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Your IWF Idaho News

March 2020

Member Spotlight

Outgoing IWF Idaho President, Sarah Michael





Outgoing IWF Idaho President, Sarah Michael, has been intimately involved with Idaho IWF from its beginning in 2014. She served as chair of the Governance Committee and Board Secretary before being elected President in 2017. IWF Idaho is a work in progress. Her goal as President was to build upon IWF's organizational structure and to create value for our members through programs and communication.



What most IWF Idaho members don't know about Sarah is her passion for wilderness travel and exploring the mountains of the U.S. and the world on foot. Prior to becoming President of IWF in 2017, Sarah trekked with her husband, Bob Jonas, and two llamas for 75 days through six mountain ranges in central Idaho. Since 1975, Sarah has travelled to Nepal to go on or lead ten different treks, including the ascent of a 23,000 foot peak. Alaska has been a focus as well, spending two winters dog mushing, and sea kayaking for two and

one-half months through the in-land passage of Alaska. She and her husband will continue these adventures far into the future. Sarah is honored to serve as President of IWF Idaho and thanks all members for their support.

A Few Announcements

A Call for Member Participation

We need your participation in 2020. We are a growing organization at a very crucial place in our development. We want to include as many of our members in meaningful planning, events, and programming as we can. We can only achieve this goal if our members are just as excited about the process as we are. Please reach out to Program Chair <u>Evelyn Self</u> in regard to organizing 2020 IWF Idaho Programs to help with this effort.

Open IWF Idaho Board Positions

WANTED: IWF Treasurer

Carolyn Lister has served as Treasurer for numerous years. She is ready to move on. Members are invited to consider the attached job description and make nominations to Governance Committee Chair, <u>Wendy Jaquet</u>. Nominees should submit a letter of interest and CV by April 15. Members are encouraged to suggest themselves or IWF Idaho members.

<u>Description of IWF Idaho Treasurer:</u> The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining records, accounts receivables and accounts payable, soliciting the payment of dues and fees for events, maintaining records of dues payments, paying all bills and invoices received by the Forum and reporting the financial status to the Board of Directors and the membership-at-large. She answers questions from the membership regarding payments. In addition, the Treasurer in collaboration with the Forum President drafts IWF Idaho's annual budget for presentation and approval by the Board. She manages the annual budget, the books and financial records for review by the Board of Directors and the

membership, and is responsible for filing all documents needed for IRS compliance. *The Treasurer spends approximately 50*-65 hours annually accomplishing the above. Quickbooks Online is the program the Treasurer uses.

WANTED: Three At-large Board members for election at the Annual Meeting, August 1, 2020

Please submit a letter of interest and CV by April 15 to <u>Wendy Jaquet</u>, Chair, Governance Committee. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves of IWF Idaho members.

Bylaws:

Article VII, Section 1.: Members of the board of Directors and Board Terms: There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the officers, at least two-at-large active members but no more than five-at-large active members, and the committee chairs. To the greatest extent possible, Board members shall reflect the geographically diversity of the membership. Members of the Board of Directors assume office election at the Annual Meeting and hold office until their successors are duly elected or appointed and take office. All directors shall be members in good standing with the corporation. Board members are elected for two-year terms and may serve for three consecutive terms. After an absence of a year, a Board member who has served the maximum number of years prescribed for her position may be nominated and elected to the Board again.

A Reminder to Participate in the Upcoming 2020 Census

The official 2020 Census date is April 1, 2020. During the month of March, Idaho households will receive a postcard with directions on how to respond online, by mail, or over the phone to the census. Participation is crucial to ensuring fair representation for the state of Idaho and its communities. IWF Idaho Member Wendy Jaquet, co-chair of the State Complete Count Committee, has provided the following information to keep us informed - a 2020 Census Fact Sheet, About the 2020 Census, and anticipated Questions and Answers. Be sure to respond by April 1, 2020 and encourage your fellow community members to do the same!

IWF Idaho Member News

IWF Member Rhea Schwartz gave Awards at the 2020 World Winter Masters Games



Idaho IWF member Rhea Schwartz gave awards at the World Winter Masters Games 2020 in Innsbruck in January of 2020. She is featured below with 1989 World Figure Skating Champion Midori Ito, who competed at Innsbruck.







