WIB-National Seeks President-Elect for 2021
(Submissions Requested by October 1, 2020)

I would like to thank Jessica Bosc on her remarkable leadership as she continues to serve as National President for Women In Bio. This past year, I have been fortunate to be a part of her Executive Team that successfully navigated the transition to operating virtually during the ongoing pandemic, while also launching the new National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group.

As I prepare to transition into the role of National President in January 2021, I have the privilege to announce the search for the next President-Elect to join the National Executive team in 2021.

Please view the complete President-Elect job profile [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for more information. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for details on how to apply.

Kayla Valdes
Women In Bio National President-Elect

WIB-National and Chapter Sponsors in the News
Thank you to our national and chapter sponsors for all they are doing in their fight against COVID!

We at Women In Bio also congratulate WIB-National sponsors EY and Horizon, and former chapter sponsors Cooley LLP and KPMG for being named in PEOPLE's round-up of 50 companies that have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic!

The article located here on nine biopharma CEOs signing a historic pledge on vaccines includes WIB sponsors: Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi, and Johnson & Johnson.

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WIB-National Seeks National MAPS (Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship) Leaders

The National MAPS Committee is looking for a volunteer leader to help guide our mentoring efforts. This National position would be responsible for identifying and gathering pertinent resources for the MAPS Chapter leaders to utilize and help our outreach to Colleges and Universities. The candidate will be expected to participate on the MAPS National monthly call and will need to be available to attend a few other internal committee meetings during the month.

Besides doing rewarding work, there will be skills and valuable experience that the candidate will gain in this leadership role. The role creates connections with the people you are helping and cultivates friendships with other volunteers.

Please complete this form to apply. If you have any questions please reach out to MAPS@womeninbio.org.

Introducing vMAPS (virtual Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship)

WIB's virtual mentoring program, vMAPS, was created to connect WIB members who do not live in or near a WIB chapter city, but with COVID, the initiative now brings women together from chapter cities as well. To find out more about the program, please contact Katie and Aditi at MAPS@womeninbio.org.

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Connect with our leadership! EntrepreneurCenter@womeninbio.org
Women In Bio's Entrepreneur center encourages members to sign up for the Diagnostics and Research Tools Hybrid Partnering Conference. This Diagnostic Investor Forum is a hybrid event with a new digital only ticket option. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for more information or to register. For additional education and resources, click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863).

**Calling All Female Founders!**

Join us by participating in WIB's Founders Forums, a program for first time and serial female founders/CEO's of startup life science companies with IP and/or a business entity, including those seeking (dilutive and non-dilutive) funding. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for more information.

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Congratulations to **Christy Oliger**, a member of the current Boardroom Ready class, on her placement to the board of Karyopharm Therapeutics!
Connect with our leadership! YWIB@womeninbio.org

YWIB Online Resources

Check out our latest YWIB Online module: Students Exploring Montreal Canada’s Response to COVID-19.

For additional resources, click here.

WIB-NATIONAL NEWS

WIB-National: Vaccines, Therapies, and Antivirals - It all Starts with Science, September 29, 2020

Susan Mockus

Sarah Sterlace
Life-saving medicines often take years, if not decades, to reach the market, and only 3% of investigational products actually make it to market. What goes into the process? Get a glimpse at this early stage process in our panel discussion with two researchers from the non-profit, The Jackson Laboratory. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for more information.

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**Committed To Promoting Inclusion for Women in the Life Sciences? Join Us - 20% Discount!**

Inclusion and innovation achieves the impossible!

There’s no better time to join Women In Bio, a national organization dedicated to improving diversity and inclusion by committing to promote careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences.

During the month of September, all new members can receive 20% off a one-year WIB membership by clicking [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) and using promo code: ACHIEVE2020.
Thank you for all you have done to engage, educate, and empower women in the life sciences!

WIB-National Leadership Recognition

Delaram Dara, Ginger Torres, and Elizabeth Wolfe have joined our National Communications team! Keeping communications on track is a big job, and we really appreciate their help with graphics, social media, and other tasks!

