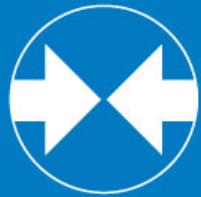


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WAI Annual Membership Meeting To Take Place at WAI2026

Save the date for the WAI Annual Membership Meeting in Dallas, Texas, during the 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference on Thursday, March 19, 2026, during the Opening General Session 9-10 a.m. CST. WAI CEO Lynda Coffman will update attendees on the vision of our organization and will announce results from the 2026 board of directors' elections. [An electronic ballot](#) and information on board candidates is detailed below and will be emailed to all current members.

Cast Your Vote for the 2026 WAI Board of Directors

[Vote online by midnight \(US EST\) March 13, 2026](#)

As a valued WAI member, your participation in the 2026 board of directors election is crucial in shaping the future direction of our organization. Please take a moment to review the candidates' profiles on the ballot and cast your vote to help select the leader who will play a part in guiding WAI. Note that voting closes at midnight (U.S. EST) on March 13, 2026. All current member bios are available at [WAI.org/board-of-directors](#).

- **Christine Bohl** is up for re-election for another three-year term.
- **Dawit Lemma** is up for re-election for another three-year term.



Christine Bohl



Dawit Lemma

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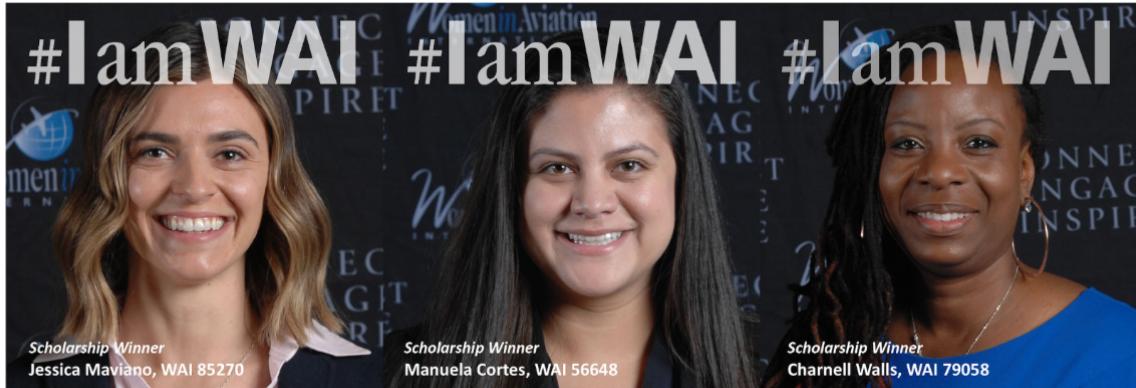
Kudos to WAI2026 Scholarship Recipients!

One of the many benefits of your WAI membership is the opportunity to apply for scholarships every year. Congratulations to the 87 members who will receive more than \$612,000 in financial support to pursue their dreams and further education for flight training, engineering, dispatch and career enhancement. Thank you to the 45 generous funders for partnering with WAI in the WAI2026 scholarship program.

NEW this year, the scholarship recipients will be celebrated with the WAI community during the Friday afternoon General Session, March 20 at conference from 1-2 p.m.

List of WAI2026 Scholarship Recipients

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American Airlines Serves as Official WAI2026 Airline in Dallas

As American Airlines celebrates 100 years of connecting people and places around the world, the airline is proud to announce its partnership with Women in Aviation International (WAI). As a strategic partner for 2026, American will serve as the first-ever official airline for the [37th Women in Aviation International Conference](#) at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas, Texas (Grapevine), March 19 - 21, 2026.

As part of this milestone collaboration, American Airlines will play an active role throughout WAI's 37th annual conference—including awarding eight scholarships, participating in panel discussions, attending networking events, and sponsoring both the Pioneer Hall of Fame dinner as well as the Career Panel for [Girls in Aviation Day Dallas](#).



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Sign Up for Speed Mentoring at WAI2026

Ready to connect, share your journey, and spark the next step for someone in aviation? Tell us if you'd like to participate in the [Speed Mentoring session](#) as a WAI Mentor at the 2026 WAI Conference on Thursday, March 19, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. You must be a current WAI to participate as a WAI Mentor. Remember, one conversation can make a difference. Please consider being a WAI Mentor during WAI2026 in Dallas!

[Speed Mentoring at WAI2026](#)



Chapter Updates

Kick off your WAI2026 conference experience with one of the most anticipated chapter events

of the year! The [WAI Chapter Connect Reception](#) on Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. is a lively gathering designed exclusively for chapter members attending the conference. It's a chance to reconnect, network, and celebrate the vibrant WAI chapter community.

Ready to show off your chapter's unique style? Enter the annual [Chapter Logo Contest](#) by submitting your custom logo design [here](#) by March 1, 2026. Join the celebration of creativity and community spirit!

Put your chapter in the spotlight by showcasing your incredible members and achievements at this year's [Chapter Showcase](#) during WAI2026. Sign up and details are available [here](#).

Chapter Sessions at WAI2026 provide the resources and tools to help manage chapter operations throughout the year. Meet other WAI Chapter leaders and be inspired! Learn details of each of the following sessions [here](#).

- Chapter Leadership Workshop
- Plan & Host an Outstanding GIAD Event
- How To Start a WAI Chapter
- Student & Collegiate Chapter Leadership Workshop

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Launching WAI Together Monthly Virtual Meetups and Webinars

We are excited to launch monthly virtual meetups, taking place every last Friday of the month. Download the free [WAI Together](#) app to connect with the WAI community!



Connect Year-Round With WAI TOGETHER

- Our new member discussion app allows members to interact one-on-one, exchange valuable knowledge, and foster meaningful relationships within the WAI community.
- Only available to WAI Members!
- Scan the QR code and log in.



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Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

2026

February 5-6 - NGPA Winter Warm-Up, Palm Springs, California www.NPGA.org

March 19-21 - The 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Dallas, Texas (Grapevine) www.WAI.org/2026-conference

March 21 - Girls in Aviation Day Dallas during the WAI2026 conference, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Chaperones required, space is limited. [Purchase tickets here for \\$15 includes lunch.](#)

March 24-26 - NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio www.NBAA.org

April 14-18 - SUN 'n FUN, Lakeland, Florida. www.flysnf.org Attend the Women ACES Brunch April 15 at 10 a.m. located in the Aerospace Center for Excellence Pavilion. [Tickets are \\$35 per](#)

[person in advance online](#). Limited seats available.

April 22-25 - AERO Friedrichshafen, Friedrichshafen, Germany www.aero-expo.com Attend the first WAI Connect Brunch at AERO on April 23, 10-11:30 a.m. located in Messe Alm.

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It comes from what you do consistently.”*
- Marie Forleo



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