

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JANE ADDAMS PEACE ASSOCIATION

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### **What are the mission, roles and responsibilities of JAPA?**

JAPA is the 501 (c) (3), Not-For-Profit Organization that supports the educational programs and projects of US WILPF Branches and the US Section. We used to be the 501c3 for International WILPF, but now we are not sure given the formation of their WILPF UNO, Inc. Funds that are donated to support WILPF's educational programs are tax deductible and are managed and invested by JAPA to increase their value. Receipts and thank you notes are sent to donors from the JAPA office. The official statement of the Aims/Mission of JAPA is as follows:

- To perpetuate the spirit of Jane Addams' love for humanity, commitment to freedom and democracy, and devotion to the cause of world peace;
- To promote projects consistent with the above aims, and
- To collect funds necessary for the execution of these aims through the education programs of WILPF.

### **When and how was JAPA founded?**

The *Jane Addams Peace Association* began as the *Jane Addams Peace Fund*, in Chicago in 1942 as a memorial to Jane Addams and to continue her work for peace. In December of 1948 a filing was made in the state of Illinois, the base of operations for Jane Addams throughout her life, to incorporate the *Jane Addams Peace Association*. Further information on the history of JAPA is available on the website [www.janeaddamspeace.org](http://www.janeaddamspeace.org) and from the JAPA office.

### **Why are funds held by JAPA not all available to WILPF?**

The donors earmark most of the funds received by JAPA. Many are directed to US WILPF, International WILPF, or to specific projects or branches. Donations are designated in such ways as Travel for Int'l Meetings (Kay Camp Fund); Early Childhood Education (Jones Fund); Promoting Art through WILPF (Joan Patchen Fund); U.S. Interns (Logan Fund); Much of the Executive Director's work is to hold the funds separately and administer them according to the donors' wishes.

## **How does JAPA support WILPF US?**

In addition to serving as WILPF's 501c3, JAPA helps to fund Peace & Freedom, funds interns at the WILPF US office, funds travel to International WILPF meetings, supports branch peace education projects, and for many years owned and managed the building in Philadelphia that housed WILPF US.

## **How does JAPA invest the funds it holds?**

The overall investment goal is to achieve a high rate of return (measured by market standards), while preserving and protecting capital, and to support WILPF educational programs through investment in socially screened market securities. As a fiscal sponsor, JAPA will ask sister organizations for instruction on what time basis to use when investing their funds. Absent such instruction, JAPA will invest such funds according to its own policies. In accordance with the request of WILPF Israel and Palestine Sections, we have divested from Israeli investments.

## **What happens to funds that are donated to JAPA?**

Typically donors specify where they want their money to go. Often they wish to honor their mother's activism in a specific issue such as disarmament or the environment. If a check is received without a specific request, the Executive Director will contact them directly to determine if there is a specific area or program the donor would like to support. The JAPA ED is a WILPF life member who is very familiar with WILPF program priorities. While she can make recommendations to the donor, the ultimate decision of where to direct the donation rests with the donor.

## **How does JAPA deal with Bequests?**

Bequest funds are distributed as per the specifications in the will or trust.

## **Does JAPA deal with Annuities?**

Due to changes in the annuity laws, JAPA is not accepting new annuities. We currently hold and administer 23 annuities purchased when interest payments were between 6-11%. Interest is paid quarterly. JAPA absorbs the loss when the difference between the interest earned on the account is less than the interest payments we are obligated to pay the annuitant. When an annuitant passes away, the remaining money in the account is divided in accordance with a previous agreement: US Section (30%) International (30%) and JAPA (20% plus

another 20% to repay JAPA for the expenses of managing the annuity for so many years.)

### **What fees are charged by JAPA for its fiscal sponsorship services to WILPF?**

When JAPA was asked by WILPF US not to do fund raising for itself, a series of formulas were devised to allow a percentage of all donations and grants to be taken by JAPA to compensate for the loss of income. Due to a generous bequest to JAPA three years ago, the Board waived all fees in an effort to help WILPF US and International through difficult financial times. The money from the bequest will soon be gone and a decision will need to be made this year as to whether the fees will be resumed.

### **What educational projects does JAPA sponsor?**

Through the years JAPA has funded and promoted the Children's Art for World Friendship, The STAR (Stop the Arms Race) Campaign, The Committee for World Development and World Disarmament, and travel delegations to New Delhi, India, Middle East, Nicaragua, Cuba and Vietnam. For 54 years we have sponsored and promoted the widely acclaimed Jane Addams Children's Book Awards. (See attached history of the Book Awards). The awards are co-sponsored by JAPA and WILPF US. All of the costs for the awards are borne by JAPA. These costs include cash awards to the recipients, award and announcement ceremonies, seals, bookmarks and staff time to support the awards.

### **Who chooses/approves the members of the Jane Addams Children's Book Awards (JACBA) Committee?**

The Chair of the non-board JACBA Committee selects the committee members and manages the yearly selection of the winning books. Two-thirds of the committee is made up of WILPF members from branches throughout the U.S.

### **Where can authors, illustrators, publishers, WILPF members, and others find out about the JACBA process?**

This information is contained on the JAPA website. Contact information for the Chair of the JACBA Committee is also provided on the website.

## **How can WILPF US and JAPA work together?**

All JAPA board members are WILPF members. The WILPF US President sits on the JAPA Board as an ex officio member of the Board. The JAPA President sits on the WILPF US Board as an ex officio member. The aim of this original set up was to provide for a thorough exchange of information between two separate WILPF partners. The JAPA Co-Presidents, as ex officios of the WILPF US Board, have established a policy of Standing Aside in all decision-making issues that do not have a direct impact on JAPA. We are happy to provide input into discussions, but the internal workings of WILPF US belongs in the hands of the WILPF Board.