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### **Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women wins 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award at National Conference**

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women was represented at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) 39<sup>th</sup> annual business meeting and conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hosted by the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, the convention theme was “Girls of Today, Women of Tomorrow.”

**The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women won a 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award for the 2008 Women’s History Month Supplement and Daily Columns, a project in which the commission partnered with a number of organizations including the OSU Women’s Archives. This supplement was passed out to elementary schools in Oklahoma and featured prominent women of Oklahoma history.**

Elections were held for seven board positions. Bernice Compton Mitchell, Commissioner and Stillwater resident was re-elected for a two year term on the national board and will continue to serve as a National Representative of NACW.

The National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) membership organization composed of regional, state, county and local commissions created by government to improve the status of women. NACW is committed to equality and justice for women by increasing the effectiveness of member commissions and serving as their national voice.

These commissions are advocates for equality and justice for women, serving their communities in a variety of ways. Some maintain shelters for abused women, others have tutorial programs for teens and adults, others testify before their legislators on issues that impact women and their families. Each commission functions independently, but works with NACW to provide national leadership and focus on their collective concerns. Member Commissions for Women, through NACW, keep the needs of women at the forefront of laws, policies, practices, and promote the improvement of the status of women

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