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Dear WCGN members,

As you know, WCGN is moving fast as we continue to expand your network's resources and provide enhanced services for your benefit. For the past few years, your WCGN Board of Directors has convened a two-and-a-half day retreat to plan the upcoming program year, talk about our next conferences, and strategize about the future.

This year's June retreat took place in Chicago, beginning with five board members attending a very exciting **Impact 100 Chicago City Chapter Annual Grant Award Celebration** the evening prior to our first meeting. **Thank you to [Impact 100 Chicago](#) for including us as your honored guests** for presentations by five nonprofits. Their words made us weep and cheer and the evening provided the perfect buildup for our retreat work. Your event inspired us deeply, reminding us again why it is a joy and a privilege to promote, encourage, and take part in the extraordinary movement that is women's collective giving. We are all working together to make positive change happen all across the U.S.

Our retreat ended with plans for a strategic planning effort as well as a robust work plan for the 2014-15 program year, including the topics for upcoming educational programs to be announced very soon, and an enhanced strategy for the 2015 conference!

Moving forward requires strong leadership. Board members agreed to take on the following roles:

Program Planning: **Dianne Chipps Bailey**, Women's Impact Fund (Charlotte, NC) and **Sue Priester**, Greenville Women Giving (Greenville, SC)

Secretary: **Sue Priester**, Greenville Women Giving (Greenville, SC)

Communications: **Alison Wilson**, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Finance: **Jenny Berg**, Impact 110 (Cincinnati, OH)

Membership: **Tracy Johnson**, San Diego Women's Foundation (San Diego, CA) and **Susan Smith**, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation (Boise, ID)

Outreach: **Colleen Willoughby**, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Nominating: **Vicki Sheehan**, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (St. Louis, MO)

WCGN Vice Chair and Conference Coordinator: **Virginia Mills**, Womenade (Boston, MA)

WCGN Chair and Technology: **Laura Midgley**, Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA)

We also want to welcome our newest additions to the WCGN Board of Directors.

- **Jenny Berg**, Past-President of Impact 100 (Cincinnati, OH)
- **Tracy Johnson**, Executive Director of the San Diego Women's Foundation (San Diego, CA)

Not a single board member missed our 2014 retreat. That's commitment! Please watch for upcoming announcements about how you can get involved. **WCGN's Nominating Committee is always looking for interested candidates.** Watch this space and our website for more on how you can self-nominate or propose other candidates for a board position.

WCGN is proud to announce the [Women's Impact Fund](#) (Charlotte, NC) will host the 2015 conference!!

Leadership is the hallmark of WCGN and we have no better examples than the excellent performances of past conference hosts from St. Louis to Austin, San Diego, and Boise. Now we're adding Charlotte to the list! The conference will take place in the early fall with exact dates coming soon. In addition to the bold leadership provided by the **WCGN Board** I would like to thank the outstanding vision and energy of two remarkable women from Charlotte, **WCGN Board member Dianne Chipps Bailey** and **Sonja Nichols**, (the memorable headliner at our conference luncheon in St. Louis), who will co-chair the next conference. This dynamic duo worked with incredible speed and brilliance to create an outstanding opportunity for WCGN. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

Lastly, we are initiating a new feature in our monthly newsletter, **Leadership Spotlights**, highlighting the kind of leadership we've come to expect from women involved in collective giving -- women like you. It takes many acts of leadership to accomplish what collective giving does best: We amplify our impact by working together. Please submit your ideas to board member and Communications Committee Chair Alison Wilson (msajo2@gmail.com). She will be in touch to help craft your story. We hope this addition to our newsletter brings our virtual network closer to those of you who are working to advance the cause all across our country. To get started we offer [a piece originally published on The First Day and written by Impact100 Philadelphia member Beth Burrell](#), who shares her impressions on the value of being a part of the collective giving movement.

Wishing you a happy summer surrounded by family and friends.

Warmly,

Laura Midgley

WCGN Board Chair

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Calling All Members!

Ideas for getting more out of your WCGN membership:

Sign up to help test our new webinar service! Test webinars will take place at various days and times from July to September 16. It's just a 30-minute time commitment and you'll help your network refine it's new communications tool AND be ahead of the game when we launch the system this fall. Check in periodically to view **test dates** and sign up as soon as you can.

Bookmark www.wcgn-network.org as a favorite for all your WCGN needs.

Place WCGN's logo on your website. We're proud of the work we do and we know you are too. Let's get the word out! We ask that members add the WCGN logo to their website with a link to our home page. [Contact us](#) for the files.

[Member-to-Member Discussions](#) are at the core of WCGN's mission. Our new discussion format is integrated within our website (replacing Google Groups) and offers an easy way to ask questions and to mentor others. Once you are signed onto the member portion of the website you will be able to view the topic forum summary on the home page of the website. [Subscribe](#) to these great conversations so you can promptly respond with your expertise and share in their success. Have no fear - you can unsubscribe at any time!

Submit a Leadership Spotlight for our newsletter. We will include a feature on one of your members, a grantee, or any another form of leadership that illustrates the impact of working together. Please [contact Alison Wilson](#), board member and Communications Committee Chair, to submit your idea.

2014-2015 Monthly Programs:

Mark Your Calendars!

We'll begin our educational programs again on Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. PST with our first webinar. Don't miss it!

Our programs will continue to be offered on the third Tuesday of the month from 9-10 a.m. PST.

Next year's dates are:

September 16

October 21

November 18

(no call in December)

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

We will record webinars for easy viewing after the event.

Topics will be announced in the August newsletter.

Our conferences are held every 18 months, which means there is no conference during this program year. **The next conference is slated for fall of 2015 in beautiful Charlotte, NC.**

WCGN is thrilled to announce

our next conference will be

hosted by the

Women's Impact Fund

in Charlotte, NC

in fall 2015!

Plans are underway to ensure this will be a stand-out event!



Please stay tuned for **dates and more details**, coming soon.

Anyone interested in learning more about collective giving is welcome to attend!

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- Return to www.wcgn-network.org to log on using your email and new password



**Logon to [view materials](#) from the April 2014
Women's Collective Giving
Leadership Forum**

The WCGN Formula for Change

Thank you again to our fabulous hosts,
the Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund!

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contact us info@wcn-network.org

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women's collective giving nationwide.***

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