

(Vintage Painted Metal Sign): National Federation Business and Professional Womens Clubs 1919
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Illustrated metal sign, possibly copper painted in yellow, green, and black. 30" in diameter. Central figure of the the headless Greek goddess Nike (as she appears in the famous "Winged Victory" statue), with the name of the organization around the border, the initials below the figure, a ship to the right of Nike, and the date 1919 on a scroll. Four equally spaced holes for hanging, a bit of rust at the edges, and a little bit on the and just above the figure of Nike, very good or better. We cannot confirm the age of the sign but the patina and seems consistent with the 1919 date on the scroll or slightly after.

The organization was founded in 1919 in the aftermath of World War I, as an outgrowth of the activities of the Women's War Council formed by the War Department n during the War to coordinate women's contributions to the War effort, and was mostly fostered after the War by the YWCA. It was the first organization to focus on the problems of working women. It was one of the earliest women's organizations to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937, and still continues those efforts as the BPW/USA.

A bold and graphic representation of the early fight for women's labor and equal rights. Uncommon. Reproductions of the sign are still made, and while examples have occasionally appeared at auction, they are generally in poor condition. The few we have seen seem to indicate they often fell victim to gunshots.

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