

Your IWF Idaho News

August 2023

President's Message



Dear International Women's Forum of Idaho Members,

Thank you all who gathered to celebrate IWF of Idaho's 10th anniversary and annual meeting, August 4-6, 2023, in the Wood River Valley, Idaho. I am so grateful for the camaraderie shared and enthusiasm expressed for this landmark moment in our history.



Members gathered for a VIP reception at the home of Rhea Schwarz and enjoyed meeting annual meeting keynote speakers, Dr. Anthea Hartig, Director of the Smithsonian Museum of American History (SMAH), Washington DC, and Aimée Christensen, CEO of Christensen Global, Sun Valley, Idaho.

The Valley Club of Hailey was our host for our formal annual meeting proceedings. Congratulations to new board members elected, including Beena Mannan, Theresa Grant-Narasimhan, and Cece Gassner.



IWFI members were quite captivated by both keynote speakers. Dr. Hartig shared an inspiring program on women represented in the collection of the SMAH with special emphasis on an inclusive array of entrepreneurial leaders who made history in our great country.

Ms. Christensen shared compelling information about the state of our global environment and an emotional call to action to protect and sustain our precious resources, including water, land, flora, and fauna. Both women received ovations for their comments.



IWF Women Who Make a Difference Award 2023 honoree, Jeanne Herberger, shared her thoughts on this recognition and her commitment to the Wood River Valley community.

Elizabeth Matthieu gave moving comments in honor of our dear departed friend Margery Friedlander.

Vice-President, Dr. Gloria Totoricagüena, concluded our meeting by presenting a tribute to the three IWFI Presidents who have led the organization over the past 10 years, including founding president Elizabeth Mathieu, Sarah Michael, and Janet Gallimore.



The anniversary concluded with a social gathering at the Ketchum Grill. Special thanks to our annual meeting planning committee of Carol Nie, Peggy Goldwyn, and Evelyn Self; our board, for its leadership; and Kaley Wright, for advance invitations, logistics, and her beautiful graphics.

I look forward to collaborating with you as we move IWF of Idaho in its journey ahead, advancing women's leadership and championing equality, in Idaho and beyond.

Sincerely, Janet L. Gallimore

2023-2024 Officers and Board Members

We thank outgoing Governance Chair, Jane Conard; Secretary/Treasurer, Randi McDermott; and Treasurer, Carolyn Lister for their service, skill, and commitment to advancing the best practices of our organization.

The IWF of Idaho Officers and Board Members for 2023-2024 are:

Officers

President, Janet L. Gallimore Vice President, Dr. Gloria Totoricagüena Secretary, Theresa Grant-Narasimhan Treasurer, Cece Gassner

At-Large Board Members

LeeAnne Linderman Peggy Goldwyn Carol Nie Beena Mannan

Committee Chairs

Membership, Tricia Swartling Program, Evelyn Self Governance, Cathy Silak Communication, Kendall Nelson

Communications and Management Associate

Kaley Wright

Global Ambassador

LeeAnne Linderman

Member Directory Updates

Please make sure to take a look at your bio on the IWFI website's member directory to make sure that it is up-to-date. If you do want to make updates to your bio, send the edits or new blurb, under 300 words, to <u>Kaley</u> and <u>Kendall</u> for review and upload.

IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

Program Committee

2023 is a big year for IWF of Idaho! Please join us, present a topic of interest, host an event, or suggest whatever you feel would be of interest to our form.

We do our best to send out Paperless Post invitations with all the details for our events two to four weeks prior to the scheduled date. We value each of our members and we hope that you can join us as a presenter, host, or guest, but we also realize that as a member of IWF

of Idaho, you are very busy and schedules change.

Our programs are member driven. We rely on you to share and inform us of things that you are engaged in: your work, boards that you serve on, as well as social and civic activities, to name a few. This is one of the ways we get to know each other.

