

A monthly newsletter from the Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network



Women-powered philanthropy

Supporting the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide

April 2015 - WCGN ANNUAL MEETING!

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Learn about WCGN's new and exciting strategic plan, meet the WCGN Board's new leadership, AND hear from **Rebecca Powers**, the inspiring and energetic founder of **Impact Austin**, from **9 to 10 a.m. PST / noon to 1 p.m. EST Tuesday, April 21 during our annual meeting**. Rebecca's talk, ***Imagination and Impact: Innovation in Grantmaking***, will provide us with an insider's view of how Impact Austin has transformed its grantmaking process. Rebecca's insights are not to be missed. Make sure to encourage your leadership to [register](#) or sign in later to view to the webinar, which will be available right after the event. WCGN has come a long way in the last 12 months and we want to thank every one of you for helping our network become all that it can be!

In preparation for the annual meeting, an electronic ballot was sent today (April 14) to each member organization's lead administrator. They are charged with approving the new slate of WCGN leaders prepared by the WCGN Board. (View the [list of our member organization's lead administrators](#).) **Administrators have until 12 midnight PST on April 19 to vote.**

Along with my fellow board members, I am pleased to present the slate for the 2015-2016 WCGN Board of Directors [here](#). In addition to the board slate, you'll also see the new 2015-16 board officers and

nominating committee approved by the board at our March 2015 board meeting. [Please join me in welcoming these talented women.](#)

Thank you to Vicki Sheehan, 2014-2015 WCGN Nominating Committee Chair, and her committee, including board member Virginia

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Committee Chair, and her committee, including board member Virginia Mills, Marcia Liebich (Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation, Ketchum, ID), and Ginny Jarrett (Roanoke Women's Foundation, Roanoke, VA). Thanks, too, to anyone who offered recommendations for these positions. Another behind-the-scenes hero is WCGN Board Member **Jenny Berg, who led our strategic planning effort** and wrote the report that will be presented at next week's webinar.

Please help us spread the word about the 2105 WCGN National Conference by sharing this [one page flyer](#) with your membership. You can post it on your website or print it to pass out at events. All of your members are welcome at the member early bird rate.

And lastly, please join me in welcoming the newest organization to join the WCGN family, **Impact 100 Fairfield County (Greenwich, CT).**

We are now 39 members strong and we're making a difference using collective giving in 20 states! At the annual meeting you will hear more about the \$65.5 million reasons why our collective work in philanthropy makes us such a powerful group of women. Please [join us](#) on April 21!



Warmly,
 Laura Midgley
 WCGN Board Chair
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Conference News

[Registration is Open!](#)

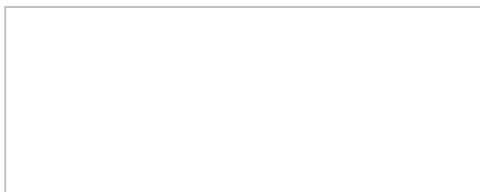
WCGN's Fifth National Conference

"Doing. Being. Leading."

October 15-17, 2015

The [Ballantyne Hotel](#) in the Queen City of Charlotte, NC!

WCGN Board Members and 2015 conference organizers Sonja Nichols and Dianne Chipps Bailey of [Women's Impact Fund](#) are putting



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WCGN Board of Directors 2014-2015

Dianne Chipps Bailey

Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

Jenny Berg, *Treasurer*

Impact 100 (Cincinnati, OH)

Tracy Johnson

San Diego Women's Foundation (San Diego, CA)

Laura Midgley, *Chair*

Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Virginia Mills, *Vice Chair*

Womenade (Boston, MA)

Sonja Nichols, *Ex-officio Director*

Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

Sue Priester, *Secretary*

Greenville Women Giving (Greenville, SC)

Vicki Sheehan, *Immediate Past Chair*

Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO)

Susan Smith

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation (Boise, ID)

Colleen Willoughby,

Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Alison Wilson

Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

[Impact Austin](#) are putting their heads together to create the most exciting WCGN conference yet.

Help us spread the word. Post or print this [one page flyer!](#)

See Conference

FAQs [here.](#)

Early bird rates (\$300) for members apply now!

Non-member registration (\$450) will open in May.

Special thanks to WCGN 2015 Conference sponsor [Merrill Lynch!](#)



Monthly Programs

Don't miss April's educational program

Tuesday, April 21, 9 - 10 a.m. PST / noon - 1 p.m. EST

"Imagination and Impact: Innovation in Grantmaking"



Featuring:

Rebecca Powers, [Impact Austin](#) (Austin, TX)

Register for all programs [here.](#)

You must register for all webinars to receive the logon instructions! Guests are welcome! Anyone who is a member of your organization can participate. You may register guests for webinars at this link <http://www.wcgn-network.org/webinarregistration>.

Go Mobile for WCGN Webinars

Participate in webinars by smartphone or tablet, but note that mobile access takes one extra step. Download the free OnStream Webinar App from your app store. If you plan to participate via mobile, please view the steps well in advance of the program. Here is a step-by-step [description of downloading for mobile device access](#).

Did You Miss Our Fall/Winter Presentations?

You can view the webinars of all of our archived programs including *Membership Retention: Engaging Your Members through the Ages*; *Beyond Grants: Influencing Public Policy through Advocacy*; *Staying Afloat: Developing Diverse Revenue Streams*; *Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future*; *Social Media for the Rest of Us*, and more by registering [here](#).

A Warm Welcome to Our New Member Organization!

Impact 100 Fairfield County (Greenwich, CT) is a brand new organization just gearing up. It joins nine other WCGN Impact 100s from around the country as network members. Learn about Impact 100 Fairfield County [here](#).

Thank you to the Conference Program Planning Committee members!

Donna Broderick, Impact 100 (Cincinnati, OH)

Sandy Cook, Women's Giving Alliance (Jacksonville, FL)

Marla Felcher, The Philanthropy Connection (Boston, MA)

Cynthia Frank, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

Kathy Frost, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO)

Felice Joyce, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO)

Laura Midgley, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Maureen Romito, Impact Las Vegas (Las Vegas, NV)

Claire Tate, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

Jennifer Winstel, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC)

Virginia Mills, Chair, WCGN Conference Program Committee, Womenade (Boston, MA)

Check Out the Updated Profiles for These Member

Organizations:

WCGN's Organizational Member profiles are essential tools that enable us to serve our membership better. If your leadership has not yet updated your organization's profile for 2014-15 year, click [here](#) for instructions.

Take a Video Tour of the WCGN Website and Member Pages

If you haven't explored the member pages of the WCGN website you're missing out on lots of great information! [Take a video tour of the web resources](#) available to members only and learn how to better connect with fellow philanthropists around the country.

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