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March 2026

WAI2026 General Registration Rates are Available through March 4!

Register for the [37th Women in Aviation International Conference](#) at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas, Texas (Grapevine), March 19 - 21, 2026, by March 4, 2026, to avoid the rate increase!

PLEASE NOTE: The Gaylord is a cash-free facility, and cash will not be accepted for any onsite registration payments.

| | EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION | GENERAL REGISTRATION | ONSITE REGISTRATION |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Rate Category | Through 12/19/25 | 12/20/25-3/4/26 | On or after 3/5/26 |
| MEMBER | \$425 | \$475 | \$525 |
| STUDENT* | \$225 | \$225 | \$275 |
| MILITARY MEMBER | \$400 | \$450 | \$500 |
| MILITARY NON-MEMBER | \$500 | \$550 | \$600 |
| NON-MEMBER | \$525 | \$575 | \$625 |
| ONE-DAY** | \$225 | \$275 | \$325 |

*Student Discount is only available for current WAI Student Members

**One-Day Registration is only available for current WAI Members

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[Cast Your Vote for the 2026 WAI Board of Directors](#)

As a WAI member, your participation in the 2026 board of directors election is crucial in shaping the future direction and leadership of our organization. Submit your vote online by midnight (U.S. EST) on **March 13, 2026**.

- **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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**Congratulations to the Winners of the New WAI Awards:
Mentor of the Year, Spirit of WAI, and Chapter Volunteer of the Year!**

Congratulations to the 2026 Award Winners!

**Mentor of the Year
Award**
Samantha Bowyer



**Spirit of Service
Award**
Liz Booker

**Dorothy Hilbert
Chapter Volunteer of
the Year Award**
Ximena Mendez
WAI Chicago Leading Edge Chapter



New at Conference - Speed Mentoring!

Ready to spark a new connection at the 37th Annual WAI Conference? Join us for the WAI Speed Mentoring session on Thursday, March 19, from 1:30-3 p.m., and be part of the energy that happens when experience meets ambition. Whether you're ready to share your journey [as a mentor](#) or eager to gain insight [as a mentee](#), this fast-paced session is designed to inspire meaningful conversations and lasting connections. Sign up and take one powerful step toward shaping the future of aviation – and your own. You'll need to be a registered attendee, and a

current WAI member to participate. Space is limited and registration is required, so sign up today!

Be a WAI Speed MENTOR

Be a MENTEE at Speed Mentoring



Education Sessions at WAI2026

Whether you're looking to expand your knowledge, sharpen your skills, or explore new ideas, our education sessions are designed to provide you with those valuable takeaways you can apply right away. Choose from nearly 40 education sessions covering topics of Career Development, Emerging Technologies, Leadership Skills, Maintenance/Tech Ops, Military, and Health & Wellness.

Education Session Tracks



Career Development



Leadership Skills



Emerging Technologies



Maintenance and
Tech Ops



Health & Wellness



Military

Note: Seating for all Education Sessions, Chapter Sessions, and Special Sessions will be on a first-come, first served basis.

Education Sessions List

Welcome New Official WAI Chapters!

- Ann Arbor (MI) - #179
- Flatlanders (SD) - #181
- Legacy of F.L.I.G.H.T. (NC) - #182
- Philippines - #180
- Western Aviatix (Canada; Collegiate)- #183



Join a WAI Chapter

WAI2026 Chapter Sessions & Information

Let's Have Fun at SUN 'n FUN!

Make your plans for the annual SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo in Lakeland, Florida, April 14-19, 2026, and visit WAI in Hangar A, Booth 59. WAI members receive a discounted rate on SUN 'n FUN admission online using the code WAI582. You will be asked to show proof of membership at the entrance gate.

Plan to join other WAI members and friends during the [Women ACES Brunch, supported by WAI](#), on Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. at the SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo Aerospace Pavilion. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance online. Limited seats available!

Whether onsite or online, be sure to tune in to SUN 'n FUN Radio each day for Women Shine, hosted by Women in Aviation International! Stream the live show [here](#) or listen locally on 1510 AM.



First WAI Connect Bubbles and Brunch at AERO Friedrichshafen

WAI members and friends are invited to gather during AERO Friedrichshafen in Germany for the first Connect Brunch on Thursday, April 23, from 10-11:30 a.m. Enjoy networking, updates on WAI programs, and a European-style brunch with food and bubbles.

[Tickets can be purchased](#) in advance for 20 Euros for brunch or 39 Euros for brunch and entrance to the show.



Save the date



WAI Connect Brunch

Thursday, April 23, 2026

(during AERO Friedrichshafen 2026)

10–11:30 a.m.

Location:

Messe Alm



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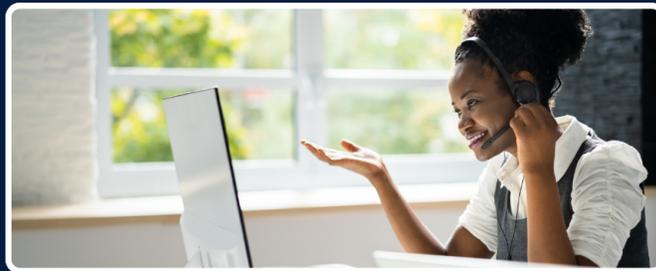
We are excited to launch monthly virtual meetups for our WAI Together members, taking place every last Friday of the month. These one-hour sessions are an opportunity for members to connect, share, and network.

Download the free **WAI Together** app to connect with the WAI community!



WAI TOGETHER APP

**VIRTUAL MEETUPS:
LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**



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Upcoming Events

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

2026

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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Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-3XL

Ladies White 100% Cotton V-Neck Tee – \$25.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-3XL

Ladies Dark Gray 100% Cotton V-Neck Tee – \$25.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-2XL

Ladies Dark Gray Heather 100% Cotton Long-Sleeve Tee – \$35.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front, left sleeve, upper back
Ladies Sizes: S-2XL

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*"But dreams do not come true just because you dream them.
It's hard work that makes things happen.
It's hard work that creates change."
- Shonda Rhimes*

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