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# Your IWF Idaho News

*June 2020*

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## **IWF Idaho Events**

During the past months our lives have changed, we are now living a new normal that will long be remembered. With the help of our board and the Program Committee, we are going to move forward to connect our members with virtual programs that will hopefully provide something of interest to each member. A special thanks to all who helped including Wendy, Peggy, and Elizabeth. Please check out the event reports, [current program calendar](#), and upcoming events we have so far.

Thanks to all,

Evelyn Self, Program Chair

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## Upcoming Virtual Events

### **Setting the Stage:**

#### **Landscape as Character When Writing About the West**

**Hosted by:** Peggy Grove and Julie Weston

**When:** Thursday June 18th, 6:00PM

**Zoom Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172647436?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172647436?pwd=S3p3WXVNV3FsVHBMZlF4SEoyUE4wQT09)

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**Meeting ID:** 821 7264 7436

**Password:** 399681

**Book Details:** If any members would like to read the books (though it certainly is not necessary to the talk) Julie's books and Peggy's book can both be found on Amazon, as well as at Chapter One in Ketchum. Peggy's books can also be purchased at Janet's office, the Idaho History Center, 2205 Old Pen Road for \$15 a copy. All proceeds will go to the Black History Museum in Boise. Julie's books can also be purchased at Iconoclast Books in Hailey, and at Rediscovered Books in Boise.

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

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IWF Idaho member Peggy Goldwyn will be presenting on the [Community Library Livestream](#) on June 25th at 5:30pm regarding her career as an author, tv writer, and documentary producer. Learn more about the event [here](#).

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Register [here](#) for this year's Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference.

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## Events in Review

### **Facing Forward in a Crisis to Shape Our Best Future Now**

by Dr. Marlene Tromp



On May 19th at 12pm, IWF Idaho Member and Boise State University President Dr. Marlene Tromp presented a university centered update for IWF Idaho. Members had the opportunity to learn about how the current pandemic has affected BSU, how BSU has been involved in the community response, and how the university is preparing for the future. Thank you for your time and the important information, Dr. Tromp!

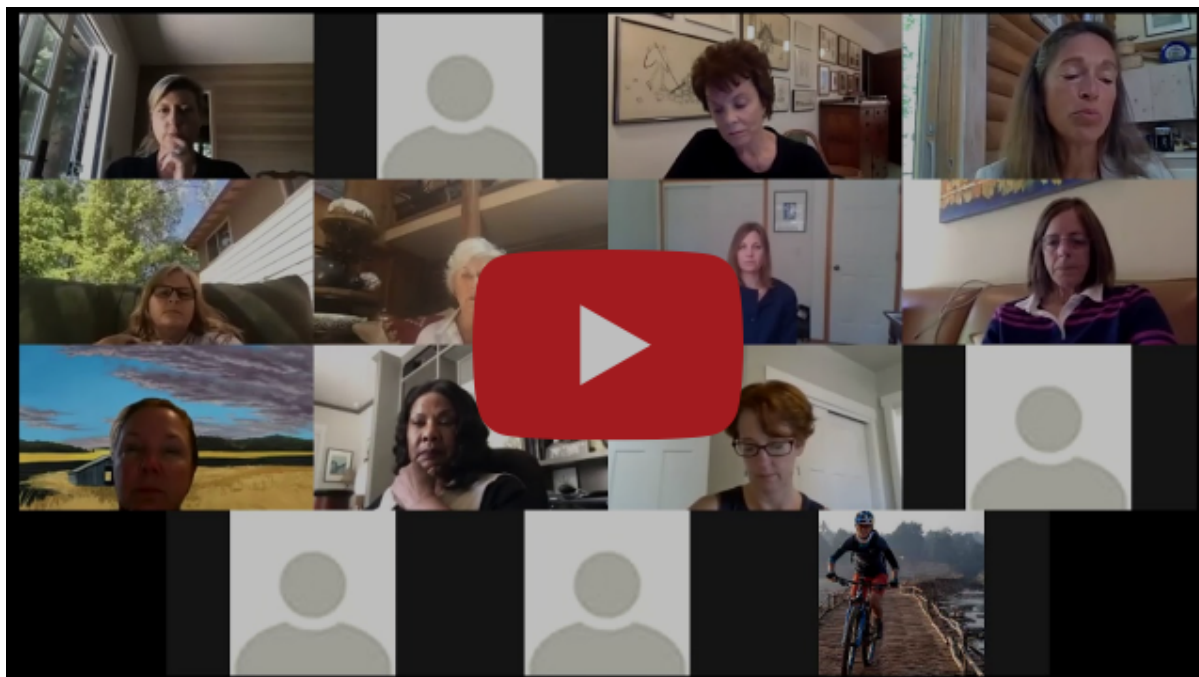


[Click here to access a video of the event!](#)

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## Recovery and Resilience

by Aimee Christensen, Senator Michelle Stennett, and Laurie Strand



If you weren't able to attend, watch the program here!

IWF Idaho Members Aimee Christensen and Senator Michelle Stennett, alongside community member Laurie Strand, presented important information regarding the impact and aftermath of Covid-19 in our community. Members were able to attend, learn, and ask questions of these community leaders. Thank you for your time and expertise!

