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The theme of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Women Graduates-USA is Moving Our Minds...the World's in Motion. This event will take place in Long Beach, California on 16 – 17 October. Members and guests will examine the issues affecting women today, as well as issues which are emerging and will surely affect all women profoundly in the future – it is an examination of the historical, political, and personal context in which this change is occurring is needed.

Issues to be addressed include Public Art as a tool for communicating the Peace Agenda by Vice President Glenda Ramsden of the Mexican Federation; an overview of Trafficking in the US by an officer of the US State Department; ratification in the US (finally!) of CEDAW; and women from the Asian and Afghan community speaking on immigration issues in the US; images of women in the media; and a “pep rally” for attending the 2010 IFUW Conference in nearby Mexico City.

The first member-elected board of directors and some bylaws changes are on the business agenda. One session will be spent discussing the way that individual members are to take the initiative in conducting advocacy and developing issues information differently in this virtual (online only) national organization.

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