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National Panel of American Women Records

1957-1986

three cubic feet, one oversize scrapbook

Organizational records of the national office of the Panel of American Women, an organization dedicated to thoughtful examination and discussion of social issues. Includes correspondence, financial and legal records, newsletters and printed material, minutes, and scrapbooks.

HISTORY:

The Panel of American Women was first established in Kansas City, Missouri in 1957. It was based on the model of the Panel of Americans which operated on college campuses at that time. Student participants of various racial, ethnic and religious groups told their story in a manner designed to create discussion with the audience. Several members of the Jewish community in Kansas City decided to form an adult panel. This panel made up of six women panelists moderated by Esther Brown gave a very well-received presentation in February 1957. Soon the panel expanded to forty participants, including several men. Requests came in from many cities for help establishing other panels. By 1960, Panels had been established in twenty-two cities.

To help meet the needs of the sudden expansion and growth, the Panel of American Women (the "National Panel") was incorporated and chartered as a tax-exempt educational organization on September 14, 1964. The purposes of the organization were; "to devise, develop and promote programs of youth and adult education to counteract prejudice and discrimination based on racial, religious, nationality or ethnic group membership; to stimulate individuals and local community groups to constructive and democratic attitudes toward problems of intergroup relations; and to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes."

In 1971, the first official National Convention of the Panel of American Women was held in Kansas City. A new Board of Trustees was elected by the

membership, a set of bylaws was adopted, and five Regional Coordinators were elected to be responsible for work in their geographical areas. Dues were collected from the local panels based upon the number of active members.

The National Office of the Panel of American Women, located in Kansas City, Missouri collected and distributed educational materials relevant to Panel activities. They provided consultants, publicity, copies of successful speeches by panelists, lists of frequently asked questions, and general support to local Panels.

See also: Panel of American Women - Kansas City Branch Records K0618
Shirley and Stanley Morantz Papers KA1747

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, public relations materials, and financial and legal records of the Panel of American Women. The oversize scrapbook suffered from some water damage, but all the items were removed and are in fair to good condition.

INVENTORY:

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- Folder 1:1. Correspondence, invitations - White House reception, 1979
Other national correspondence, 1977-1979
- Folder 1:2. National office reports and fact sheets, 1957-1976
- Folder 1:3. Minutes of board meeting - Kansas City, 1982
- Folder 1:4. Minutes of board meeting - Rochester, 1981
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- Folder 1:6. Minutes of board meeting - Chicago, 1978
- Folder 1:7. Minutes of board meeting - Indianapolis, 1977
- Folder 1:8. Minutes of board meeting - Kansas City, 1976
- Folder 1:9. Minutes of board meeting, 1975
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- Folder 1:11. Board meetings, 1974-1975
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- Folder 1:13. General correspondence, 1980-1981
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- Folder 1:18. Vice President's file, 1977-1979
- Folder 1:19. Board meeting - Chicago, 1978
- Folder 1:20. Correspondence, 1977-1978
- Folder 1:21. Correspondence - Treasurer, 1977-1978
- Folder 1:22. Nominations, 1977
- Folder 1:23. YWCA, 1977-1979
- Folder 1:24. Correspondence - board meeting, 1976
- Folder 1:25. Correspondence, 1976
- Folder 1:26. Correspondence, 1976-1977
- Folder 1:27. Correspondence, 1975-1976
- Folder 1:28. Correspondence - Executive Secretary, 1975-1976
- Folder 1:29. General correspondence, 1970-1977

- Folder 1:30. Nominating Committee, 1978-1979
- Folder 1:31. Nominating Committee, 1980-1981, 1982-1983
- Folder 1:32. Nominating Committee, 1974
- Folder 1:33. Correspondence - Coordinator, 1972-1975
- Folder 1:34. Regional correspondence - Northern Region, 1977-1981
- Folder 1:35. Regional correspondence - Southern Region, 1978-1980
- Folder 1:36. Regional correspondence - Eastern Region, 1979-1981
- Folder 1:37. Regional correspondence - Midwestern Region, 1977-1979
- Folder 1:38. Regional correspondence - Central Region, 1977-1980
- Folder 1:39. Regional correspondence - Upper South Region, 1977-1979
- Folder 1:40. Correspondence - Windsor, Canada, 1968-1971
- Folder 1:41. Correspondence - Glade Spring, VA, 1968-1969
- Folder 1:42. Publicity - Wilmington, DE, 1969
- Folder 1:43. Correspondence - Wilmington, DE, 1969-1971
- Folder 1:44. Correspondence - Toronto, 1969-1972
- Folder 1:45. Correspondence - Pittsburgh, 1972-1976
- Folder 1:46. Correspondence - Secretary, 1979-1980

BOX 002

- Folder 2:1. Brochures - Program Development, ca. 1980s
- Folder 2:2. Panel Program Development (information for Coordinators, etc.), 1969-1983
- Folder 2:3. Roles and Responsibilities of Panelists, Coordinator, etc. (job description), 1969-1973
- Folder 2:4. Ethnic studies and articles, 1978-1979
- Folder 2:5. National position on current issues, 1970, 1979
- Folder 2:6. Most Asked Questions (and questions from Women's Day article), 1967-1972
- Folder 2:7. Foundations, 1965-1975
- Folder 2:8. Fundraising
- Folder 2:9. Correspondence - Foundations, 1974-1976
- Folder 2:10. Correspondence, brochures - Vice President, Public Relations, 1979-1981

- Folder 2:11. Proposals, related correspondence - Coalition Building and National Women's Agenda, 1975-1976
- Folder 2:12. Rosters of local chapters, 1977-1979
- Folder 2:13. Rosters of Board of Directors, undated
- Folder 2:14. Newsletters, 1973-1986
- Folder 2:15. Evaluation reports and questionnaires, 1970-1971
- Folder 2:16. Biennial conventions, 1979, 1981
- Folder 2:17. Regional conference, 1976
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- Folder 2:19. Annual reports - regional, 1970-1976
- Folder 2:20. National Council of Christians and Jews, 1964-1975
- Folder 2:21. Coordinators mailings, 1979-1981

BOX 003

- Folder 3:1. Payroll taxes, 1974-1976
 - Folder 3:2. Treasurer's file - reports, notes, check registers, correspondence, 1977-1982
 - Folder 3:3. Tax forms, 1973-1975
 - Folder 3:4. Tax exempt documentation, including donors, 1971-1979
 - Folder 3:5. Articles of Incorporation, 1964-1972
 - Folder 3:6. Financial statements, budgets, 1972-1975
 - Folder 3:7. Legal correspondence, 1964-1971
 - Folder 3:8. Finance agreements and correspondence, 1974-1975
 - Folder 3:9. Annual registration reports, 1968-1976
 - Folder 3:10. Bylaws, 1971-1984
 - Folder 3:11. National Treasurer's file (Geneva Barrax) - ledger sheets for local chapters, bank statements, correspondence, 1977-1979
 - Folder 3:12. Journal ledger, 1974-1977
 - Folder 3:13. Stationery, blank certificates
 - Folder 3:14. Financial reports, budgets, 1975-1978
 - Folder 3:15. Newsletters, 1972-1977
 - Folder 3:16. Bylaws revisions, 1979-1981
- Canceled checks, bank statements, membership correspondence, 1980 (Eloise Wade, Treasurer)

Canceled checks, bank statements, 1976-1977

Handbook - Panel of American Women, 1979 (revised edition)

OVERSIZE

Scrapbook items removed - photographs, clippings, ca. 1965-1974