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				1910 – BPW Toronto, Toronto, ON 1917 – BPW Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, ON 1926 – BPW Montréal, Montréal, QC 1927 – BPW Calgary, Calgary, AB 1927 – BPW Saskatoon, Saskatoon, SK	
Dorothy Heneker Cummins	Montréal, QC	1930-1932	1930 – 1 st Convention: Winnipeg, MB 1931 – 2 nd Annual Convention: Montréal, QC 1932 – 3 rd Annual Convention: Vancouver/Victoria, BC	1930 – BPW St. Catherines, St. Catherines, ON	1930 INAUGURAL MEETING Geneva, Switzerland President: Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips (1930-1947) 1931 1 st Congress and 1 st Board Meeting Vienna, Austria President: Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips (1930-1947)
A. Josephine Dauphinee	Vancouver, BC	1932-1935	1933 – 4 th Annual Convention: Hamilton, ON	1934 - BPW Regina, Regina, AB	

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			1935 – 5 th Biennial Convention: Calgary, Alberta (1 st Biennial Convention)		
Mary Mount	Hamilton, ON	1935-1937	1937 – 6 th Biennial Convention: Niagara Falls, ON		1936 2 nd Congress and 6 th Board Meeting Paris, France President: Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips (1930- 1947)
Dr. M. Ellen Douglass	Winnipeg, MB	1937-1939	1939 – 7 th Biennial Convention: Winnipeg, MB		1938 3 rd Congress and 8 th Board Meeting Budapest, Turkey President: Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips (1930- 1947)
Margaret Clay	Victoria, BC	1939-1941	1941 – 8 th Biennial Convention: Victoria, BC		
Margaret Wherry	Montréal, QC	1941-1944	1944 – 9 th Biennial Convention: Winnipeg, MB	1944 – BPW Greater Moncton,	
Hilda Hesson	Winnipeg, MB	1944-1946	1946 – 10 th Biennial Convention: Toronto, ON	Moncton, NB	
Margaret Hyndman	Toronto, ON	1946-1948	1948 – 11 th Biennial Convention: Regina, SK	1945 – BPW Cambridge, Cambridge, ON 1945 – BPW London, London, ON 1945 – BPW Sudbury,	1947 4 th Congress and 11 th Board Meeting Paris, France President: Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips (1930- 1947) – Miss Sally

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				Sudbury, ON	Butler (1947-1950)
Ruth McGill	Regina, SK	1948-1950	1950 – 12 th Biennial Convention: Halifax, NS	1946 – BPW Penticton Penticton, BC	1950 5 th Congress and 13 th Board Meeting London, United Kingdom
Allie Ahern	Halifax, NS	1950-1952	1952 – 13 th Biennial Convention: Vancouver, BC	1946 – BPW Barrie, Barrie, ON 1946 – BPW Kingston, Kingston, ON 1947 – BPW Québec	President: Miss Sally Butler (1947-1950) – Dame Caroline Haslett, D.B.E. United Kingdom (1950-1956)
Margaret Campbell	Vancouver, BC	1952-1954	1954 – 14 th Biennial Convention: Toronto, ON	Métropolitain, Québec City, QC 1947 – BPW Brampton, Brampton, ON 1948 – BPW North Toronto, Toronto, ON 1950 - BPW Kamloops, Kamloops, BC (1930) 1950 – BPW Belleville, Belleville, ON 1950 – BPW Bowmanville, Bowmanville, ON	1953 6 th Congress and 16 th Board Meeting Stockholm, Sweden President: Dame Caroline Haslett, D.B.E. United Kingdom (1950-1956)

