

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



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

November 2014

Dear Member,

Our next educational program focuses on an essential element of effective nonprofits - great governance! This topic dovetails nicely with WCGN's recent strategic planning efforts and we know many of your organizations are in the midst of similar work as well. Please join us on **November 18 at 9 a.m. PST for Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future.** [Register](#) now!

Last month the WCGN Board of Directors gathered in San Diego for our first strategic planning retreat. Thanks to the San Diego Women's Foundation (SDWF) we met in their airy office space and spent two days refining WCGN's vision, goals, and initiatives for the next three years. Guided expertly by former President of SDWF and Founder of Trust Works!, [Cindy Olmstead](#), we left all fired up about WCGN's potential as a force for women's leadership in philanthropy. We also improved and solidified our ability to work together as a virtual and national board.

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Cindy's leadership was coupled with two days of dedicated, almost nonstop work on the part of every one of our talented board members will benefit WCGN members for years to come. We came away with a [new vision and tagline](#) (see below) and we renewed our commitment to the mission created when WCGN was born. The final plan will be presented to you at our Annual Meeting which will take place via webinar in April.

If you ever have the opportunity to work with Cindy, grab it! You'll emerge invigorated and inspired and your organization will gain new tools for greater effectiveness.

Warmly,  
Laura Midgley  
WCGN Board Chair  
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## Exciting News!

**WCGN has a new tagline!**  
"Women-powered philanthropy"

**The WCGN Board has voted on a new vision!**

WCGN leads and mobilizes the women's collective giving grantmaking movement.

We are a recognized national authority in women's philanthropic leadership.

We inspire generations of women to be catalysts for community transformation.

## OF THE WOMEN'S Collective Giving Grantmakers Network.



*WCGN is pleased to announce the*

*Women's Impact Fund of Charlotte, NC*

*will host our next conference, the fifth*

**2015  
Leadership  
Forum**



**More details coming this fall!**

## **And we renewed our mission:**

WCGN supports the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide.

## **Upcoming Programs**

**Don't Forget to [Register](#) for November's Educational Program:**

**Tuesday, November 18 at 9-10 a.m.  
PST via webinar**

"Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future" with presenters:

Jena Vasconcellos, Member, [Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation](#), Boise, ID

Linda Knoll, Past-president, [Indian River Impact 100](#), Vera Beach, FL

You must **REGISTER** for upcoming and recording webinars to receive the logon instructions. Anyone who is a member of your organization can participate.

Guests are welcome! You may register guests (any of your members who are not in the WCGN data base) for webinars or forward this link so guests can register themselves:

<http://www.wcgn-network.org/webinarregistration>.

### **Go Mobile for WCGN Webinars**

You can also participate in webinars by smartphone or tablet, but mobile access takes one extra step: download the free OnStream Webinar App from your app store. If you plan to participate via mobile, we encourage you to 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 the October Presentation?**

You can view the video of "Social Media for the Rest of Us"? by registering [here](#). Thank you again to our outstanding presenters: Mary Gallivan of Women's Impact Fund, (Charlotte, NC) and Paula Liang of Women's Giving Alliance (Jacksonville, FL).

### **Take a 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 tons of great information! [View this video tour of the pages and resources](#) available only to members and learn how to better connect with your fellow philanthropists around the country.

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### **Check out the updated profiles for these members:**

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Baltimore Women's Giving Circle, Impact Austin, Indian River Impact 100, Greenville Women Giving, Impact 100 Chicago, Women Giving for Spartanburg, The Philanthropy Connection, Impact100 Philadelphia, Washington Women's Foundation, Women in Philanthropy, Impact 100 Las Vegas, and Women's Impact Fund.

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 the most recent fiscal year, click [here](#) for instructions.**

### **Nominate a Leader to the WCGN Board**

WCGN Past Board Chair Vicki Sheehan leads our [Nominating Committee](#), in charge of preparing the director slate that members will vote on next April. Please consider nominating yourself or another standout leader you know to serve on the WCGN Board.

The Board [Criteria](#) and [Roles and Responsibilities](#) can be viewed on our website. WCGN currently has a working [board](#) of 11. We are seeking two more directors who embrace our mission and have time to help WCGN thrive. Contact Vicki with questions or your recommendation [here](#).

Spotlight a star  
member or

## grantee

We'd like to shine a spotlight on WCGN members or grantees with inspiring stories that illustrate the power of giving together. Please send WCGN Board Member and Communications Committee Chair [Alison Wilson](#) an email with your ideas for our next Leadership Spotlight.



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