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## Member Spotlight

**Governance Committee Chair, Wendy Jaquet**



Wendy Jaquet is a former member of the Idaho House of Representatives, where she served several terms as Minority Leader, leading the Democratic caucus in the Idaho House. She served on the Joint Financial and Appropriations, Health and Welfare, the Energy, Environment and Technology Committees, among others. Prior to serving in the Idaho Legislature, Jaquet was the Executive Director of the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce during a period of membership and financial success. Jaquet currently serves on the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare, the Andrus Policy Center, the Common Sense American Idaho Advisory Committee and the College of Southern Idaho Hailey advisory board. She is a retired adjunct professor at Boise State University where she taught and took graduate classes as well as serving on the Faculty Senate. Wendy is a UW Political Science major with a graduate degree in Public Administration. Married to Jim Jaquet, they have two sons and five grandchildren.

Thank you Wendy for all of your hard work to build and sustain the IWF Idaho Chapter!

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## Mentorship Opportunity

NAMI - Wood River Valley is seeking volunteers to mentor students attending their Summer programs. More specifically, there are in search of volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with middle schoolers from 10am to 12pm, and high schoolers from 1pm to 3pm. Learn more [here](#) and contact [Christina Cernansky](#) for more information.

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## A Call for Resources

As we progress within the current global pandemic, please send any new sources of entertainment or community resources to [Mackenzie](#) or [Kendall](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

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## State of Idaho Board Opportunities

The State of Idaho has many Boards and Commissions appointed by the Governor that have current openings. Many are volunteer positions, others are paid, most meet 2-3 times per year. It's important that women be represented and anyone can submit their "application" of interest. Please take a look at the process [here](#), and share with your female colleagues.

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## Don't Forget to Use Our IWF Idaho Website

Visit our website at <https://iwfidaho.org> for information on our Idaho chapter, upcoming events, newsletter archives, and contact information for each of our members. If you have any questions or troubles accessing the site, contact [Mackenzie](#) for assistance.

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## Committee Reports

### Program Committee

Chair: Evelyn Self

Members: Marcia Liebich, LeeAnne Linderman, Elizabeth Mathieu, Carol Nie, Susan Passovoy, Clare Swanger

The Program Committee invites everyone to consider offering a Zoom session for the membership. People enjoy hearing from all members, but would like especially to learn from and get to know better those of you who have yet to give a program. Topics related to



your professional and/or personal lives are welcome. We know that you all have something meaningful and interesting to offer! We would love to hear! If you would like to discuss ideas, please contact any of the Committee members: Chair [Evelyn Self](#), [Peggy Goldwyn](#), [Marcia Liebich](#), [LeeAnn Linderman](#), [Elizabeth Mathieu](#), [Carol Nie](#), [Susan Passovoy](#), or [Clare Swanger](#).

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## Membership Committee

Chair: Karen Bilowith

Members: Evelyn Johnson, Marcia Liebich, Barbara Morgan, Lauren Necochea

The Membership Committee works to solicit and vet the nominations of new IWF members using criteria set by the Board. This criteria includes women of diverse and significant accomplishments who reside or have residencies in the State of Idaho, who have attained recognition in their respective fields, have made significant contributions in the State of Idaho and nationally, and can participate fully in the activities of the Idaho Forum. In addition to forwarding new member recommendations to the Board, the committee also works with the Board and the Program Committee to ensure orientation for new members.

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## Communications Committee

Chair: Kendall Nelson

The Communications Committee is responsible for the [IWFIdaho.org](http://IWFIdaho.org) website and our Forum's monthly newsletter. The website offers a private database with everyone's bios and contact information, a calendar of events, pertinent IWF Idaho news and an archive of virtual programming and past newsletters, while the newsletter serves as a monthly announcement of upcoming events and news, as well as highlighting past events. As an example, the newsletter recently featured a roundup of at-home programming and a resource guide for cultural online events and needs for support in our communities. We are looking for new members for our Committee to not only make our website and newsletter informative, but to brainstorm creatively to make them both "must sees" for us all - with interviews, so members can get to know each other better, additions to our monthly book

reviews, recent member achievements - and anything else to keep all of us connected in a fun way now and into the future.

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## **Governance Committee**

Chair: Wendy Jaquet

Members: Gail Landis, Esther Ochsman, Randi McDermott, Jane Conard

The Governance and Nominating Committee is a standard committee. It is responsible for the general governance of the organization, providing oversight of the rules and policies as specified in the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The Chair is appointed by the President with the approval of the Board for a two-year term. The Committee initiates the application and nomination process for officers and members at large of the Board of Directors. The committee presents a recommended slate of candidates for consideration by the Board. The Committee oversees board orientation, ongoing board education and board team building programs as needed. The Committee requests and maintains updated committee charters every two years for each standing and ad hoc committee.

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## **Book Recommendations**

### **Staying Connected through Literature**

Alongside efforts to keep our IWF Idaho community together via Virtual Events, Vice President Peggy Goldwyn had the wonderful idea of sharing book reviews and recommendations in our monthly newsletters.

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A Review of *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King submitted by Julie Weston

A young Casey Peabody (31 years) has been working on a novel for six years while she moved from place to place. She ends up near Boston



and, following her mother's death, struggles to complete the novel, support herself as a waitress, and recover from the end of a love affair. When she falls in love with two different men, both writers, her situation becomes even more complex. This book reflects the ups and downs of writing amidst all the interruptions life brings along. Sometimes maddening, sometimes poignant, Casey's story kept this reader interested and empathetic, especially because, I, too, am a writer, and felt the angst Casey experiences as replicative of some of my own. Digging to find her own creativity and inspiration in both banal and brilliant emotions, Casey recovers from her grief and, with humor and dawning wisdom and courage, finishes her novel and discovers lasting love. She also finds a publisher!

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Please send your one-paragraph reviews of the books you love or are currently reading to [Mackenzie](#) to keep this connection going.

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

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#### **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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