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				1950 – BPW Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 1952 – BPW Selkirk Selkirk, MB 1953 – BPW Trenton & District, Trenton, ON	
Hazel Laycock	Winnipeg, MB	1954-1956	1956 – 15 th Biennial Convention: Montréal, QC		1956 7th Congress and 18th Board Meeting Montréal, Canada President: Dame Caroline Haslett, D.B.E. United Kingdom (1950-1956) [Mrs. Agda Rössel, Deputy President Sweden (1955-1956)] – <u>Margaret P. Hyndman,</u> <u>Q.C. (1956-1959),</u> <u>Canada</u> First IFBPW Congress in North America
Maude Cawsey Baylay	XANA 100 (Toronto), ON	1956-1958	1958 – 16 th Biennial Convention: Edmonton, AB		
Isabel Menzies	Montréal, QC	1958-1960	1960 - 17 th Biennial Convention: Winnipeg, MB		1959 8 th Congress and 20 th Board Meeting Paris, France New IFBPW President:

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					Elisabeth Feller, Switzerland (1959-1962)
Una MacLean Evans	Calgary, AB	1960-1962	1962 - 18 th Biennial Convention: St. Andrews, NB		1962 9 th Congress and 22 nd and 23 rd Board Meetings Oslo, Norway New IFBPW President: Helen G. Irwin, USA (1962-1965)
Elsie Gregory MacGill	Toronto, ON	1962-1964	1964 - 19 th Biennial Convention: Ottawa, ON		
Nazla Dane	Toronto, ON	1964-1966	1966 - 20 th Biennial Convention: Victoria, BC	1965 – BPW Saguenay, Saguenay, QC	1965 10 th Congress and 25 th and 26 th Board Meeting Washington, United States New IFBPW President: Lady Littlewood, B.Sc., J.P., United Kingdom (1965-1968)
Louise Card (Rey)	Neepawa, ON	1966-1968	1968 - 21 st Biennial Convention: Québec City, QC		1968 11 th Congress and 28 th and 29 th Board Meeting London, United Kingdom New IFBPW President: Patience R. Thomas, O.B.E., Australia (1968-1971)
Margaret E. Ashdown	Toronto, ON	1968-1970	1970 – 22 nd Biennial Convention: Halifax, NS	1969 - BPW Thompson, Thompson, MB	
Charlotte I. VanDine	Montréal, QC	1970-1972	1972 – 23 rd Biennial Convention: Toronto, ON		1971 12th Congress

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					Edmonton, Canada New IFBPW President: Nazla L. Dane, Canada (1971-1974)
M. Elizabeth Aulin (Pryhitko)	Kamloops, BC	1972-1974	1974 – 24 th Biennial Convention: Vancouver, BC		1974 13th Congress Buenos Aires, Argentina New IFBPW President : Beryl Nashar Australia (1974-1977)
Edna M. de Sanctis	Sydney, NS	1974-1976	1976 – 25 th Biennial Convention: Sault Ste. Marie, ON		
Helen Verdun	Edmonton, AB	1976-1978	1978 – 26 th Biennial Convention: Moncton, NB		1977 14 th Congress Helsinki, Finland New IFBPW President: Mildred Head United Kingdom (1977-1980)
Nancy Dickson	Winnipeg, MB	1978-1980	1980 – 27 th Biennial Convention: Montréal, QC BPW Canada Celebrates 50th Anniversary		1980 15 th Congress Montreux, Switzerland GOLDEN JUBILEE New IFBPW President Maxine R. Hays United States of America (1980-1983)

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Dr. Geraldine Farmer	Edmonton, AB	1980-1982	1982 – 28 th Biennial Convention: Saskatoon, SK		
Lucy Milne	Medicine Hat, AB	1982-1984	1984 – 29 th Biennial Convention: Niagara Falls, ON	1984 - BPW Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, BC 1984 – BPW Baie- Comeau, Baie-Comeau, QC	1983 16 th Congress Washington, D.C., USA New IFBPW President: Rosmarie Michel Switzerland (1983-1985)
Margaret Jackson	Toronto, ON	1984-1986	1986 – 30 th Biennial Convention: Halifax, NS	1985 – BPW Richmond, Richmond, BC 1986 – BPW Comté Roberval, Roberval, QC 1987 - BPW Abbotsford, Abbotsford, BC	1985 17 th Congress Auckland, New Zealand New IFBPW President: Tuulikki Juusela Finland (1985-1989)
Gertrude Demecha	Kamloops, BC	1986-1988	1988 – 31 st Biennial Convention: Windsor, ON		
Beverley D. Hoy	Vancouver, BC	1988-1990	1990 – 32 nd Biennial Convention: Penticton, BC	1988 – BPW Durham, Durham, ON	1987 18 th Congress The Hague, Netherlands 1989 19 th Congress Nassau, Bahamas

