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## 2019 Annual Report



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# Your IWF Idaho News

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## A Note on COVID-19

Dear IWF of Idaho Friends:

IWF Idaho has decided to cancel all programming through the end of April. Please reach out to Program Chair, [Evelyn Self](#), with ideas on how to bolster event programming for the rest of the year.

It seems unimaginable that in such a short time, we have gone from stable, robust lives to such uncertainty. It is regrettable that we are suspending IWF

Programming, one of the highlights of our membership. We will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, our hearts are with our Wood River Valley members, who are drastically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and under an isolation order. We support you and our prayers are with you.

And to all our members, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Jan and Sarah

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2019 has been another very busy and productive year for IWF Idaho, now in our 7<sup>th</sup> year. Our membership has grown from 23 women leaders in 2013 to sixty (60) members with twenty-two (22) members in Boise and thirty-eight (38) members in the Wood River Valley at the end of 2019.

One of the major benefits of membership in Idaho IWF is having the opportunity to meet exceptional and interesting women across diverse careers and professions in Idaho whom one would *never* meet otherwise. As one of the fastest growing states in the country, part of our IWF growth comes from transferring IWF members moving to Idaho from out of state. Ten (10) of our current members have been, or still are, members of other IWF state forums and they bring their experience and expertise to the Idaho Forum.

IWF Idaho operated a 2019 balanced budget of approximately \$16,000. Half of this amount goes to our membership in IWF Global. We are proud members of IWF's Global because we strongly support its mission to support the women leaders of today and tomorrow by connecting more than 7,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. Each year, IWF hosts two international conferences that bring together these thought leaders to examine critical issues of the day within a local context and through a woman's

lens. The IWF Leadership Foundation, Inc. is a supporting organization of IWF and the mechanism by which IWF members advance the next generation of women leaders through intensive leadership training programs seeking to increase the number of women in the C-Suite and positions of influence globally.

As stated earlier, the 2019 IWF Budget of \$16,000 goes to pay almost \$8,000 in dues to Global and the remaining amount is split between our contract with Mackenzie Moss, our super communications assistant, IWF Idaho programs, events, and our annual meeting expenses. For a detailed accounting, please go on our IWF Idaho website; [iwfidaho.org](http://iwfidaho.org).

Thank you all for being active participants and for making 2019 a great year for IWF Idaho.

Sarah Michael, President

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## Program Highlights

Here are highlights of the 2019 IWF Idaho programs and Dine-Arounds held around the state.

Our two annual membership meetings were held in Sun Valley with weekend activities. In March, our winter membership meeting lead off with a Brunch and tickets to the Family of Woman Film Festival.



In August, the annual membership weekend included a tour and tickets to the Sun Valley Music Festival, followed by dinner on Friday, and our Saturday meeting included a talk by a special guest, Stephanie O’Keefe, President of IWF International. Stephanie O’Keefe has been CEO of The International Women’s Forum for almost 3 years, overseeing Forums in 33 nations on six continents, with 7,000 members, so it was an honor to have her.



Members organized 6 Dine-Arounds in their homes in the Wood River Valley and 2 in Boise. These are wonderful ways to get to know each other better and to share stories and ideas. Here are photos from just a few of them --



Thank you Peggy for the fun summer Dine Around!

Carla also hosted a lovely evening of food and conversation!



Barbara and Esther also hosted a very successful, and delicious, event!

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We learned from fellow members and our knowledge was stimulated by scheduling 8 programs where members shared their expertise. There were also

3 informal gatherings for Conversations and Catching Up or member receptions. Here are photos from just a few of these events --

Members attended the 2019 Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference, where Beth Oppenheimer and Nancy Hughes presented.



Dr. Evelyn Johnson hosted a learning session regarding her research at the Lee Pesky Learning Center.

IWF Idaho members joined our two state IWF legislators, Senator Michelle Stennett and House Representative Muffy Davis, in Ketchum on November 19th for a supper of soup and salad to receive a preview of the upcoming 2020 Legislative session.



Two special events also highlighted the year. Several of us attended the Bear River Massacre Memorial in Preston, Idaho, held on January 29th every year to commemorate the largest massacre of a single native American tribe in 1863.

Chairman of the Northwest Band of the Shoshone, Darren Barry, gave a special talk to our members. We were so inspired he was come to the Wood River Valley on several occasions to speak.



