



WILPF Members asked** for more opportunities to come together to communicate across branches and regions... for sharing resources, comparing challenges and collaborating on solutions. **Here's your chance!

Creating new ways to strategize across America for grassroots activism at WILPF

THE “ONE WILPF” ALL MEMBER PHONE CALL

Initial CALL Schedule & *HOW TO JOIN THE CALL.*

Thursday, June 23rd. Time: 9pm eastern, 6pm pacific.

Pre-Registration is Required:

<http://myaccount.maestroconference.com/conference/register/1VWILWT3W8SHW0W>

URGENT: When you pre-register you will be given the call-in number and a PIN number. At the time of the call, go to the same LINK provided to join the simultaneous social webinar.

The link says “After the call, click here to join the webinar”. That is wrong. It **SHOULD** say, “**After you’ve dialed in and given your PIN number, click here to join the Webinar.**”

Follow up call – with an agenda YOU design... **Wednesday, July 13th or Thursday, August 18th,** to be decided by the call participants based on majority availability.

WHY THIS CALL?

Branches have been calling for National WILPF **to facilitate a more robust system of communication**

to share information – resources - enhanced membership experiences - recruiting solutions - capacity building - and planning strategy for effective solidarity events and relationships across the US. This call is our attempt to respond to that request, within focused parameters.

Branches and members get to **utilize this communication tool to find positive solutions to challenges that face them, and to find ways to collaborate to amplify their work and their impact.** National's role here is to facilitate the dialogue and train people in how to use this powerful conferencing system. **We are grateful to InterOCCUPY** for making the powerful Maestro conferencing system available for grassroots organizing for ACTION and strategy planning on peace and justice issues.

FOCUS/PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The technology we are trialing is being made available to us for the purpose of grassroots organizing, to strengthen WILPF's branches and their ability to plan across the country for strategic and measurable impact actions, trainings, and events. That is what we will be focusing on, in order to get the most accomplished.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

- **The most robust branches** should join the call to connect with each other and share what solutions they have found to challenges and what recommendations they can make to inspire other branches and enhance the WILPF experience for members across the country.
- **Branches which are struggling** should join the call to gain insight and potential solutions to the challenges they are facing. *This is about sharing strengths and strategies for success.*
- **At Large Members** should join the call for insight into how to engage more with WILPF programs and events.

GOALS FOR THIS and FUTURE “ONE WILPF” ALL MEMBER CALLS:

- 1- To address the requests for opportunities for branches and members to communicate more effectively across regions, to enable shared information, shared resources, solidarity event planning and other strategy shaping.
- 2- To focus on action planning and creating impact for peace and justice organizing, and program planning that strengthens branches, engages members and makes a difference.

AGENDA –

Facilitator: WILPF member Marybeth Gardam, Board Member and At Large Member from Florida.

(other facilitators may be rotated after this initial call)

Dashboard “Engineer” Michael Ippolito of [InterOCCUPY](#), based in Massachusetts.

6pm pacific/9pm eastern

A - **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION of the GOALS for the Call.** (2 - 8 min)

B - **BASIC INSTRUCTIONS for using the Maestro System**

Raising hands, using the stack, voting, etc. (5 min.)

C - **NATIONAL UPDATE OF BRANCH ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND ORGANIZING NEEDS-** (20 min)

What is your major focus, where could you use the most help, how would you like to expand your work? Create a rapid list.

We are asking branches in advance of the call to send a short summary of their contact info, focus, including as much as they wish to include: their meeting schedule and any events they plan regularly during the year, that can be shared with call participants, so we don't have to take notes on this info.

HOLD QUESTIONS TO THE NEXT SECTION (Section E)

D - **WHAT'S NEXT - Looking ahead to next call:** (15 min for all of Section D)

VOTE - on topics for the next call, and the schedule for the next call.

Our decision will be based on the majority available on each date.

