



**President's Message**



Recently, I found myself reflecting on everything that Women in Aerospace Canada has accomplished since the organization was formed. As one of the founding members and President, I am extremely proud of the women and men that have served on the Board of Directors over the course of time, who have worked tirelessly to organize worthwhile and informative events for members. I am amazed to see the benefits of the organization come to life – from the networking, to the employment opportunities, to the outreach to students and future generations of aerospace enthusiasts. I admire how WIA-Canada has been able to attract representation and sponsorship from small, medium and large aerospace companies as well as independent consultants in the industry. Furthermore, to watch us extend into Quebec and the Maritimes has been uplifting. It is all a testament that justifies why WIA-Canada was created – to fill a very real void for women in aerospace. And through everyone's participation, we continue to grow this networking platform to expand women's opportunities in the industry.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about our plans for the future. To make everything happen we are looking for interested persons to join our Board. Please contact me or Leigh to discuss what is involved. Our Summer Social is fast approaching so please register as it promises to be a fun evening with lots of time for networking. Our calendar for next year is starting to fill up so make sure to renew your membership before the Fall.

I hope that you enjoy the summer months ahead!

**Val Wilson**  
*President, Women in Aerospace Canada*

Join us! WIA Canada in Ontario and Quebec are looking for new volunteers who are interested in expanding women's opportunities for leadership and professional development as well as increasing their visibility in the aerospace community by creating a professional network in Canada and across the globe. Please contact Leigh Kras at [leigh.kras@wia-canada.org](mailto:leigh.kras@wia-canada.org) for more information.

**Connect with WIA Canada**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Summer Social, Chalkers Pub – July 19, 2017**

WIA Canada's Summer Social will be a great opportunity to unwind with friends and network with industry professionals during a friendly round of pool. The evening will include refreshments, dinner (your choice of fish and chips, hamburger or veggie burger), and entry into the round robin doubles billiards tournament with great prizes to be won. All skill levels are welcome. Chalkers Pub is located at 247 Marlee Ave in Toronto, easily accessible by transit (Glencairn subway station) and off the Allen Rd near Eglinton. See you there!

Tickets: [WIA Summer Social](#)

**Recent Events**

**WIA Lunch & Learn, Elliott-Matsuura Canada – April 27, 2017**

Once again this year, Elliott Matsuura opened their doors and rolled out the red carpet (literally) for WIA-Canada participants at the Lunch & Learn held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were treated to Elliott Matsuura's warm hospitality, great food, a facility tour, equipment demonstrations and a very informative "fire-side" chat with Emma O'Dwyer, head of the MATCOM Group. Expertly moderated by BDO Director & Practice Leader Jeff Noble, Emma unfolded the story of how she came to lead a company in a very male dominated sector, the challenges she faced and rewards she garnered. As if this weren't enough, Elliott Matsuura donated door prizes of 2 Blue Jays tickets to two lucky attendees! Congratulations to the winners: Bogdan Szybalski of Hugh Wood and Lindsay Fast of ControlChem Canada Ltd.



**OCE Discovery Day – May 15-16, 2017**

On May 15 & 16, 2017, Women-In-Aerospace Canada participated in the 12th annual Discovery conference presented by the Ontario Centres of Excellence at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For two days the approximately 3500 attendees were treated to highly informative and very inspiring glimpse into the future, including interesting and motivational key-note speakers, panel

discussions, and booth after booth displaying innovative and exciting new technologies in a diverse range of sectors, including aerospace. The participants came from a broad spectrum of sources, including industry, academia, the investment community and government. Similarly, the attendees spanned all age groups and backgrounds, from students to senior executives, many of whom stopped at the WIA-Canada booth to familiarize themselves with our organization.



### WIA Lunch & Learn, Pratt & Whitney Canada – May 24, 2017

On May 24th, WIA Canada hosted another sold out Lunch & Tour event at Pratt & Whitney Canada's Mississauga facility. We had great representation from across a number of aerospace companies in the area. It was also wonderful to meet new faces at the event. Griff Williams, General Manager – Mississauga Operations, welcomed our guests with a brief introduction to P&WC. The guest speaker, Hanna Kounov, gave an engaging speech on the Rules of Powerful Communications. We learned tools to help us achieve a Win/Win communication style. We had thoughtful questions from the audience that gave us real-life scenarios that we can now navigate with a different approach. Following Hanna's speech, many participants toured P&WC's Assembly & Test facility. They were able to see turbofan engines being built and tested. Tour guides were on-hand to answer any questions. P&WC power the largest fleet of business and regional aircraft and helicopters – more than 60,000 engines in service in over 200 countries and territories.

[www.pwc.ca](http://www.pwc.ca)



### OAC Annual Golf Tournament – June 5, 2017

Women in Aerospace was honoured to attend the 2017 OAC Golf Tournament which took place Monday, June 5 at Glencairn Golf Club. As always, it was a very popular event and a great success! The day offered great networking opportunities while enjoying a fun day of golf at a prestige ClubLink setting. WIA sponsored the Ladies Longest Drive and witnessed some very strong women test their skills. Congratulations to Diana Carvelho on winning the Ladies Longest Drive content.



WIA Board Members: Valerie(L) & Val(R)



Longest Drive Winner: Diana Carvelho

The day closed with dinner, tournament awards, and a presentation to this year's recipients of the OAC Scholarships for Aerospace Studies. The Women in Aerospace Scholarship valued at \$2000.



was presented by Val Wilson, President of WIA-Canada and Moira Harvey, Executive Director, OAC to Wintta Ghebreyesus. Wintta is pursuing her PhD in aerospace engineering at Ryerson University. We wish Wintta the very best of luck as she continues her studies. Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners, they are an inspiration to us all.

### WIA Quebec 5-7 Networking – June 7, 2017

On Wednesday June 7th, 2017, Women in Aerospace Canada-Quebec hosted a 5-7 networking at Le Balthazar Centropolis. With more than 30 participants from different companies such as Bombardier, Heroux-Devtek, Mecaer America, Safran, EDC and L-3, the event was a success. We had many discussions from career prospection and news on the aerospace industry with the ETS – University students who joined us. The event was a great way to restart the activities in Quebec after a quiet period of few months. The event have been partially sponsored by Heroux-Devtek.



### Membership and Benefits

The benefits of membership with Women in Aerospace Canada are numerous.

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

To join or renew your membership, go to:

- Ontario: [Link here](#) to renew your WIA Membership
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