Should you decide to host or present, please be mindful that we have limited resources and time to promote events. It is our hope that we have a good turnout for all activities. Therefore, we ask that you allow us time to publish your event by submitting all the relevant details at least a month in advance of your selected date. This allows for time to produce the Paperless Post and do a follow-up reminder so that our members are informed should they wish to attend.

The check list for submitting an event includes:

- Name of speaker or host
- Title/activity and a brief description
- Type: in person or virtual
- Date, time and location
- Technical needs
- Number of participants you can accommodate (for in person events)

Thank you and we are excited to see you soon!

Evelyn Self

Program Committee Chair

Events

11th Annual Women and Leadership Conference

September 13th-14th, 2023

Boise Centre on the Grove

Registration is now available for in-person or virtual attendance of this annual event held by the Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University.

Over the two conference days, attendees can participate in 12+ skill-builder breakout sessions (choose from three options each time). Nearly all of the conference content will be recorded and accessible for a full year following the event to all registrants. This will allow for registrants to engage in as many of the skill-builder session recordings as they chose and continue to revisit presentations on demand.

This year's conference once again hosts an impressive lineup of six distinguished women keynote speakers who have broken barriers and improved gender balance in their field and beyond. Be it elected office, corporate c-suites, small business launches or grassroots movements, these women are transforming the world we live in. The speaker lineup will be posted soon!

Along with standard ticket pricing of \$255, discounted volume, student and non-profit/small business pricing will be available. You can find more information or register here.

IWFI member Tracy Andrus is the Andrus Center's Chair, while Aimée Christensen, Cherie Buckner-Webb, Cathy Silak, Peggy Elliott Goldwyn, Wendy Jaquet, and Beth Oppenheimer are also members of the Andrus Center's Board of Governors.

2023 World Leadership Conference and Gala

October 4th-6th, 2023 Detroit, Michigan

Registration is now open for IWF's 2023 World Leadership Conference and Gala, October 4th-6th in Detroit, Michigan – *What's Going On?*

Our world-class speakers will examine artificial intelligence and what it means for the future of humanity; explore the transformation of transportation and its implications for the climate; and explain how our environment shapes our brains and bodies even before birth and much more. As always, the program is designed to engage, inform and inspire. You can find more information or register here.

IWF Global Events

The IWF Program Passport is your source for upcoming events hosted by IWF on a global level. You can access these events via the <u>IWF Connect Portal</u>. We encourage you to make the most of your IWF membership by taking full advantage of the insightful events available to you from across the globe.

Your membership of IWFI also provides you with access to over 7,800 diverse and accomplished women through a network of 74 local forums. IWF has a presence in 33 nations across 6 continents. The IWF Connect Portal has the program passport and other resources.

Past Events

To watch our chapter's previous virtual events, please visit the website <u>here</u>.

Membership Committee

It is time to recruit new members. We were successful last year bringing on several fantastic women. Let's keep the momentum of that and our 10th Anniversary Weekend going and build on our strong membership. We greatly appreciate your recommendations.

IWF-Idaho Guidelines for Nominating New Members

Please review these <u>Guidelines</u> that give information on the International Women's Forum and our Nomination Process. Nominations are due September 16, 2023. The process to nominate a great woman is easy. Two of you sponsor a candidate, fill out this one page <u>Preliminary Nomination Form</u> and send a copy of her resume/CV or bio to IWF Idaho Membership Chair, Tricia Swartling, <u>here</u>.

We are counting on you to nominate outstanding women of achievement and diversity to continue to grow and strengthen IWF of Idaho.

Collecting Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Resources

The IWF Idaho Board is in the process of developing and collecting resources to discuss and share regarding diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion in our community and chapter. This may include engaging with experiences as well as resources. If you have any ideas to share, please reach out to one of the board members. We would love to hear from you!

and <u>contact information</u> for each of our members. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the site, contact <u>Kendall</u> for assistance. 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 63 members strong and globally, there are more than 7,800 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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