D-1 **TAKE A POLL: CHOOSE NEXT CALL DATE**

Please take a moment to **VOTE NOW** on which of these days and times works best for us to schedule our next meeting:

Wednesday, July 13th - 6pm pacific/9pm eastern

Thursday, August 18th – 6pm pacific/9pm eastern.

D-2 **VOTE AGAIN: PRIORITIZE TOPICS OF INTEREST TO YOUR BRANCH**

Here are a partial list of topics that came up during the branch survey and program retreat which branches have told us would be of interest to them. **VOTE NOW** on which would be of most interest to your branch *to discuss on the next call.*

POSSIBLE TOPICS:

- I) **RECRUITING STRATEGIES** - Info on how to use programming and activism to **recruit** members.
How some branches are doing this, what works, what you need from National to be more successful.
- II) **WORKING SMARTER-SHARING RESOURCES** - Finding ways for members and branches to share resources (materials) with each other and to share partnering strategies, including outreach to younger-more diverse organizations and activist partners.
- III) **REGIONAL MEETINGS** - Creating opportunities for regional face-to-face or virtual events or meetings where Branch Members and nearby At-Large Members can meet and plan strategies.
- IV) **ENHANCING MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE** - Discerning what kinds of issue training, leadership or activism training would be most helpful for members and branches.
- V.) **WORKING ON 1 OR 2 SOLIDARITY EVENTS A YEAR** - Finding opportunities to engage across the country on Solidarity Events that could include:
Hiroshima events in August? Keep Peace In Space Events in October? World Water Day?
Monsanto Tribunal support events in October? International Women's Day? Earth Day? Others?
- VI.) **SUGGESTING WORKSHOPS or TRAININGS at Congress THAT STRENGTHEN BRANCHES**

6:55pm/9:55pm

E - Q&A ABOUT SECTION C - BRANCH ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND ORGANIZING NEEDS (15 min)

Branches and members get to ask clarifying questions and suggest synergies or opportunities for working together on specific projects, issues, events, and organizing strategies. ***Please keep your questions brief.***

If we run out of time for YOUR question, or you if wish to continue the dialogue, no worries!

There will be a short facilitated SOAP BOX segment available after the call formally ends, where you can continue talking with the facilitator and others who wish to remain on.

7:10 pm /10:10pm

F - GET CONNECTED – OPPORTUNITY TO TRY OUT BREAK-OUT ROOMS (8 min.)

Identify 3-4 issues or actions branches wish to work on in more detail in break-out room format.

This could be one of the topics suggested in Section D-2 or new topics about organizing between branches.

7:18pm/10:18pm

F-1 - INSTRUCTIONS for choosing and entering Break Out Room Discussions. (5 min)

Facilitators for the discussions will be chosen, with brief note takers.

7:23pm/10:23pm

F-2 - ENTER BREAK OUT ROOMS to discuss and dialogue chosen topics,

and come back with proposals to the full group. **(15 min.)**

Each group should appoint someone to take quick notes and report back.

7:38pm/10:38pm (Report Back)

F-3 - REJOIN THE FULL GROUP & REPORT ON THE EXPERIENCE.

(3 min for each break out room. - 12 min total)

(re-positioned)

F-4 TIME TO VOTE! CHOOSE THE FORMAT: VOTE NOW.

I. ONE AT A TIME FORMAT (Would you prefer to have ONE of these topics as the MAIN TOPIC on the next call in which everyone participates, **OR**

II. ALL TOGETHER, GO! (Would you prefer to begin a dialogue on several of them at once, by using BreakOut Rooms to discuss and start planning proposals on these topics?)

7:50pm/10:50pm

G RECAP and formal end of call (5 min)

The Facilitator will summarize what we've accomplished, how well we stuck to the call goals, and what potential there is for moving the work forward on several fronts.

A reminder of chosen next call date. (July 13th 9pm eastern or Aug 18th at 9pm eastern)

A request to promote the next call with their branch leaders and members.

7:55pm /10:55pm

Official Call Ends - Goodnight.

Continue the conversation: Short facilitated SOAP BOX SEGMENT follows.