



President's Message

As the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun! This same theory seems to apply to WIA-Canada. The momentum and events keep coming so fast that even I have a hard time keeping up with all the activities. It is hard to believe that the time has come for a new Board of Directors.

I would like to thank the past board members for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work – Anne-Marie Bertrand, Moira Harvey, Alex Henshaw, Natasha Skapura, Kathleen Steven, and Eva Azoulay. It was an honour to work with these outstanding professionals and to grow together as a team over the past couple of years. I welcome the newest additions to the board (listed below) and I am confident that their participation, service, and contributions will help move WIA-Canada forward.

Val Wilson

President, Women in Aerospace Canada

Recent Events

Celestica – True to the Core

On Wednesday February 18, 2015, Celestica opened its doors to Women in Aerospace Canada providing an excellent venue for a development workshop on “Communicating and Behaving on Purpose” featuring internationally recognized negotiation expert and communications coach – Nellie Vieira, founder of true to the core®. Nellie provided an impassioned and highly interactive session focused on the importance of Purpose, People and Process anchored in three key imperatives – Trust, Understand, Communicate. Through Nellie’s boundless enthusiasm, personal experience, and no-nonsense insights, those in attendance at this “Sold Out” event were treated to a lively and engaging discussion that could have lasted well into the afternoon. To round off the visit, Celestica provided a tour of their world-class facilities, emphasizing how the cultural changes that have taken place in recent years are now fostering a more engaged workforce. Our tour guides were indeed ambassadors for the company and their transformation.



More pictures from the event are available at www.wia-canada.org. Congratulations to Maura Kirby – winner of the post event survey draw!

International Women's Day 2015



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#MakeItHappen

Once again, Women in Aerospace Canada gathered to celebrate International Women's Day – this time at the Ontario Science Centre. The 2015 theme of Make It Happen was enhanced by guest speaker Leah Eichler and her presentation “Women and the Future of Work”.



Leah Eichler is a celebrated thought leader on the future of work. Her columns in the Globe and Mail and Inc.com offer a fresh viewpoint of the modern workplace, with a unique emphasis on the role women play in the economy. Not content to be an armchair advocate, her role as a technology entrepreneur in Toronto and San Francisco offers her a front row perspective on navigating a traditionally male-dominated world. Leah clearly has her finger on the pulse when it comes to issues that affect women in the business world.

WIA-Canada Board of Directors – Newly Nominated

The Board of Directors provides leadership in the implementation of the Mission and Goals of Women in Aerospace Canada. Their roles and responsibilities include managing the operations of the organization; planning and initiating activities; ensuring adequate financial resources and providing proper financial oversight; enhancing the organization's public standing by articulating the organization's mission and goals to the aerospace community; and monitoring the effectiveness of programs for consistency with our mission statement.

Following the response to the call for nominations for the 2015-2017 Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce the complete board:

President

Valerie Wilson – Dishon Limited

Vice-President

Eva Martinez – UTC Aerospace Systems

Secretary/Treasurer

Lucinda Lew – Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc

Memberships – Individuals

Sapna Sharma – Messier-Dowty Canada Inc

Memberships – Corporate

Sherry Colville – L-3 Electronic System Services

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Michelle Mendes – World Space Week Association

Events/Programs

Jennifer Christie – Bombardier Commercial Aircraft

Professional Development

Cathy Zammit – Footage Tools Inc

Communications

Valerie Bahoric – Lynch Dynamics

Education

Barbara Moser

Quebec

Fanny Deschamps - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Directors at Large

Silvia Bianchi – Bombardier Aerospace

Marlene Conway Diels - Envision Technologies

Tony Karadimas - TechTalent Plus

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More pictures available at www.wia-canada.org. Congratulations to Cindy Moore from CFN Precision – winner of the prize for the post event survey.

Trinity Aerospace – Networking Lunch and Tour

On Wednesday April 15, a small group gathered at Trinity Aerospace for a networking lunch and tour of the facility. A well-established player on the aerospace skyline, Trinity is poised for growth and expansion. They are able to provide the expertise, the planning and the people to facilitate the design and fabrication of components for prototype, new, and refurbished aircraft.



With a slightly different format than usual, the networking lunch allowed everyone to make a personal introduction and then the group discussed a

series of thought-provoking “hot topics” that resulted in great conversations. AND...we got to meet the infamous Mahmood!

Congratulations to Teri Nelson – winner of the post event survey draw!

Upcoming Events

ISDC 2015

Don't miss the annual International Space Development Conference (ISDC) – the keynote event of the National Space Society (NSS), bringing together leading managers, engineers, scientists, educators, and business people from civilian, military, commercial, entrepreneurial, and grassroots advocacy space sectors.

The theme for 2015 is “Next Breakthrough Technologies” and takes place May 20-24 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto. The line-up of speakers, plenary sessions, and workshops will impress. Find out what terms like ‘game-changing technologies’ or ‘exponential technologies’ are all about and where they are being utilized. How are they impacting various sectors such as the space industry? And how can they be harnessed to enable the future of humankind in exploration and better quality of life? Find out more at <http://isdc2015.nss.org/wordpress/>

CWIA 2015

The 2015 Canadian Women in Aviation Conference (CWIA) promises to be another great event. The theme is **Safety, Survival, Success!** You can expect to see:

- More great speakers on current and relevant aviation topics;
- All facilities on-site to encourage networking and communication;
- Lower cost to ensure access to student pilots;
- Tech tours of cutting edge aviation related industries.

Check out www.cwia2015.com for more details and plan to be there.

WIA-Canada Calendar

June 2015 – Gala Event TBD

Other Items

Sad News

Sadly, our dear friend Donna Messer passed away on Friday April 3 after a short but aggressive battle with cancer. Donna's support for Women in Aerospace Canada was immeasurable. Hers was a powerful message – make valuable connections and help others succeed. Donna – known across Canada as the Queen of Networking – taught many of us about the value of networking. We have an opportunity to continue growing our organization in the spirit she preached.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eva Martinez...selected as one of the 2015 30in30 tribute of female engineers for National Engineering Month (March) by the Chair for Women in Science and Engineering. This year's featured engineers answer questions, sharing inspiring insights into their passion and adventures in engineering with an aim to show students, professionals and leaders the value and boundless opportunities of a degree in engineering.

Check it out: <http://scieng-women-ontario.ca/en/eva-martinez/>

Membership and Benefits

The benefits of membership with the WIAC are numerous.

- Networking**
- Programming**
- Career Resources**
- Professional Development**
- Recognition of Contribution to Aerospace**

To join or renew your membership, go to:

<https://wiamembership2015.eventbrite.ca>

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