First things first…I’m renaming this initiative from Women in Aerospace Canada Maritimes to Women in Aerospace Canada Atlantic. Why? Because this year we are going to start hosting events in Newfoundland…and that’s exciting! The renaming also aligns with the fantastic support and sponsorship we are getting from ACADA – the Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defence Association – which represents all four provinces in Atlantic Canada. We’re even changing our email address to atlantic@wia-canada.org on April 1st.

It’s crazy to think it’s already the end March. Do you remember the resolutions you made at the beginning of the year? Are you on track? I hope Women in Aerospace is a part of that journey! You’re off to a good start if you joined us at one of the Re-Ignite Your Ambition events. Read on to find out more.

I encourage you to share this newsletter with others you know in the aerospace and aviation industry. Doesn’t matter their level of employment – from entry level to senior executives, from administrative to technical to engineering roles and everything in between. We want to reach all women in this field.

Plan to come out to a future event. The Atlantic provinces are packed with phenomenal women in aerospace and I’m dying to meet you!

Eva Martinez, Vice-President WIA-Canada

Objectives of WIA-Canada

Women in Aerospace Canada (WIA-Canada) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to 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. The objectives of WIA-Canada are to:

- Identify, foster and promote the interests and professional development of women working in the aerospace industry and other related sectors.
- To be a networking platform for women and men in the aerospace industry and other sector areas related to aerospace.
- Advance aerospace education for women in schools, colleges, and universities.
- Develop alliances with aerospace associations (provincially, federally and internationally) and other relevant associations across Canada and globally.

Recent Events

Re-Ignite Your Ambition – NS and PEI

We recently hosted two “Re-Ignite Your Ambition” workshops with professional coach, Andrea Janzen. On Feb 28, we were at Jazz Aviation in Halifax, NS and on Mar 21, we were at StandardAero (formerly Vector Aerospace) in Slemmon Park, PEI. Sponsored by ACADA (Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defence Association), both events were well-attended as we focused on identifying what women strive for, what drives our ambition, how to deal with self-doubt and how silence our inner critic. Andrea’s workshop helped the participants address the leadership opportunities and challenges that are unique to women and the harm induced when we fail to recognize our own potential. Andrea’s enthusiasm and relatable approach allowed the participants to acknowledge our capabilities, see the bigger picture, and step outside our comfort zones!

HALIFAX, NS – JAZZ AVIATION

SLEMON PARK, PEI – STANDARDAERO

International Women’s Day Sail – Leaders at Sea - Halifax

On March 8, Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Commander of the the Royal Canadian Navy, hosted an International Women’s Day Sail aboard HMCS Toronto for female leaders from business, industry, and
academia. Those that participated described it as a once in a lifetime experience. The original plan was to include a visit to Irving but they lost power due to stormy conditions and the rough sea prevented a sailing but the full-day program provided an opportunity to experience life aboard one of Canada's major combatant ships, and to witness first-hand the dedication and professionalism of our men and women in uniform. For coverage of the event, check out these links: CTV Atlantic (Emily Baron Cadloff) or Global Halifax (Alexa MacLean).

Upcoming Events

Re-Ignite Your Ambition – NB and NL

In case you missed the Re-Ignite Your Ambition workshops in NS or PEI, we will be hosting one in Moncton, NB on Apr 26 at the Moncton Flight College. This workshop will give you the tools to strive for bigger projects, ask for a seat at the table, and put your hand up for more challenging assignments and bigger positions.

Date: Thursday April 26, 2018
Location: Moncton Flight College
1719 Champlain St, Dieppe, NB E1A 7P5
Map
Schedule:
8:30am – Registration
9:00-10:30 am – Workshop
10:30-11:30am – MFC Tour
Tickets: $20 each available at EventBrite

The same workshop is being planned for St. John’s, NL…stay tuned!

WinSETT Leadership Program - Halifax

WIA-Canada is happy to promote the Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology (WinSETT) Leadership Program in Halifax.

Develop your leadership potential by learning strategies and tools and sharing experiences and lessons learned with other women in SETT in these six full-day workshops:

- Apr 12-13, 2018 - Becoming Leaders & Effective Communications
- May 10-11, 2018 - Navigating Politics at Work and Negotiating for Success
- June 7-8, 2018 - Emotional Intelligence and Networking, Mentors and Sponsors

Employers…provide your female employees with the leadership training they need for your organization to thrive. Receive a free special topics presentation delivered in your office for every 5 full-series registrants.

For more workshop information and registration, click here.

Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum – Season Opening Soon!

The Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum will open its doors to the public for the 2018 season on Saturday May 19. Until September, the museum is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm daily.

Admission is free; donations are graciously accepted.

Plan to visit the museum this year to see the various aircraft on display and interactive exhibits and dioramas honouring the history of aviation in Atlantic Canada.

Women Learn to Sail – Bedford Basin Yacht Club

For the third year in a row, the Bedford Basin Yacht Club will be offering their Women Learn to Sail program. The workshops are run over three days (Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday) as indicated below.

Workshop #1 May 31 – 6-7:30pm, Jun 2-3 – 10am-5:30pm
Workshop #2 Jul 19 – 6-7:30pm, Jul 21-22 – 10am-5:30pm
Workshop #3 Sep 6 – 6-7:30pm, Sep 8-9 – 10am-5:30pm

Aimed at getting women on the water, and gaining the confidence to sail and skipper boats, each workshop is $125+tax.

Registration will take place at www.bedfordbasin.checklick.com

Sponsorship and Support and Volunteer

The success of our organization and the quality of the events and programs offered are hugely dependent upon sponsorship from industry, consultants and individuals. Lending your name and financial support to an event will provide exposure to your business. It’s a great opportunity to showcase your business, demonstrate your commitment to diversity initiatives, and support the region’s aerospace and defense community.

To sponsor an event, host a tour, or volunteer contact Eva Martinez at atlantic@wia-canada.org (as of April 1st) / 902-233-0298.

Is WIA-Canada for You?

Members of WIA-Canada represent all levels of employment in aerospace – from entry level to senior executives, from administrative to technical to engineering roles and everything in between. If you’re a woman working in the aerospace industry, WIA-Canada is definitely for you!

Check out our Website – www.wia-canada.org

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