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### **WFC Welcomes New Leadership**

Earlier this week, WFC announced the appointment of a group of exceptional women to its Steering Committee and Advisory Council. This diverse and accomplished group of individuals will bring their perspectives, experiences, and expertise to provide crucial leadership and guidance to the organization. The new Steering Committee and Advisory Council members' viewpoints will enrich and empower the WFC to make an even greater impact on the future of forests.

The nine remarkable women who have joined WFC leadership are:

#### **WFC Steering Committee additions:**

- [Evette Browning](#), Little Rock, AR
- [Megan Mustoe](#), West Yellowstone, MT
- [Daphne Yin](#), Washington, DC

#### **WFC Advisory Council additions:**

- [Lily Brod](#), Bonney Lake, WA
- [Angela Coleman](#), Vallejo, CA
- [Cecilia Hernandez](#), Albuquerque, NM

- [Joni Sandoval](#), Yakama Nation, WA

The complete list of [Steering Committee](#) and [Advisory Council](#) Members is available on the Women's Forest Congress website along with recognition of past leaders whose terms ended earlier this year and who contributed to the formation and success of the WFC to date.

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## Register Now for September 13th Virtual Gathering

[Join us](#) for the September 13th virtual gathering, sponsored by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). **We'll highlight the 8<sup>th</sup> WFC resolution - INTENTIONALLY IDENTIFY and support more women and those from underrepresented groups to achieve leadership positions.** Hear from Dr. Reagan Flowers, SFI's Chief Education Officer, who oversees Project Learning Tree's Lifetime of Learning program to advance environmental education, forest literacy, and green career pathways, using trees and forests as windows on the world.

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## What's Happening Across the WFC Community?

As with any grassroots movement, relationship building and community are critical to success. WFC is no different. We are grateful for our entire community and network. Here's where you'll find WFC "on the road."

In October, WFC will host the Women in Natural Resources Meetup at the [2023 SAF National Convention](#), in Sacramento, CA. During this meetup, we'll feature the WFC Resolution #2 - BROADEN recruiting practices to include wider networks, and build a pipeline of talent by connecting with and showcasing forests and the forest and forest products sector to youth and students, creating job shadowing and internship opportunities, etc. **If you're attending the SAF Convention, be sure to join WFC on Friday, October 27, 10:30am-12:00pm. We're also looking for volunteers interested in ensuring the meetup is a success.** If you'd like to be involved in the meetup planning, please [reach out to us](#).

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## WFC Needs Your Support

WFC is truly a grassroots effort and currently not under any one organization's umbrella. We were formed together by women in the for-profit, non-profit, public agency, and academic sectors from varying backgrounds and diverse perspectives. And we are committed to continuing.

support will directly support and ensure the continued success of the Women's Forest Congress movement. Throughout 2023, the Women's Forest Congress will engage and act upon the [Declaration and 10 resolutions](#) from the October 2022 event. Specific activities will include but are not limited to WFC strategic engagement and operations, ongoing communications and marketing, quarterly virtual gatherings, and supporting the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and Working Groups, as well as the overall movement to position and learn from women as leaders in the forest community.

We are exploring options for the future, and all the options require some level of resources. **If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, especially in this time of transition, check out our [sponsorship prospectus](#), [donate](#) today or [reach out to us](#).**

**We'd also like celebrate and acknowledge Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) for being our latest returning sponsor this year! Thank you for your continued support.**

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## WFC Resolution of the Month

Throughout 2023, the WFC will feature a "Resolution of the Month." Throughout August, we're featuring Resolution #7 - **ASSESS compensation for women and promote paths to pay equity at all levels, including discrepancies in intersectional identities, communities, and demographics.** [Check out](#) the WFC Declaration to learn more. Does your organization have an example of how they are living out this resolution? We'd love to hear more and share with the WFC community. Connect via [email](#), tag us on social media (links below), or join our [LinkedIn Networking Group](#) to start a conversation.

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## Fun Fact of the Month

#DYK August 26<sup>th</sup> marks [Women's Equality Day](#) - commemorating the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which "prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex." If you need a refresher, check out Schoolhouse Rock's women's suffrage [music video](#).

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