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having the vision to be part of the inception of the school—you are a trooper!!! We welcome Penny Priddy as Honourary Co-Chair and know she will bring her own mark to the School in the years to come. The Class of 2001 WCS graduates are some of the most amazing women you will meet. Watch for them in your world and in your government.



**ELECTION WATCH**

BC Municipal Election  
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By Roslyn Mclellan

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**A Message from the President**



Charlene Brisson

What an exciting eight months it has been for political junkies with two Federal elections (Canada and US) and an Alberta and BC Provincial election back to back. We women have seen some surprises, many victories and more than a few painful defeats. But will we see equal representation of women as elected officials at every level of government? BC lost 2 seats from the total held by women which is down from 22 (29%) to 18 (24%); even though we had 5 more opportunities as the number of ridings increased from 74 in 1996 to 79 in 2001. Alberta has also lost ground with a total of 17 (20%) of 83 seats going to women candidates. Why are we not increasing the number of women candidates? Why aren't more women putting

their hats in the ring? Why are more women not making it through the nomination stages of the campaign? Not a difficult question to answer if you had the opportunity to attend any of the All Candidates Meetings. I tried to put myself up on the stage, to imagine how I would respond to the personal attacks, pointing fingers, the screaming indignities from the audience and accusations of "liar" from opponents. I am completely certain that after one night as a political candidate in this most recent election, I would have gone home, immediately crawled into bed, pulled the covers over my head and cried myself to sleep, not to resurface for at least a week. This confrontational, adversarial and what has become

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**2001 CAMPAIGN SCHOOL BEST YET!!**

by Joanne R. Silver, Chair, Women's Campaign School

This year's Women's Campaign School (WCS) broke new ground yet again and we were thrilled to welcome fifty students to the January session—the best yet. As you may know we moved the school to accommodate the election

and were not sorry we did—our graduates went into the election pumped and prepared! We expanded this year's school to include First Nations' governance. With the help of the amazing Viola Thomas, for the first time the Campaign School covered

municipal, provincial, federal, AND First Nations Governance. While at the school, students faced some of the very seminal issues that face us as a nation and communities as we struggle

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completely disrespectful method of electing our officials makes most women run for the hills. And that's just to get elected. Never mind when she is thrown into the bullpen of the cabinet to fight for her life? Sadly, there were some wonderfully competent women who lost out in the nomination stages of their campaigns. Women who did their best to go against their collaborative, "may the best person truly win" natures. But politics is a game, and it's the person who knows how to play the game that usually wins. Our Women's Campaign School

(WCS) teaches women "the game" and gives them an edge. Out of the six WCS graduates who made it through their nominations during this BC election, five won in their ridings. Congratulations to each and every one of them – they are agents of change. And congratulations to ALL of the women who had the courage to step up to the plate and run for political office. May you have the courage to continue to participate in the electoral process, even against the current odds. Don't give up, we need you.

### BC Election Results

by Ann Ashley  
May 16, 2001

In the British Columbia election, five of the Congress' Women's Campaign School at SFU Alumni won their ridings. Congratulations to ... Elayne Brenzinger and Joyce Murray, who also was given a cabinet position, both Class of 2000. Val Roddick, Patty Sahota and Gillian Trumper, all Class of 1999.

Of the 34 registered political parties, 453 candidates ran in 79 ridings of which 86 (19%) of the candidates were women. The BC Liberal Party won 77 seats and the New Democratic Party 2 seats – two seats less than is necessary to maintain Official

Party status. NDP Party Leader Ujjal Dosanjh has resigned and Joy McPhail has emerged as the new leader. In total 19 ridings (24%) were won by women. Both of the NDP seats are held by women ... Jenny Kwan\* (Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant) and Joy McPhail\* (Vancouver Hastings). Seventeen of the 77 Liberal seats are held by women Elayne Brenzinger (Surrey-Whalley), Susan Brice (Saanich South), Ida Chong\* (Oak Bay-Gordon Head), Christy Clark\* (Pt Moody-Westwood), Sindi Hawkins\* (Kelowna-Mission), Brenda Locke (Surrey-Green Timbers), Wendy McMahan (Columbia River-Revelstoke), Joyce Murray (New Westminster), Judith Reid\* (Nanaimo Parksville), Linda