In June, Carol MacGregor hosted 11 of us at her ranch in Cascade. We learned about ranching, water rights, and forestry from Carol and shared meaningful stories with each other.





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IWF Idaho was represented internationally, nationally and regionally at the IWF Cornerstone Conference in Barcelona...



... at the World Leadership Conference in Toronto...



... and the New Mexico IWF Leap into Santa Fe retreat.



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## **Review of Member Awards and Appointments**

In 2019, our IWF Members continued to receive awards and be elected to local and state offices, many of which are highlighted below.

The Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) presented Janet Gallimore, Executive Director of the Idaho State Historical Society, with IHC's highest honor-the Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award. Jan was



also awarded the Leadership Award by the Western Museums Association.

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IWF Member and Senator Cherie Bucknerr-Webb was selected as one of this 2019's Idaho Business Review "Women of the Year."



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Bettina P. Murray, Ph.D., was awarded the John Jay Distinguished Faculty Award from John Jay College



of Criminal Justice.

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Canon Lucinda Ashby was elected  
bishop of El Camino Real Episcopal  
Church in Salinas, California.





The Idaho Writers Conference via the Idaho Writers Guild awarded Julie Weston First Place for her Memoir entry, September Journal.

LeeAnne Linderman was sworn on to the US Department of Defense to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). She also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Banker Magazine, and was appointed to the IWF Leadership Foundation at the Toronto World Leadership Conference.



Wendy Jaquet, former Idaho State Legislator (1994-2012) and Minority Leader and Member of the Joint Appropriations Committee and adjunct professor at Boise State University (2011-2018), was



appointed by Governor Brad Little as co-chair of the State Complete Count Committee.

Louisa Moats, Ed.D. was a panelist at the MIT Science of Reading conference on June 4th in Cambridge, and was featured speaker at the Dyslexia Foundation's conference at Harvard Medical Center on October 18th, 2019.



Rebecca Rusch was inducted into the



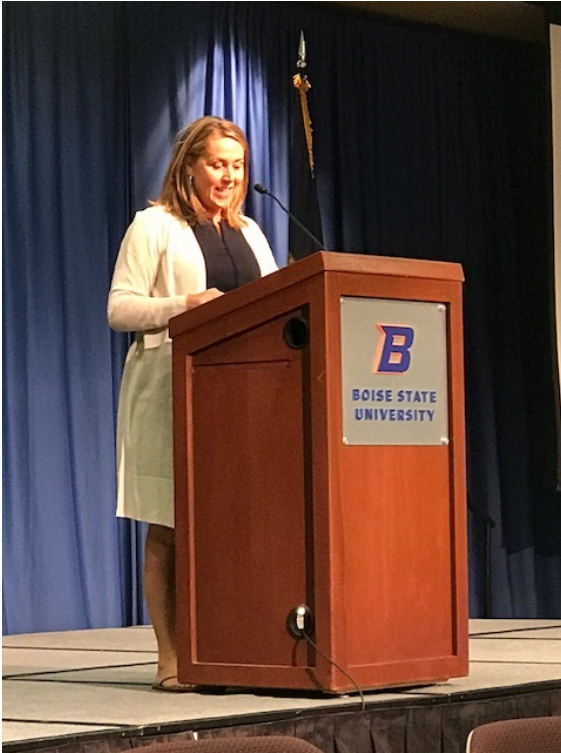
Marin Museum of Bicycling's Mountain Bike Hall of Fame.

Nancy Hughes was nominated and selected as one of 100 world-wide recipients of the International Alliance of Women's 2019 World of Difference Award. She was also a 2019 Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference speaker.



IWF Member Beth Oppenheimer was a KeyNote Speaker at the Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference. Her speech was not only an experience for the





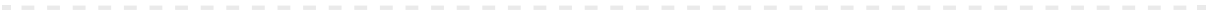
audience, but special to her as well as her own daughter Maddie Oppenheimer gave her introduction.

Jane Conard was re-elected to the Sun Valley City Council.





Lauren McLean was the largest vote-winner in her race for Boise Mayor, and won her run-off election.



IWF President Sarah Michael was sworn in to fill a vacancy on Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District (KRFD).



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Here is the current [2020 Program Calendar](#). Look ahead to events you may be interested in attending, and reach out to [Evelyn Self](#) with any questions or ideas. This calendar is tentative, so be on the look out for updated information as the events approach.

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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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