WIB Member-Only Opportunity: Exclusive Registration Discounts on BIO IMPACT Digital (September 21-22, 2020) and BIO Investor Forum Digital (October 13-15, 2020)

When collaboration is more vital than ever before, Women In Bio and our strategic partner, BIO are here to support your business and the global biotech community.

Click here for information on discounted pricing for these two upcoming BIO events, exclusively for Women In Bio members.

Thank You, Women In Bio Supporters
AmazonSmile has donated over $200 million to charities worldwide! You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to Women In Bio by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0458239 or with AmazonSmile via the Amazon Shopping app.

Looking for a Way to Support WIB and Share Your Interest With Your Facebook Friends?

Consider setting up a Facebook fundraiser where your friends can donate to WIB in your honor. It takes less than five minutes to set up and is a great idea for your next birthday for when friends and family ask what they can get you!

Click here for more information on how to post a WIB fundraiser on Facebook.

WOMEN IN BIO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have a Speaker or Topic Idea?

Please share your ideas for an upcoming event topic, an idea for an event, or recommend a speaker by filling out the form located here. WIB will share your ideas with National & Chapter leaders to determine future events.

WIB Wants to Hear Your Success Story

Have a success story from your time with WIB? Were you able to land your dream job through networking at a WIB event? Were you able to earn a promotion thanks to guidance from a WIB presentation or WIB Mentorship? Tell us about the connections WIB has helped you make! We would love to hear from you and share your WIB story of success! We are also looking for brief quotes from members willing to share their testimonials.

Email communications@womeninbio.org.
RESOURCES

Honoring 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote - Voting Resources

2020 is the 100th year women have been able to vote, thanks to all the female trailblazers who led the way. Women In Bio wants to make sure you have resources to exercise your right to vote in this year's United States presidential election.

Knowing that because of COVID, some people may not be comfortable going to the polls this year, we also want to provide you with this link of voter registration deadlines, which includes information regarding voting in person, by mail, or online where available.

Be sure to check out our latest news area for COVID-19 resources, including wellness tips, family resources, work-related resources, WIB member insights, and more!

WIB SmartBrief is a weekly e-mail newsletter with important and timely news

Designate Women In Bio as the recipient and Amazon will donate 0.5% of
about women in all areas of the life sciences. Learn more and sign up here! the price of eligible purchases to WIB at no cost to you.

The WIB Career Center is a member benefit that connects talent with opportunity and is a resource for job seekers and employers alike. Miss a WIB webinar? Members can access webinar recordings in the video library. Log into your WIB account to take advantage of this great resource!

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

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Upcoming Events

- EWIB-Connecticut: Inaugural Virtual Discussion: Women Leading in CT’s Life Science Ecosystem, September 23, 2020
- WIB-Pittsburgh: Artificial Lungs – From Bench to Bedside, September 23, 2020
- WIB-Texas: Good Communication Opens All Doors, September 24, 2020
- WIB-Pittsburgh: Virtual MAPS Peer Mentoring Program: Staying Connected While Remaining Apart, September 24, 2020
- WIB-Seattle: Career Fair, Networking, and Job Searching During the COVID-19 Era, September 26, 2020
- WIB-Montreal: WIB Walks/Marche Femmes en Bio, September 26, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: Vaccines 101: Insights from Industry and Academia, September 29, 2020
- WIB-National: Vaccines, Therapies, and Antivirals - It all Starts with Science, September 29, 2020
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Game Night Networking Social, September 29, 2020
- WIB-Atlanta: MAPS Webinar: Mental Health in School and at Work - Envisioning a Healthier Future, September 30, 2020
- WIB-Metro New York: End of Summer: Collaboration and Cocktails!, September 30, 2020
- YWIB-RTP: Scientists as Social Leaders - A Conversation with Duke University Medical Students, October 3, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: Virtual MAPS Peer Group Launch Event-6th Cohort, October 8, 2020
- WIB-Seattl: Inaugural Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) Launch Virtual Reception, October 8, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: (Young Women In Bio) Bio-Influencers: Discover STEM Workshop Series, October 14, 2020
- WIB-Seattle: Panel Discussion with Leading COVID-19 Researchers, October 19, 2020
- WIB-Pittsburgh: P.O.W.E.R. – Pittsburgh Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally, October 21, 2020
- WIB-Seattle: Virtual Networking, October 28, 2020

