We Need You! WIB Seeks to Fill Special Events Co-Chairs and National Young Women In Bio Vice Chair Leadership Roles

WIB-National is looking to fill the following critical volunteer leadership positions. Applications should be submitted online [here](#) no later than February 15, 2021.

**Special Events Co-Chairs**
We are seeking dedicated, well organized, and self-motivated WIB members who are exceptional at project management. Previous experience with managing large and complex events and/or attending the virtual BIO convention is a plus. For the Special Events Vice Chairs profile, click [here](#).

**National Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Vice Chair**
The person in this leadership role will propose and help facilitate guidelines for YWIB chapter committees, providing leadership to the chapter’s YWIB committees, helping them reach their goals. For the National Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Vice Chair profile, click [here](#).

Women In Bio’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

Connect with our leadership! [DiversityAndInclusion@womeninbio.org](mailto:DiversityAndInclusion@womeninbio.org)

WIB-National: Activating Advocacy to Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, February 23, 2021
Join WIB’s Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group in the first of a series of events focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) topics. Our first kickoff event will focus on the importance of allyship in the workplace. Click here for more information.

Thank you to our event sponsor:

Corporate America Is at a Crossroads

In their Women in the Workplace 2020 research report, McKinsey & Company estimates that due to the impact of COVID-19 and the toll of social injustice, more than one in four women are contemplating what many would have considered unthinkable just six months ago: downshifting their careers or leaving the workforce completely. The impact will be even greater on women of color. Read the full report here.

For additional diversity and inclusion resources, click here.

WIB-National: Virtual Coffee Hour & Article Club: The Science and Impact of Longevity on Our Lives, February 26, 2021

Grab your coffee and join WIB-National for a small group discussion and networking event to talk about the science of longevity.

- How will science extend our “healthspans”?
- How should this shape how we think about and plan the next decades of our lives?

Click here for more information.
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WIB Members-Only Benefit: 20% off 2021 BIO CEO & Investor Digital Conference (Email WIB for Discount Code)

As we kick off a new year, BIO is focused on maintaining an environment that supports deal making momentum, including mergers and acquisitions, licensing agreements, and record pacing biotech IPOs. The BIO CEO & Investor Digital Conference will set the stage for new financial partnerships and strategic collaborations. Women In Bio members receive 20% off the non-member rate when registering here.

Please email info@womeninbio.org for the discount code. Not a member? Click here to purchase a WIB membership.

WIB-National Sponsor Highlight: Genentech and Biogen

Check out how women-led biotech is emerging from stealth, thanks to a partnership between EWIB National Sponsor, Genentech, and WIB-National Signature Sponsor/EWIB In-Kind Sponsor, Biogen. Read the full story here.

WIB-National Leadership Recognition
Congratulations to Lois Kelly, our new National Membership Chair! We are delighted to have her step into this role and are looking forward to her great work. She is joined on her committee by the new Membership Vice Chair, Goretty Alonso-Amigo. Welcome, Goretty!

Jenn Wampler is stepping down from her position as Chair of National Membership. We are proud of how Jenn led us through a very tough year and grew our membership despite all the odds. We wish her well in all future endeavors!

Does Your Employer Have a Workplace Matching Program That Will Maximize Your Gifts? Check out Women In Bio on Benevity!

Donors who give through Benevity can now create "giving opportunities" for Women In Bio through workplace giving programs! These opportunities help support the STEM education of young girls and advance the careers of women in the life sciences.

Please share with your organization, encourage your colleagues to select Women In Bio as a donation recipient, and create peer matching opportunities. This is an excellent way for you to let your peers know why you support Women In Bio!

To participate, register or log into the Benevity causes portal here, search for Women In Bio, donate, and have those donations matched in real time by your company.
The **WIB Career Center** ([located here](#)) is the premier resource to connect career opportunities with qualified life sciences professionals. Whether you’re searching for jobs or finding candidates, the WIB Career Center offers a wealth of resources to help you achieve your career goals.

Check out Natalie Leonard’s WIB Career Center success story [here](#)!

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**Reach Professional Women in the Life Sciences While Supporting Women In Bio – Advertise in WIB SmartBrief**

Interested in driving traffic to an event or building your sales team? Consider advertising with WIB SmartBrief. Your dedicated account team can help with brand awareness, thought leadership, lead generation, product promotion, event presence, content creation, and more! Check out the [media kit here](#) for details.

