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March 2024 Message from WAI

Today marks the first day of Women's History Month and 20 days until the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Orlando, Florida. We are looking forward to seeing thousands of our #WomeninAviationInternational members and friends during our annual three-day gathering March 21-23.

One of the numerous highlights of WAI2024 will be awarding <u>more than 130 scholarships</u> <u>to deserving WAI members</u> for a variety of career interests including career enhancement, dispatch, engineering, flight



<u>Women's History Month</u> is an annual observance to celebrate the contributions of women to events in

history and corresponds with International Women's Day on March 8.

Since the first \$500 scholarship was awarded in 1995, WAI has offered on behalf of our scholarship funders over \$15 million.

Congratulations to the WAI2024 Scholarship Recipients!



Cast Your Vote for the 2024 WAI Board of Directors e-Ballot closes at midnight (US EST) March 8, 2024

This year Women in Aviation International (WAI) is electing two board directors.

- Michaela Lucas is our current Secretary and is up for re-election for another three-year term.
- Bart Roberts is on the ballot for election as a new board member.

As a WAI member, your participation in this election is crucial in shaping the future direction and leadership of our organization. Please review the candidates' profiles and cast your vote on the e-Ballot <u>here</u>. Note that voting closes at midnight (US EST) on March 8, 2024. Election results will be announced during the Membership Meeting section of the Opening General Session on Friday, March 22, 2024, during #WAI2024 at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

E-Ballot - Vote Here



Quiet the noise. Amplify the experience.

A30 AVIATION HEADSET

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Will We See You in Orlando?

To help plan your attendance at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation Conference March 21-23 in Orlando, check out these handy links for information about all the offerings during our three-day annual gathering. <u>Watch and share our #WAI2024 promo video</u>!







The annual WAI Conference is a unique gathering. Register today to join 4,500 members and friends.

Please note the the Orlando World Center Marriott is a cash free facility.

Use your registration confirmation email to access the Attendee Service Center and register for additional professional development seminars and workshops, tours, and volunteer opportunities.



Buy Tickets to Local Tours



Register for Girls in Aviation Day Orlando During WAI2024

On Saturday, March 23, during the annual WAI conference, girls ages 8-18 and their parents and chaperones are invited to participate in this educational and fun event at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The event will feature over 25 activity stations, inspiring female role models, a college fair, a scavenger hunt in the Exhibit Hall, and more!

Tickets must be purchased in advance and includes lunch for \$10 per child/adult.

<u>Click here for all the details and online</u> <u>registration</u>.



Inspire future female aviation/aerospace leaders in the Orlando area by sharing information about Girls in Aviation Day during WAI2024.

Register Here for GIAD Orlando



Chapter News

Mark Your Calendar for Chapter Events at #WAI2024 Conference!

WAI Chapter Connect Reception Sponsored by Atlas Air Wednesday, March 20 6:30–7:30 p.m. <u>(ticket required/invitation only)</u>

WAI Chapter Leadership Workshop Sponsored by Republic Airways Thursday, March 21



8–11 a.m.

Finding Sponsors to Support your WAI Chapter Presented by WAI Chapters Thursday, March 21 2:30–4 p.m.

Plan and Host an Outstanding Girls in Aviation Day Event Sponsored by FedEx Employees Credit Union Friday, March 22 1:45–3:15 p.m.

How to Start a WAI Chapter Sponsored by U.S. Coast Guard Friday, March 22 3:30–5 p.m.

Student and Collegiate Chapter Leadership Workshop Sponsored by Republic Airways Saturday, March 23 10:45–11:45 a.m.



The <u>2024 Chapter Connect Reception</u> is the kickoff event for #WAI2024, and offers a chance to mingle with old friends, network with new ones, honor WAI's chapters and their work within their communities, and celebrate our Dorothy Hilbert Volunteer of the Year! Register to attend <u>here.</u>

For more information, visit <u>www.WAI.org/wai2024-chapter-</u> <u>opportunities-and-events</u>. You must be a registered WAI2024 conference attendee to attend.

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have questions about WAI Chapters? <u>Email Jessi</u> <u>Rowden</u>, WAI chapter relations manager!

With 18,000 members located in 120 countries around the world, Women in Aviation International is the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the number of women involved in all areas of aviation and aerospace. We rely on the generous donations of our members to help us achieve gender balance

throughout our industry. You can be a part of this important mission by <u>donating to WAI today.</u>

Upcoming Events

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

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? <u>Email Rorie Ainbinder</u>, <u>Chapter Relations Specialist</u>, to sign up.

2024

March 12-14 - NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas, www.NBAA.org

March 21-23 - 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Orlando, Florida, <u>www.WAI.org/2024-conference</u>

April 12 - WAI Connect Lunch in Lakeland, Florida, during SUN 'n FUN, April 9-14, <u>Buy your</u> <u>advance lunch ticket online here</u>. <u>www.FLYSNF.org</u>

May 27 - Honor the WASP 7th Annual WAI Event www.WAI.org/Events/Honor-the-WASP



Member Benefits

<u>WAI members</u> seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! When you join Was, you'll have access to exclusive discount programs and benefits, including many diverse benefits, available only to our valued members.

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

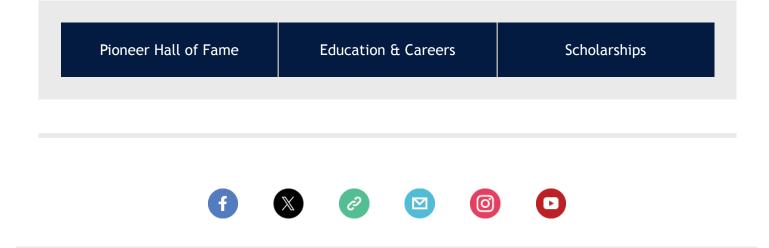
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"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful." - Malala Yousafzi



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