WIB-Atlanta is located in regional hub for the hospital technology and medical device industries and is the home of a burgeoning biotech industry that some have likened to a potential “Silicon Valley” of Biotechnology.

Connect with our leadership! Atlanta@womeninbio.org
WIB-Capital Region: Member Spotlight with Jessica Smith

My involvement with WIB began in late 2019, through a colleague, who suggested I volunteer in the Capital Region Chapter. I have been able to apply my background in volunteering and strategic planning to the chapter, and I am currently the Frederick Programs co-chair. I really enjoy this position because I get to meet other women in the biology and science field and expand my network, which gives me the opportunity to grow more in the biotech space. I am excited to be able to have an open dialogue with other women and cultivate the biotech community in Frederick.

Click here for the full spotlight.

WIB-Capital Region Leadership Recognition

Thank you, Rajamani Selvam, for your service to Capital Region Young Women In Bio. We wish you well as you move on to other endeavors!

Capital Region extends a warm welcome to Nivedita Uday Hegdekar, our new Communications Co-Chair. We are excited to have you join the team, Nivedita, and can't wait to see how you help us grow!

WIB-Capital Region - HERStory Gala 2020 - Save the Date!

Call for Applications for the WIB-Capital Region Rising Star Award

We invite you to consider applying for the WIB Capital Region Rising Star Award Program which recognizes outstanding life sciences women in the early to mid-stage of their career who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. The award will be presented during the annual HERstory Gala, to be held this December, with the recipient receiving a complimentary ticket among many other benefits. For more details, please visit this page and direct any questions to capitalregion@womeninbio.org.
Volunteer Opportunities with the WIB-Capital Region Chapter

Are you looking to get involved in WIB-Capital Region? Volunteering for WIB is an excellent way to gain leadership experience, give back, support our fellow WIB members, and reach out to the community. There are many opportunities at different levels of involvement across all of our committees including Programs, Membership, Communications, Sponsorship, MAPS, Young Women In Bio. Fill out this brief survey here to get started.

WIB-Capital Region Twitter and LinkedIn pages

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region by following us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

WIB-Chicago is committed to creating opportunities and careers for women in the life science industry and encourages women in our state to translate novel discoveries into products.

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**Greater Boston**

**WIB-Greater Boston**, located in the world’s leading biotechnology supercluster, welcomes women working in the life sciences to events created to support professional development, leadership, and mentoring.

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**Greater Montreal**

**WIB-Greater Montreal**, located in a biotech and life sciences hub, brings together professionals from across Quebec with bio-related interests.

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**Greater Montreal Leadership Recognition**

**Camille Couture** has served as the Membership Co-Chair in Greater Montreal for the past year. She is now moving over to the Montreal Programming Committee as our Co-Vice Chair. We appreciate her flexibility and willingness to help keep moving WIB’s mission forward!

Greater Montreal welcomes **Vicky Wong** to our leadership team as Co-Vice Programming Chair. Welcome, Vicky! We can't wait to see what great programs you help plan for the chapter.

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**Metro New York**

**WIB-Metro New York** is centered among global life sciences leaders in New York City, New Jersey, Hudson Valley, Connecticut, and eastern Pennsylvania.

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The **WIB-Philadelphia Metro** chapter is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences in Philadelphia’s tri-state area.
WIB-Philadelphia Metro Leadership Recognition

Our Philadelphia chapter has some changes on our leadership team. Renee Stewart is moving into the role of Chapter Vice Chair after serving as Membership Chair for several years. We are thrilled that she is taking her extensive WIB experience to the next level. Jessica Lee will be moving up from Membership Co-Vice Chair to Membership Chair. Jessica brings great energy into the role and we are looking forward to working with her in her new role. Congratulations, Renee and Jessica!

