

It's official! Women in Aerospace Canada had its inaugural Annual General Meeting and successfully ratified our By-Laws. We also welcomed three new Directors to our Board – Silvia Bianchi, Nancy Barber, and Rebecca Hatton. You'll find more information about these remarkable women in this newsletter.

In other news, as we continue to observe guidance from public health officials surrounding COVID-19, Women in Aerospace Canada will keep focusing on virtual events for the time being. Of course, we usually keep activities down to a minimum during the summer months as everyone tries to take time off.

Lastly, a hearty congratulations to the recent graduates of Part 2 of the Advancing Women in Aerospace Leadership Training Certificate. Keep reading to find out what skills and techniques they learned on their personal leadership journeys.

Have a great summer. Stay safe and healthy so we can see you in person soon.

Eva Martinez, Vice-President WIA-Canada

Recent Events

Catalyst Canada – Inclusive Communication

[Catalyst Canada](#) is a leading non-profit working to build inclusive workplaces that work for women and where all individuals can thrive. With support from the RBC Foundation, Catalyst provided a free webinar on Wednesday May 12 on **Inclusive Communication**.

The workshop was aimed at creating more awareness around the barriers that women face in the workplace and society, and how organizations can work to be more inclusive to all. Participants explored communication tools to bridge divides and create meaningful connections across differences. The workshop also addressed biased comments and behaviours and how to overcome common communication roadblocks to build a more inclusive work culture. You can access some of those tools on the WIA-Canada [Articles of Interest](#) webpage.

Virtual Golf Clinic



On Wednesday May 26, WIA-Canada participated in a virtual golf clinic by Ladies' Head Golf Professional Jaime Steedman. A unique event to boost your physical and mental health!

Advancing Women in Aerospace Leadership Training – Part 2



Congratulations to the successful graduates of the **Advancing Women in Aerospace Leadership Certificate Training Program – Part 2!** This unique leadership

program was designed to build upon Part 1 and prepare women for advancement in the industry. The four modules in this series included Navigating the Political Landscape, Growing Your Network, Building Strategic Relationships, and Adapting to Change. Keep an eye out for a repeat offering of Part 1 and Part 2 in Fall 2021.

Upcoming Events

CCWESTT 2022 – Save The Date

WIA-Canada will be cohosting the 18th Biennial [CCWESTT](#) (Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology) Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 12-14, 2022 with [WISEatlantic](#).



The logo designed by Karly Barker is based on Bellatrix (female warrior) – in the constellation Orion. The theme is **Reach for the Stars: Creating Impact Together**. The aim of the conference will be to build alliances, highlight our achievements, and work together towards a more diverse SETT workforce in Canada. This conference will bring together CCWESTT members and other stakeholders from across Canada representing engineering, science, trades, technology, and mathematics for two-and-a-half jam packed days of inspiration, networking, learning, sharing best practices, collaboration and previewing of the latest technologies and resources to support their activities. If you are interested in getting involved or sponsoring this event, please contact Eva Martinez at atlantic@wia-canada.org

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New Directors – Welcome!

	<p>SILVIA BIANCHI</p> <p>Silvia Bianchi is the Director of Aircraft Architecture at Deutsche Aircraft, based in Munich, Germany. Silvia has more than 20 years experience in aerospace and has led multinational product development teams in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia.</p>
	<p>NANCY BARBER</p> <p>An aerospace Senior Executive with over 20 years of in-depth experience, Nancy has held several key positions across Manufacturing, Program Management, Supply Chain and Customer Support. Nancy is an award recipient of the Elsie Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to aviation and aerospace in Canada.</p>
	<p>REBECCA HATTON</p> <p>Rebecca Hatton is the Public Relations Director at Spiri Robotics, responsible for all internal and external communications. She has worked in the defence industry and consulting industry. Rebecca has her BPR and MPR from Mount Saint Vincent University.</p>

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