March 1985
- 1-7 AGM April 1992
- 1-8 Annual general meeting - April 8, 1993
- 1-9 Annual general meeting - April 14, 1994
- 1-9a General meetings April-October 1995

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## EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- 1-10 Executive Minutes 1988-91
- 1-11 [Executive meeting] Minutes 1991 1990-92
- 1-12 Executive meeting - April 8, 1992
- 1-13 Executive meeting - May 14, 1992
- 1-14 Executive meeting - Sept. 14/92
- 1-15 Executive meeting - Oct. 16, 1992
- 1-16 Executive meeting - November 13, '92
- 1-17 Executive meeting - Dec. 16, 1992
- 1-18 Executive meeting - Jan 4, 1993
- 1-19 Executive meeting - March 26, 1993
- 1-20 Executive meeting - April 28, 1993
- 1-21 Executive meeting - May 18, 1993
- 1-22 Executive meeting - July 29, 1993

1-23 Executive meeting - September 21, 1993

## BOX 2

2-1 Executive meeting - October 26, 1993

2-2 Executive meeting - Jan. 18, 1994

2-3 Executive meeting - Feb. 8, 1994

2-4 Executive meeting - March 9/94

2-5 Executive meeting - March 23, 1994

2-6 Executive meetings 1995-1996

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## ACCOUNTS

2-7 AWA accounts 1990-94

## CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED MATERIALS

2-8 President's Correspondence 1976-78

2-9 Jean Elder's Miscellaneous Correspondence 1978-79

2-10 Correspondence 1981-83

2-11 President's Correspondence 1982-84

2-12 Correspondence 1991-92

2-13 Correspondence 1992-94

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3-1 [Minutes, Correspondence, Memos] Miscellaneous Material 1981-82

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

3-2 Membership 1976-77

3-3 Questionnaire 1981

3-4 AWA membership lists 1989-92

- 3-5 New women faculty 1992-93
- 3-6 Membership 1992-94

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#### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- 3-7 Newsletter [was: Membership Campaign] 1992
- 3-8 Newsletter 1993-94
- 3-9 Newsletter 1995-96

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#### PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- 3-10 Luncheon series 1992-94
- 3-11 Spring social 1993

#### PRESIDENTS' MEETINGS

- 3-12 Presidents' meeting, Minutes 1988, 1990-92
- 3-13 Presidents' meeting - April 13, 1992
- 3-14 Presidents' meetings - ideas, agenda items for next 1992-93

#### BOX 4

- 4-1 Presidents' meeting - Feb 10, 1993
- 4-2 Presidents' meeting - April 11, 1994

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#### UBC COMMITTEES

- 4-3 Pilot study of students' safety at UBC [President's Advisory Committee on Women's Safety on Campus] September 1993

- 4-3a Staff [President's Ad Hoc Committee: "A Report on the Status of Women at the University of British Columbia"] Oct. 1973
- 4-4 Progress through the Ranks Committee 1991-93
- 4-5 Provost's Advisory Committee on Multiculturalism, Oct. 1993 1992-94

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#### UBC ORGANIZATION CONNECTIONS

- 4-6 Advisor to the President on Women & Gender Relations 1992-93
- 4-7 1993 Survey of librarians [Advisor to the President on Women & Gender Relations] 1993
- 4-8 Centre for Research in Women's Studies & Gender Relations April 1991
- 4-9 Human Rights Office 1993-94
- 4-10 Student Women's Action Caucus 1993
- 4-11 Women Students' Office 1992

#### SUBJECT FILES

- 4-12 AUCC [Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada] March-Nov. 1976
- 4-13 AWA Book Prizes [Jean Elder Book Award] 1993-94
- 4-14 AWA Committee on Part-Time and Sessional Employment 1977-79
- 4-15 Counselling Psychology [anti-feminist letters] 1993-94
- 4-16 Employment Equity 1992-93

#### BOX 5

- 5-1 Holiday Pay Case, Documents 1978-79
- 5-2 [Japanese Survey] Questionnaires [n.d.]
- 5-3 Misc. [UBC policy, publicity, press clippings] 1992-93
- 5-4 Monograph series 1989-93
- 5-5 Other Associations 1974-77
- 5-6 Part-time [Faculty] Reports and Questionnaires 1976-77
- 5-7 Penny Priddy [visit] 1992
- 5-8 Pornography - Internet 1992
- 5-9 Pensions February-March 1977
- 5-10 Salaries 1975-77

- 5-11 Spousal employment policy May 1992
- 5-12 Students 1974-78
- 5-13 UBC Tenure and Promotion [n.d.]
- 5-14 UBC Women's Studies 1976-77

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- 6-1 Wage Case, Legal Documents 1979
- 6-2 [Women at UBC] Correspondence, Reports 1976-77
- 6-3 Women's Studies [bibliography] [n.d.]

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (cont.)

- 6-4 Annual General Meetings - minutes 1995-1996

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS (cont.)

- 6-5 AWA Executive minutes and correspondence 1991
- 6-6 AWA Executive minutes 1994-1996

CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED MATERIALS (cont.)

- 6-7 Correspondence 1994-1995
- 6-8 General correspondence 1995-1996
- 6-9 President's notes 1996

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (cont.)

- 6-10 AWA Questionnaires n.d., 1994-1995 [restricted access]

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE (cont.)

6-11 Newsletter 1987-1996

PRESIDENTS' MEETINGS (cont.)

6-12 Meeting with President 1995-1996

6-13 Meeting with President 1995-1996

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6-14 Faculty Association Status of Women Committee 1995-1996

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7-1 Jean Elder Awards 1996

7-2 McEwen and Political Science materials 1995

7-3 Fundraising 1995

7-4 AWA Rights issues 1994-1996

CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED MATERIALS (cont.)

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8-1 [Executive meetings] 1982-84

8-2 [Status of women - general] 1984-85

8-3 AWA: current 1985-86

8-4 [Minutes and reports] 1985-86

8-5 AWA 86-87 1986

8-6 [Current] 1986

8-7 Academic Women's Assoc. - Chairperson's file 1986-87

8-8 [Employment Equity] 1986-89

8-9 AWA - Affirmative Action 1986-91

8-10 Meeting with president Dec. 1987

- 8-11 AWA chairperson's file 1987-88
- 8-12 AWA Correspondence File 1987-88
- 8-13 1990 Book Project 1987-90
- 8-14 AWA - Minutes and general information 1988
- 8-15 AWA - Minutes and information 1988-90
- 8-16 [Andrew] Irvine 1991
- 8-17 Women's Student Office 1991-92