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					New IFBPW President: Yvette Swan Bermuda
Dr. Doris E. Guyatt	Toronto, ON	1990-1992	1992 – 33 rd Biennial Convention: Winnipeg, MB		
Shirley White	Cranbrook, ON	1992-1994	1994 – 34 th Biennial Convention: Moncton, NB		1991 20 th Congress Nairobi, Kenya
Sharon Selkirk	Sault-Ste-Marie, ON	1994-1996	1996 – 35 th Biennial Convention: Sudbury, ON		1993 21 st Congress Nagoya, Japan New IFBPW President: Livia Ricci Verona, Italy (1993-1996)
Marge Donovan	Penticton, BC	1996-1998	1998 – 36 th Biennial Convention: Lethbridge, AB		
Rachel Proulx	Sudbury, ON	1998-2000	2000 – 37 th Biennial Convention: Sault Ste. Marie, ON		1996 New IFBPW President: Sylvia G. Perry (1996-1999)
Margaret Pronyk	Thompson, MB	2000-2002	2002 – 38 th Biennial Convention: Québec City, QC		1999 New IFBPW President: Patricia Harrison (1999-2002)
Jill Worobec	Port Coquitlam, BC	2002-2004	2004 – 39 th Biennial Convention: Regina, SK	2003 – BPW Halton, Halton, ON	
Darla Campbell	Brampton, ON	2004-2006	2006 – 40 th Biennial Convention:	2006 - BPW Winnipeg	2002

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			Toronto, ON	Central, Winnipeg, MB	New IFBPW President: Antoinette Ruegg (2002-2005)
Fran Donaldson	Trenton & District, ON	2006-2008	2008 – 41 st Biennial Convention: Winnipeg, MB	2006 – BPW Sud Est, Sediak, NB 2006 – BPW Virtual, Virtually Canada-wide 2007 – BPW Kitchener-Waterloo, Waterloo, ON	2005 New IFBPW President: Chonchanok Viravan (2005-2008)
Sue Calhoun	Southeast NB – CFC Sud-est du N.-B.	2008-2010	2010 – 42 nd Biennial Convention: Horseshoe Valley, ON	2009 – BPW Mission, Mission, BC 2010 – BPW Victoria, Victoria, BC (1921)	2008 New IFBPW President: Liz Benham (2008-2011)
Doris Hall	London, ON	2010-2012	2012 – 43rd Biennial Convention : London, ON	2010 – BPW Edmonton, Edmonton, AB	2011 Congress Helsinki, Finland New IFBPW President: Freda Miriklis (2011-2014)
Cara Cote	Saskatoon, SK	2012-2014	2014 – 44 th Biennial Convention: Saskatoon, SK		2014 Congress Jeju, South Korea Dr. Yasmin Darwich
Colleen Allan	Selkirk, MB	2014-2016	2016 – 45 th Biennial Convention: Calgary, AB		
Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla	Calgary, AB	2016-2018	2018 – 46 th Biennial Convention: Ottawa, ON	2016 – BPW Canada Online Club; 2017 – BPW Montreal; 2018 – BPW Edmonton.	2017 Congress Cairo, Egypt Dr. Amany Asfour

***Clubs are listed in the year in which they were founded. This order may not reflect the chronological order during the specific year in which they were founded. Where clubs were re-established after having turned in their charters the original founding date for the club is listed in brackets.**

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