

CFW Roundtable Meeting

Saturday, November 23, 2020

Twenty-five women representing nine jurisdictions participated in the Commissions for Women Roundtable Meeting convened by the Maryland Commission for Women at the annual MLAW Fall Conference, held this year at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, MD. The Commissions for Women from Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties, as well as the Maryland Commission, all sent representatives. This year, for the first time, several other women who were not Commissioners, including a State Delegate to the Maryland General Assembly, asked to observe the meeting. In a discussion facilitated by MCW Chair Yun Jung Yang, the Commissioners discussed the top priorities and challenges for their Commission this year, and which of their initiatives had the most impact. Commissioner Evelyne Steward shared plans for the 2020 Women's Centennial Summit and invited the other Commissions to join us in sponsoring the event. Commissioner Roberta Pardo presented information about the March 19 Women's Hall of Fame/Women of Tomorrow Awards Ceremony, inviting all in attendance to join us there. Vice Chair Tawanda Bailey provided an update on the Status of Women in Maryland (SWIM) research project and Vice Chair Carole Jaar Sepe invited the other Commissions to share information with us for inclusion in the 2020 Suffrage Commemoration Events Calendar the MCW is posting on its website. In addition, the 2020WED coordinator asked to present information about a statewide celebration of the centennial anniversary inviting the Commissions to participate by organizing local events in their jurisdictions on the weekend before the actual Women's Equality Day. The meeting closed with the announcement of NACW's Voices of Women in America survey, encouraging all the CFWs to encourage women in their communities to participate. Commissioners Ishrat Memon and Melissa Curtin also participated in the roundtable meeting.