Amy Armstrong has taken over the helm of the Programming Committee in the Philadelphia Metro chapter. Thank you, Amy, for helping us bring great programming to the members of your chapter and beyond!

Kimberly Young has stepped down as Philadelphia Metro's Programming Chair. Thank you, Kimberly, for all the excellent programs you planned in this chapter. We wish you success in all your future endeavors!

WIB-Pittsburgh supports and recognizes women leaders in the Life sciences industries and institutions in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and West Virginia.

WIB-Pittsburgh: P.O.W.E.R. – Pittsburgh Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally, Speaker Profile: Mara McFadden, Vice President of Product and Medical Devices, LifeX

Mara is a seasoned startup mentor and leader and is passionate about working alongside great people to build innovative new MedTech products. She is currently the COO of Noctem Health, a digital health startup, where she is responsible for building the business strategy and quality systems to launch a transformative behavioral sleep software solution.

Click here for the full profile.
WIB-Pittsburgh: P.O.W.E.R. – Pittsburgh Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally, Speaker Profile: Jessica Gibson, CEO and Co-Founder, Ariel Precision Medicine

Jessica is CEO and Co-Founder of Ariel Precision Medicine, a private health technology solutions company enabling the early diagnosis and targeted management of complex digestive and metabolic diseases. Translating research and evidence-based medical discoveries into real-world health care solutions has always been a primary motivator for Jessica.

Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863) for the full profile.

WIB-Pittsburgh: Mindfulness: Much More Than Just an App August 26, 2020, Event Recap

Women In Bio-Pittsburgh’s virtual event was hosted by Awaken Pittsburgh on August 26, 2020. Awaken Pittsburgh is a non-profit organization providing mindfulness training for those dealing with high-stress situations.

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WIB-Pittsburgh: Leadership Spotlight with Kathrin Gassei, Ph.D.
How has WIB played a role in promoting your personal or professional growth? WIB-Pittsburgh programming is excellent and has challenged me many times to evaluate my goals, reflect on my past experience, and readjust my path if necessary.

If you had one piece of advice to give a new WIB member, what would it be? At WIB, I have met so many incredible peers and mentors from various areas. Take advantage of the connections you build, not only to land your next job but to build a strong and lasting network.

To read the full spotlight, click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4255863).

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WIB-RTP (Research Triangle Park) benefits from and contributes to the rich life sciences industry of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill.

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**WIB-RTP Leadership Recognition**

**Doreen Grech** is leaving the role of RTP Sponsorship Committee Vice Chair. Thank you for your work on sponsorship this past year, Doreen! She will continue with RTP, focusing her efforts on YWIB committee work.

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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area is located in the birthplace of Biotech, providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women in the life sciences industry.

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**WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Leadership Recognition**
San Francisco's Communications team is changing. We are saying farewell to Devinder Ubhi as the committee's Chair. We appreciate all the work she's done for the chapter by helping keep Communications running smoothly. Roberta Sala will be moving up from Vice Chair to Chair of the committee. We are thankful for her help and continued support in keeping the chapter communications flowing.

WIB-Seattle encompasses Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell, and the other cities located in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

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WIB-Seattle Leadership Recognition

Mackenzie Coston has joined the Seattle leadership team as our new YWIB Communications Chair. Welcome, Mackenzie! We are thrilled to have your help as we share STEM careers with young women.

WIB-Southern California offers programs in San Diego, Irvine, and in Los Angeles. We also offer virtual support for women living and working nearby.

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WIB-Southern California: Town Hall and Executive Spotlight – Susie Harborth & Sabrina Johnson, July 29, 2020, Event Recap

Over 50 people from across US attended and learned about many aspects of leadership from these two successful women who excel in the innovative startup space. Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Texas provides a supportive community for professional women in all walks of life to interact and exchange information and ideas.
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