
Dear WIB Friends,

We’ve had a busy year working together to build, lead, and inspire!

Over the year, I’ve heard countless stories about how WIB directly impacted the advancement of life sciences women. Our membership continues to grow – we are peaking 3,000! WIB welcomes members from academia, industry, and supporting industries, those who are just starting their educational careers and those who have advanced to board positions. We are the only organization for women that integrates all career levels and all sectors of life sciences. Our YWIB initiative is exploring new ways to support young women in addition to preparing for another hugely successful Spring into STEM. Our MAPS program is breaking new ground for hopeful entrepreneurs with TEC, for those who may not be in one of our chapter cities with satellite Peer Groups, and for executives through roundtable opportunities. By the end of this year, WIB’s Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) program will have assisted with 45 placements of Boardroom Ready alumnae on a mix of private and public life sciences company Boards across North America!

Thank you to the countless volunteers who build and implement these National and Chapter programs. Their vision and tireless efforts are recognized by all those who have benefited from WIB’s professional development and networking. There are so many volunteers, me included, who derive inestimable value from leading WIB and engaging our communities and advancing women.

Thank you to our sponsors, partners, advocates, and supporters; we sincerely appreciate all that you do for our members and volunteers. This year, through the support of our sponsors, we doubled the number of Founders’ Scholarship Award winners, enabling six women to advance their careers through education. We have also been able to provide more benefits to our volunteers and have shored up the National infrastructure.

Thank you to the amazing WIB staff. Lisa Iadicicco, our spectacular Executive Director, exceeds all expectations and is taking WIB to the next level. Shannon Lachance, our ever-vigilant Operations Manager, is our rock. Debra Chamra, Carolyn Brougham, Marsha Morgenstern, Carrie Palsson, Simone Brewer, and Kathy Legako – where would we be without you?

Thank you to the WIB Board of Directors – including our three newly appointed! – who encourage us and who provide guidance and wisdom as we endeavor to accomplish our vision of being the world’s leading life sciences organization that enables women to reach their maximum potential throughout every stage of their career.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve WIB over the past 8 years. I cherish the memories and the experience and look forward to my next role, President-emeritus. As always, I am at your service so please reach out.
Next year is going to be a great year! I’m so very excited for Jessica Bosc as she takes the helm – there is much to accomplish in 2020.

Together we build. Together we lead. Together we inspire!

Warmest regards,

Rachel Kopper
WIB National President & Board Chair

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