### Are You A Member of the Congress?

*Join the hundreds of other women whose support helps the Congress to bring about balancing the scales of political representation and bring equity to the decision making process.*

*A membership brochure is included with your newsletter. We hope that you'll take the time to read it. If you're already a member ... pass it on to a friend. If you are not a member ... sign up today.*

Reid\* (Richmond East), Val Roddick\* (Delta South), Patty Sahota (Burnaby-Edmonds), Lynn Stephens\* (Langley), Gillian Trumper (Alberni-Qualicum), Katherine Whittred\* (North Vancouver-Lonsdale). (\*incumbent)

### Alberta Election – March 12, 2001

by Ann Ashley

Ralph Klein and the Alberta Progressive Conservatives won 74 seats, and a third term in government, in the recent Provincial election held March 12, 2001. Of the 83 seats, the Liberals, under the leadership of Nancy McBeth who failed to hold her own seat, returned seven members, and the NDP two.

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McBeth subsequently resigned as leader of the party.

The number of women MLA's declined from 20 (24%) pre-election to 17 (20%) post-election although one more woman has been appointed to Cabinet, bringing the total to 5.

The 15 women who won their ridings from the Progressive Conservatives are Cindy Ady (Calgary-Shaw), Hon. Pearl Calahasen\* (Lesser Slave Lake), Alana DeLong (Calgary-Bow), Hon. Iris Evans\* (Sherwood Park), Hon. Heather Forsyth\* (Calgary-Fish Creek), Yvonne Fritz\* (Calgary-Cross), Judy Gordon\* (Lacombe-Stettler), Marlene Graham (Calgary-Lougheed), Carol Haley (Airdrie-Rockyview), Mary Anne Jablonski\* (Red Deer-North), Karen Kryczka\* (Calgary-West), Hon. Shirley McClellan\* (Drumheller-Chinook), Hon. Pat Nelson\* (Calgary-Foothills), Mary O'Neill\* (St. Albert), Janice Tarchuk\* (Banff-Cochrane). The Liberal Party women elected are Laurie Blakeman\* (Edmonton-Centre), Debby Carlson\* (Edmonton-Ellerslie). (\*incumbent)



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to enter this century with co-operation and negotiation between governments.

The success of our program is also attributed to the support of Lorraine Cameron, Regional Director, Yukon and British Columbia Status of Women Canada. Funding support from the Status of Women provided travel and tuition bursaries for woman who would otherwise be excluded from attending. Students came from as far north as Whitehorse and far east as Ottawa. Our exchange students from Kiev inspired the class with realities of the political structure for women in Ukraine. We are looking forward to facilitating more international students. As we

proceed in being Canada's only national non-partisan campaign school the opportunity to provide an international perspective enhances the work, the understanding and the campaigns of all of us. I am personally proud of the School and the women who attend and those who work to make it happen. I would like to thank this year's Committee for their help and guidance ... Honourary Co-Chairs Mary Collins and Darlene Marzari, Congress President Charlene Brisson, Viola Thomas, Muriel Honey, Vaune Adams, and Tracey Burneau. As well I would like to say goodbye to Darlene Marzari and thank her for

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## Glossary of Political Terms Continued

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:** The Provincial representative of the Monarch in Canada. Appointed by Queen Elizabeth on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The Lieutenant Governor is directly responsible to the Governor General.

**LOBBYIST:** A representative of a group or industry who urge the Government to act in a certain way. Often paid, they are named after the men who stalked the lobby of the Hay-Adams Hotel in Washington D.C., where many Representatives resided.