**WIB SmartBrief** is a weekly e-mail newsletter with important and timely news about women in all areas of the life sciences. [Learn more and sign up here](#)!

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Connect with our leadership! [MAPS@womeninbio.org](mailto:MAPS@womeninbio.org)
eMAPS (Executive Mentoring) Committee Seeks Five Dynamic Women to Help Lead Executive Virtual Cohorts in 2021

eMAPS programs offer professional development for rising Directors, VPs, and C-Level executives. Our cohorts meet for a year, creating a culture of support, sharing, and confidentiality for executives. We plan to offer several virtual cohorts to serve professional women living outside of cities where we have active chapters. For more information, including available roles and how to apply, click here.

Last Chance - Applications Due Sunday: Mentorship Program and Pitch Competition for Women in Academia
Apply for Equalize 2021

Equalize is designed to take national action around the disparity of female academic inventors forming university startups. This mentorship and education program culminates in a one-day virtual pitch event on September 22, 2021. The program selects, coaches, and promotes academic women inventors with startup technologies to engage the investor and corporate community, build networks, and create a sustainable effort to drive women-founded university startups.

This event is hosted by Washington University in St. Louis & Osage University Partners. Learn more and apply here.

Next in Naturals QuickFire Challenge on Children's Wellness, Presented by WIB-Greater Boston Sponsor: Johnson & Johnson Innovation – JLABS

Parents and caregivers often take a proactive rather than reactive approach to their whole family’s health and wellness needs. To meet the needs of families, consumer products continue to strive to make health and wellness fun for children. The Next in Naturals QuickFire Challenge focusing on
Children’s Wellness invites innovators to submit potential new form ingestible innovations and/or vehicles of delivery for children’s wellness products that utilize ingredients inspired by nature. Submission deadline: February 5, 2021. Click [here to apply](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190) or for more information.

**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=4393190) for more information.

We encourage founders to [find us on LinkedIn](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190) for timely notices on investor partnering conferences, specific events, and more!

Also, be sure to check out our [education and resources page](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190).

Connect with our leadership! [EWIB@womeninbio.org](mailto:EWIB@womeninbio.org)
Are you a life science executive leader ready to serve on corporate boards? Applications are now open for Boardroom Ready, an exclusive development platform designed to help highly qualified women achieve boardroom placements. The program offers a 5-day certification course, 1-on-1 mentorship opportunities, and continued programming, networking, and development opportunities to give participants every advantage in achieving their goal of board service. Apply for the 2021 program by March 15, 2021!

Congratulations to the Following Boardroom Ready Alumni on Their Board Appointments!

Marianne De Backer  
Corinne Epperly  
Yvonne Linney

Congratulations to Marianne De Backer on her appointment to the Board of Kronos Bio. Marianne is a member of the Boardroom Ready class of 2016. Way to go!

Corinne Epperly, Boardroom Ready class of 2018, has been appointed to the Board of AVEO Oncology. Great job!

Women In Bio is thrilled to announce that Yvonne Linney, Boardroom Ready class of 2019, has accepted two new roles at Artificial, Inc. She will serve as both a Board member and COO. Congratulations!

Executive Women In Bio Leadership Recognition

Peggy Vorwald has long served as our Boardroom Ready and EWIB Communications Coordinator. She is stepping down from her role and we wish her all the success in the world as she moves on to other projects. She will be greatly missed!
**Connect with our leadership!** [YWIB@womeninbio.org](mailto:YWIB@womeninbio.org)

**Young Women In Bio Seeks YWIB Vice Chair**

The person in this leadership role will propose and help facilitate guidelines for YWIB chapter committees, providing leadership to the chapter’s YWIB committees, helping them reach their goals. For the National Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Vice Chair profile, click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190). Applications should be submitted online [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190) no later than February 15, 2021.

**YWIB-National Leadership Recognition**

![Daisy Bourassa](image1.png)  ![Jenniffer Stetler](image2.png)

**Daisy Bourassa** and **Jenniffer Stetler** have done a wonderful job serving our members in Atlanta in a variety of roles. They are committed to the mission of WIB and are both now serving on the National YWIB committee. They have a passion for engaging young women and we are so happy to have them helping in these elevated positions!

**YWIB Online Resources**

YWIB Online offers learning activities, online modules, and more. [Check it out!](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190)

**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.

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.