IWF Member Julie Weston Appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Community Library



Julie Weston was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of The Community Library in Ketchum, Idaho. She has long used the library to borrow books, but also to do research for her own books--mysteries set in Idaho in the 1920s. Her interest in central Idaho brought her to the Center for Regional History, one of

the main departments of the library. She has chaired the Committee for Regional History and the History Museum for the past year. The Center is composed of the Jeanne Rodger Lane Center for Regional History, the Betty Carr reading room, the Regional History Museum, an extensive Archive located in the library and the Ernest and Mary Hemingway House and Preserve. The Center collects materials and objects on central Idaho history, including a major oral history collection of Valley residents, the history of skiing, as well as

the history of sheep ranching and sheepherding. The Community Library is privately funded, in part by the Gold Mine Thrift Store, and is open to all.

IWF Idaho Members to be Honored at the 2020 Women of the Year Gala







IWF Idaho Members Aimee Christensen and Muffy Davis were selected by the Idaho Business Review as 2020 Women of the Year. They were honored at a gala event on March 11, 2020, where 2019 recipients and IWF Idaho members Janet Gallimore and Cherie Buckner-Webb presented speeches. Read more about the nominations and event here

IWF Member Cherie Buckner-Webb is retiring from the State Legislature



IWF Idaho Member and Idaho State Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb has announced that this legislative session will be her last. Cherie has served her constituents for the past decade, and will not be running for re-election. Read more about Cherie's decision here. Thank you for your leadership and service Cherie, we wish you all the best in this new chapter!

IWF Idaho Events

Events in Review

Dine Around Fun at Bettina's Home

On last Thursday, February 27th, Bettina Murray had IWF guests at her home for a lovely evening of food and conversation.

Thank for you hosting, Bettina!



Upcoming Events

March 13th, Ringing of the Bell Ceremony

Where: Idaho Capitol Building Steps (700 W. Jefferson St., Boise ID 83702)

When: March 13th at 12pm

Details: Please join Governor and First Lady Little for a Ringing of the Bell on the Capitol Steps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to

vote and celebrate the first annual Idaho Women's Day.

March 18th, Dine Around

Hosted by: Marcia Liebich

Where: The Terraces in Boise, Private Dining Room

(5301 Warm Springs Ave., Boise ID 83716, check-in at the concierge desk upon arrival)

When: March 18th at 5:30pm

Details: Marcia can accommodate 10 participants.

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

April Visit with Boise Mayor McLean

Details: Meet and Greet at Boise City Hall, followed by lunch at Capitol Cellars Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation with more information to RSVP to this event.

April 14th, Fireside Chat

Hosted by: Barbara Morgan and Ellen Ochoa

When: April 14th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Details: Former astronauts Barbara and Ellen will host conversation about the

International Space Station.

Please watch for a detailed Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

April 24th, Opera Idaho presents Reggie's Dead Man Walking

Where: Pre-Show Dinner at Trillium at the Grove Hotel (245 S. Capitol Blvd.), Show at The Egyptian Theatre (700 W. Main St., Boise ID 83702)

When: April 24th, Appetizers and No-Host Bar at 4:30pm,

Dinner at 5:30pm, Show at 7:30pm

Details: Members are encouraged to purchase their tickets ASAP. The group rate for adult tickets is \$71.50 and for senior tickets is \$63.86. The cost for dinner (includes the 3-course dinner with wine) is \$75. To purchase tickets for the opera and the pre-performance dinner, please contact Merri Carr at 208.345.3531, Ext.2 and mention you are part of the IWF. More information can be found here.

Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to these events.

SAVE THE DATE

Here is the current <u>2020 Program Calendar</u>. Look ahead to events you may be interested in attending and reach out to Evelyn Self with any questions or

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ideas. This calendar is tentative, so be on the look out for updated information as the events approach.

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to Kendall Nelson and Mackenzie Moss for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Thanks!

ABOUT IWF IDAHO

IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 64 members strong, globally, there are more than 7,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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