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Message from WAI

Meet the New WAI Staff Members!

To support our growing list of events, programs, and resources, Women in Aviation International introduced [four new staff members](#) during the month of July.

A new associate editor, **Jabili Kandula**, WAI 88779, will assist with the production of *Aviation for Women* and *Aviation for Girls* magazines, in addition to website content and social media. Jabili is a recent graduate of Rutgers University-New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and media studies. Jabili is a private pilot and the first female president of the Aviation Club at her university.

Annie Stikeleather, WAI 107402, joined WAI as manager of youth programs and will be responsible for implementing a new educational and experience-based version of the Aviation for Girls App, as well as age-appropriate resources for Girls in Aviation Day. Annie brings nearly 10 years of teaching experience specializing in youth art education with a Master of Arts in Teaching from Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a private pilot and has her UAS remote pilot Part 107 license.



Jabili Kandula



Annie Stikeleather

Both Jabili and Annie report to Kelly Murphy, WAI director of communications.

Trish Steineke, WAI 27692, a long-time WAI volunteer coordinator, has been hired as conference and events coordinator to assist Kerisa Citro, director of conferences and events, with the management and development of WAI's annual conference and Connect events. Trish previously worked at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) as executive director of the International Aerobatic Club—a division of the EAA.

Jessi Rowden, WAI 73069, a leader in the WAI Land of Enchantment Chapter, is WAI's new manager of chapter relations. She will work with Molly Martin, director of membership engagement, to expand the resources and support to the WAI chapter network that has grown to more than 155 chapters around the world. Jessi is the co-vice chair of NBAA's Schedulers & Dispatchers Committee and was, most recently, the general manager of Cutter Aviation's Albuquerque, New Mexico, location.



Trish Steineke



Jessi Rowden



Submit Your Ed Session Proposal by August 15

WAI is looking for dynamic presenters to share their expertise and passion for our 34th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, February 23-25, 2023, in Long Beach, California. Proposed topics with a 100-word abstract as well as an outline of the presentation, your name, title, affiliation, and a brief biography of the speaker(s) are **due by August 15, 2022**.

[WAI2023 presentation proposals](#) will be submitted via a new online platform called eShows. If selected you will be asked to submit a 30-word abstract of your topic for publication in the WAI2023 conference program. Questions? Email presenters@wai.org for more information.



Your audience will include women and men from all aviation segments including career, flying, history, innovation, maintenance/tech ops, military, and personal development.

Education Session Proposal

Time to Nominate Trailblazing Women for the WAI2023 Pioneer Hall of Fame

Since 1992, the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame has honored women who have made significant contributions as record setters, pioneers, or innovators. WAI solicits nominations from members to recognize women throughout the aviation industry. [Submit your nomination online](#) no later than August 15, 2022. Questions? Email pioneers@wai.org.



Pioneer Hall of Fame induction ceremony at WAI2022 in Nashville, Tennessee, honored Cornelia Clark Fort, Capt. Rosemary Bryant Mariner, and Col. Peggy A. Phillips.

2023 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame Nomination Form



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WAI Kicks Off #OSH22 With Connect Breakfast

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 was a huge success with more than 400 attendees at the annual WAI Connect Breakfast on Wednesday, July 27 at 8 a.m. during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 25-31! A great way to kick-off WomenVenture day, and connect with WAI members and friends. Two dynamic WAI members - [Dr. Anita Sengupta](#) and [Emily Herron](#) shared their aviation stories. WAI2022 keynote speaker, Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost also spoke to the attendees. Thank you to sponsors Avemco, United Airlines, and the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Check WAI social media for lots of photos at our booth during this special week in Oshkosh, Wisconsin!



Marking the 15th Annual WomenVenture at #OSH22, more than 600 participants gathered on the Boeing Plaza for the group photo.



The annual WAI Connect Breakfast kicked off WomenVenture day on Wednesday, July 27.

Chapter News

We're all better together. Every month through 2022, the officers and leaders for all the WAI chapters across the network are invited to participate in a monthly webinar focusing on topics to help us manage and grow our chapters, as well as to serve our chapter members. Watch the Chapter Leader Facebook page, the WAI Connect newsletter, and the [WAI Chapter Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.

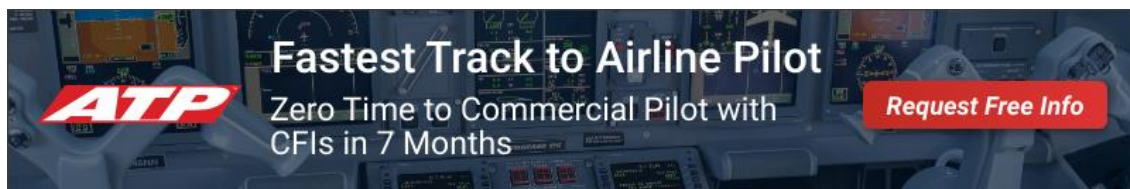
PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS MONTH'S CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONNECT!

August 12, 2022 - (1 p.m. EST)

Topic: Community Outreach & Volunteer Event Ideas
[Register here.](#)



Many WAI members join their local chapter so they can give back, and get involved in their local community. WAI chapter leaders will connect on this month's Chapter Leadership webinar to share previous community outreach and volunteer experiences. [Register](#) and enjoy brainstorming with other chapter leaders.



Order Your GIAD 2022 Merchandise By August 5

It's the countdown to the 8th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day on September 24, 2022! WAI Corporate Members or WAI Chapters can host GIAD events and can receive free GIAD merchandise kits for your attendees.

The first step is to let us know about your event by registering your 2022 GIAD Event [here](#).

After your event is registered the new merchandise ordering process is very easy! [Go to the WAI Store](#) and click on the either the "EVENT HOSTS" box on the top, or the "GIAD Event Hosts" selection under CATEGORIES. From there you



can order up to 50 free kits. If you know your event is going to have more than 50 attendees, we'll send you more free kits, but please email WAI at giad@wai.org to request your ordering code.

We have great new shirts and caps too - and quantity discounts are available for orders of more than 24 [GIAD T-shirts and/or hats](#).

All GIAD merchandise will begin shipping in mid-August.

- **U.S. chapter and corporate member hosts are due by August 5, 2022.**

And, watch your email for more GIAD Host tools to support your #GIAD22!



Finalize your plans for the 8th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September 24, 2022

[Register Your GIAD Event](#)

[Order Your 2022 Merchandise](#)

[View Chapter Connect Leadership Video on Planning GIAD](#)

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New
for
Summer



LADIES EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT
Sizes XS-3X – \$35.00



WOMENS RACERBACK TANK
Sizes XS-2XL – \$22.00



20 OZ STAINLESS STEEL
INSULATED BOTTLE
\$25.00



TIE DIE TEE
Sizes S-2XL – \$25.00



LADIES V-NECK TEE
Sizes XS-2X – \$22.00



www.WAI-Store.org



DIE-CUT STICKER
Girl Gang: 3" – \$2.50/4" – \$3.00
Rainbow: 3" – \$2.50

Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with * are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Rorie Ainbinder, Chapter Relations Specialist](#), to sign up.

2022

*August 10-12 - OBAP 46th Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, www.OBAP.org

September 24 - 8th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day [Order Your GIAD merchandise here.](#)

*October 18-20 - NBAA-BACE, Orlando, Florida, www.NBAA.org

2023

February 23-25 - 34th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Long Beach, California, www.WAI.org/2023-conference

Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
- **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
- **Flying magazine subscription:** annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
- **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools course
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- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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-Dr. Mae C. Jemison



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