Are You Following Women In Bio on Social Media?

Keep up to date on life sciences news, job opportunities, upcoming events, trivia, and more! Follow Women In Bio on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Join in on the discussions from your computer or on the go with your mobile device. Don't miss out!
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!

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!

Designate Women In Bio as the recipient and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to WIB at no cost to you.

Missed a WIB webinar? Members can access webinar recordings in the video library. Log into your WIB account to take advantage of this great resource!

Thank you for all you have done to engage, educate, and empower women in the life sciences!

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS
Upcoming Events

- WIB-Chicago: [Women as Leaders During the Pandemic and Beyond](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190), January 28, 2021
- YWIB-RTP: [Digital Technology Workshop for Middle School Girls](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190), February 6, 2021
- WIB-West Coast Chapters: [Diversity and Inclusion: Microaggressions and Unconscious Bias](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190), February 24, 2021
- WIB-Pittsburgh: [From Field to Plate - Biotech Benefits for Self and Planetary Health](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190), February 24, 2021

**WIB-Atlanta Leadership Recognition**

We give a huge thank you to **Kathryn Bunn** for her years of service as Atlanta's Chapter Chair. Kathryn is moving on from her position and we wish her the best of luck in all her future projects!

**Jenniffer Stetler** and **Daisy Bourassa** have done a wonderful job serving our members in Atlanta in a variety of roles. They are committed to the mission of WIB and are both now serving on the National YWIB committee. They have a passion for engaging young women and we are so happy to have them helping in these elevated positions!

Our Atlanta chapter has a new Membership Chair! **Claire Jarvis** will be moving from her role as Communications Chair and moving into the membership position. We look forward to working with her in this new role!

**WIB-Capital Region** encompasses a large section of Maryland from Bethesda to Frederick, and includes DC, Northern Virginia, and the greater Baltimore area.

**WIB-Capital Region Chapter: Call for Applications for eMAPS**

WIB-Capital Region is launching new eMAPS groups that offer professional development for rising Directors, VPs and C-Level executives. We welcome you to email **CapitalRegionMAPS@womeninbio.org** for more details and an application. Applications are due February 28. You must be a WIB member to participate, but you can sign up as you apply. Learn more about eMAPs [here](#).

**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 Leadership Recognition

Our Capital Region chapter would like to thank Pearl D’Cruz and Patricia Strawley for starting up the EWIB program in our chapter. Pearl and Patricia have passed the torch to two great new Co-Chairs, Danielle Massey and Tracy Kinjerski. They will be joining current Co-Chair Wendy Perrow as they continue to engage executive women in our nation’s capital.

Maya Yovcheva is joining our Capital Region chapter as the new Co-Chair of Membership Engagement. We welcome her to the team!

Erin Lawless Miller is joining the Capital Region chapter as the Co-Chair of MAPS. She brings a depth of experience that will benefit all the mentees and mentors in the program. Welcome, Erin!

WIB-Capital Region has a new Communications team! Katrina Adlerz is stepping down from the role of Communications Chair. Natalie Mckinney will be joining Nivedita Uday Hegdekar to serve as Co-Chair of the committee. We look forward to working with them both as we get the word out about our mission!

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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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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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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WIB-Greater Montreal Leadership Recognition

Greater Montreal is excited to welcome Debbie Blake as the new Chapter Chair! She will be assisted by Catherine Argyriou as the chapter Vice Chair. Marie di Maso did an excellent job serving as Chapter Chair last year and will continue working with the chapter as their new Communications Chair this year.

Celine Chabee is the new Programming Chair in Greater Montreal. We look forward to seeing what great things she plans for the upcoming year! Camille Couture and Vicky Wong have stepped down from leadership roles on the committee but will continue to assist Celine as Programming Committee Associates. Thank you, all, for your continued hard work!

Lydiane Gaborieau is stepping down as Communications Chair in the Greater Montreal chapter. She did excellent work getting the word out about Women In Bio and we wish her well in all her future projects!

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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.

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Our Philadelphia chapter has created a new Diversity & Inclusion Committee. **Marie Mazur** will head the committee. We are excited to welcome Marie to the leadership team as she takes on this important work.