**MEECH LAKE AGREEMENT:** 1987 attempt to arrive at a formula whereby the constitution would be amended.

**NOMINEE:** The person who has been named by a political party to represent them in an election.

**NON-CONFIDENCE:** Vote taken when the opposition thinks they can defeat the government by weight of numbers, either by forming a coalition, or because of disillusion of enough government members.

**NON-PARTISAN:** Having no particular allegiance to any one party or ideal.

**OLIGARCHY:** Rule by a small, rich and powerful group.

**OPPOSITION:** All members who are not members of the Government Party. Can include several political parties. (see also TWO PARTY SYSTEM)

**OPPOSITION CRITIC:** A member appointed to speak on specific issues e.g. health. See also SHADOW CABINET.

**ORDER-IN-COUNCIL:** Action taken by Prime Minister or Premier without debate by the House or Legislative Assembly, usually on mundane or housekeeping matters although the practice can be abused.

**ORDER PAPER:** or Motion Paper. A daily list of the bills to be discussed on that day.

**PARTISAN:** One who has strong ties or allegiance to a particular party or ideal.

**PARITY:** Equality, usually equal number of men and women candidates selected by political parties.

**POLLS:** A survey of voting or demographic trends.

**PORK-BARRELING:** Buying votes by giving out government contracts, or social programs for political benefit.

**PRIVY COUNCIL:** Members of the Government who advise the Queen.

**PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION:** The organization of electoral divisions so that each has a similar number of voters. As populations change, so must the electoral divisions be corrected.

**PROROGATION:** Discontinuance of Parliament, without dissolving it. Usually because of a state of emergency. The Northern Ireland Parliament was prorogued for almost 30 years.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD:** A session of the House, usually held in the afternoon, when any member can ask a question of the Government.

**REGULATIONS:** Rules established by bureaucrats, within the framework of Acts.

**RIDING:** See CONSTITUENCY. (Named after an administrative division in Yorkshire, England)

**RIGHT WING:** Philosophically conservative, as opposed to LEFT WING; philosophically socialist. Originated in the National Assembly of France 1789-91 when the Nobles sat on the President's right, and the Commons on the left.

**ROYAL ASSENT:** The final step for Acts of Parliament to become law. Achieved only when signed by the Governor General or Lieutenant Governor.

**SENATE:** The Upper House of the Federal Parliament. Senate members are appointed by the Prime Minister. In other parts of the British Commonwealth, the Senate is elected. Designed to provide 'sober second thought' it has become emasculated by various checks on their powers.

**SEPARATION OF POWERS:** Legislature: i.e. Houses of Parliament, the only body that can enact laws. Judiciary: the body that enforces the law. They may only interpret the law; they cannot change them. Executive: Government body charged with the administration and management of laws.

**SHADOW CABINET:** Members of the leading opposition party, holding responsibilities parallel to those of the Government.

**SLUSH FUND:** Funds illegally obtained and used by parties and individuals for political gain.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:** Speech read by the Queen (or Governor) General) at the beginning of a new parliament. Actually written by the Prime Minister, it lists government proposals for the next session.

**SUFFRAGE:** The right to vote. Now *Universal*, was once denied to women.

**TAMMANY HALL:** Maintaining power with bribes. (From the New York City Benevolent society that became a corrupt political organization in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.)

**TWO PARTY SYSTEM:** A *GOVERNMENT*, formed by the party with the most votes, and an *OPPOSITION*, formed by the rest.

**WHIP:** The officer in a political party who ensures members of that party attend a session of the House, when required. May be referred to as a Party, Government, or Opposition Whip. Instructions to members are sometimes underlined for emphasis, thus a '*three-line whip*' indicates an extremely important vote.

**WRIT:** The legal instrument issued by the Governor General or Lieutenant Governor dissolving Parliament, and giving the date of the next election.