**WIB-Philadelphia Metro Leadership Recognition**

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

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**WIB-Pittsburgh Leadership Recognition**

WIB-Pittsburgh has a new Membership Committee team. We thank Lisa Beppu and **Zoe LaPalombara** for their leadership this past year and are thrilled to congratulate **Mary Philbin** for stepping up from Vice Chair to Chair of the committee. **Beth Stronach** is joining her as the new Vice Chair. We look forward to working with them both.

**Steph Guenther** is leaving her position of Programming Co-Vice Chair in Pittsburgh. We thank her for all the work she has done and wish her well in all future endeavors!

**Amy Rupert** has joined the Pittsburgh leadership team as our Secretary. Welcome, Amy! We are excited to have you as a part of the team!

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**YWIB-RTP Call For Communications Chair**

The Young Women in Bio-RTP team is looking for a volunteer to help with communications! Since going virtual, we need help more than ever with establishing our online presence to inform girls and parents about our STEM education events! Responsibilities will include promoting events on social media (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn), submitting event descriptions and recaps for posting on the Women In Bio website, and periodically posting event recaps or information about other YWIB activities (including the YWIB Online YouTube Page) on social media platforms. The volunteer will have to attend occasional meetings with the national YWIB communications team.

**RTP@WomenInBio.org**
The volunteer can also help the YWIB-RTP team plan educational STEM events for students if they desire. If you are interested in this position, please email rtpywib@womeninbio.org.

**WIB-RTP Leadership Recognition**

RTP is changing up our MAPS committees. Liz Troll is stepping down at Transitions Chair and Tomoko Maeda-Chubachi will be taking over that role. Tomoko is stepping down from her eMAPS role, leaving Yolanda Lassalle and Manasi Ramanna to lead the eMAPS program as Co-Chairs.

**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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**Save The Date: Upcoming Partner Event with Parenteral Drug Association**

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area is excited to announce an upcoming joint event with Parenteral Drug Association West Coast Chapter. This event, titled Women in Science, will be held in August. (Date/Time TBD.)

**WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Leadership Recognition**

Charisma Enam is leaving her position as Volunteer Engagement Coordinator in the San Francisco chapter. We thank her for her work with WIB and wish her well in all her future endeavors!

San Francisco is excited to welcome Wendy Lai and Janet Lim to our leadership team. They will be serving as Co-Vice Chairs on the Communications committee.

Congratulations to Jayamary Divya Ravichandar on her new little one! She is stepping down from her role as Programming Vice Chair in San Francisco during her maternity leave. We hope she enjoys this time with her family.

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

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YWIB-Seattle Has a New Instagram Account!

The YWIB-Seattle team is happy to announce the creation of an Instagram account to highlight and promote their chapter. The Instagram handle is ywibseattle is and can be found [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190).

Please follow the account to learn more about YWIB Seattle, events both past and future, prolific female scientists in the field of STEM, and much more!

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: Interested in Getting Involved? Leadership and Contributing Roles Available!

To learn more about current leadership opportunities in WIB-Southern California, [click here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190). Prefer to be a guest mentor, or lend career advice in the form of a resume review, LinkedIn review, and/or informational interview? Offer to lead in one of these capacities by completing [this form](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4393190). We thank you for your time in advance.
Leadership Opportunities with the WIB-Texas Chapter

Are you looking to get involved in WIB-Texas? Volunteering for WIB is an excellent way to gain leadership experience, give back, and support fellow WIB members. There are many opportunities at a variety of levels across all of our committees including Communications, Executive Women In Bio, MAPS, Membership, Programming, Sponsorship, and Young Women In Bio. To learn more about current leadership opportunities, click here. Fill out this brief survey to get started.


Nineteen participants joined us for a panel discussion by Rong Wang, Eva Hevron, and Larisa Warren to share advice on how to save and prepare for the future with some financial goals for 2021. Check out the full recap here for some key pieces of advice from each panelist.

WIB-Texas Leadership Recognition

Our Texas chapter welcomes Mariam Morris to our leadership team! She is serving as the new EWIB Co-Chair. We can’t wait to see how she is able to engage executives in Texas!

WIB-Texas is re-vamping our Programming committee. Brigitta Dewi Wastuwidyaningtyas will be rolling off as chair and moving into a Director-at-Large position, leaving Linda Ray as the new Programming chair. Chithra Krishnamurthy will join the team as the new Vice Chair of Programming. We are excited to see the Texas chapter continue to grow!

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