

**THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY
OF COLORADO COLLEGE
2012 - 2013**

Annual Report of the Presidents

124th Annual Meeting, April 25, 2013

To all members and friends:

This report summarizes the activities of the committees and officers of the WES Board of Managers for the year May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Membership statistics as of December 31, 2012

Regular members	147
Life and Silver Special members	113
Former Scholars	29
Ex-officio and Honorary members	4
Total	293

Board of Managers accounts as of March 31, 2013

Administrative Fund	\$5,525.52
Dorothy P. Bryson Special Student Assistance Fund	\$3,460.00
Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund	\$2,500.00
Fundraising and Special Projects	\$23,081.83
WES Trip Account	\$13,068.72

Market Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2012

Composed of the WES Irrevocable Trust and the WES Revocable Trust with funds from Cook, Hinch, Campbell, General Fund, and

The Anniversary Fund	\$3,199,163.00
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2012-2013 Scholarship funds allocated to 20 scholars\$120,000.00

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

May 11, 2012	Scholar Picnic at Morreale Carriage House
June 1-3, 2012	WES Tour: “Trappin' and Tradin' at Bent's Old Fort” Fundraiser
August 25, 2012	New Scholar/Parent Reception at The Cornerstone Arts Center
August 28, 2012	Fall <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
September 13, 2012	Scholar Tea at Stewart House
September 15, 2012	Van Briggle Pottery Tour Fundraiser
September 27-30, 2012	WES Tour: “Along the Old Spanish Trail” Fundraiser
October 2, 2012	New Scholar Luncheon hosted by Associate Dean Regula Evitt
October 30, 2012	Fall program: “Technology, Media and Politics” with Professor Scott Krzych
December 1-3, 2012	CC Craft Fair Fundraiser
December 5, 2012	Scholar Chili Supper at Tutt Alumni House
January 24, 2013	Winter program: “George Gershwin: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” with Professor Ryan Banagale
January 29, 2013	Winter <i>Newsfocus</i> mailing
February 27, 2013	Scholar Program: “Real-life 101” at Tutt Alumni House with Financial Planner Linda Leitz
April 3, 2013	CC Scholarship Appreciation Dinner at Cheyenne Mountain Resort
April 25, 2013	WES Annual Meeting and Farewell Luncheon for Senior Scholars plus Women in the West Lecture: “Doubting and Dreaming: Native American Women Write about the West” with Professor Janice Gould - UCCS

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Caroline Vulgamore and Shirley Woolley

We salute hard-working board members who created a most successful year for WES. Our programs and scholar events have been well attended, we’ve launched more successful fund-raising trips, continued the Van Briggle Pottery tours and received more Van Briggle card donations than ever before. We have the largest membership base since 2006 and our endowment is over \$3,000,000. The WES website was updated regularly and messages left on voice mail and at our email address were being monitored.

We look forward to next year’s celebration of our 125 years. A unique publication, *A Quiet Work Continues: WES in Its Second Century. 1989-2014*, is taking shape with photos and articles chronicling our accomplishments. We couldn’t meet our goals without a strong Finance Committee and support from members connected to Colorado College as well as those in the Colorado Springs community.

Our focus remains on scholars and we’ve maintained our mentor program and sponsored activities that are meaningful and fun. In the fall of 2012, the Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund in honor of our 125th anniversary was created to supplement the Dorothy P. Bryson Fund helping scholars with additional moneys for off-campus opportunities.

Collaborating as co-presidents these past two years worked well for us in guiding WES through changing times. Our individual contributions blended into a “good fit.” Thanks always to loyal members who continue to care about WES.

Contact us at WES@coloradocollege.edu
or by calling (719) 389-7699.

Please read the committee reports for more details.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee: *A Quiet Work Continues: 1989-2014*

Co-Chairs: Sue Dilloway, Sally Metzger
Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Caroline Vulgamore
Members-at-Large: Barbara Arnest, Andrea Corley,
Marianna McJimsey, Jeanne Stiles

WES will be 125 years old in April, 2014. *A Quiet Work* was published on our 100th anniversary and will be updated in a separate booklet for the upcoming milestone. The committee spent the year researching, writing articles and gathering photos which publication manager Marianna McJimsey, designer Stormy Burns and editor Caroline Vulgamore are preparing for publication. Barbara Arnest, editor of the original volume, wrote the foreword. The booklet will be available at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee: 125th Anniversary Celebration

Members: Liz Aiken, Betty Enderson, Judy Jones, Jean Keeley, Katy Lapp, Pam Marsh, Jeanne Stiles

The idea for forming this committee came from a reception for former board members after our Annual Meeting in 2012. Originally called the Dream Committee, its goal was to "dream" about ideas for programs and activities to celebrate the 125th anniversary of WES in 2014.

The committee met in January 2013 to address and mail over 300 questionnaires to former WES scholars, hoping to generate interest in their returning to campus to help us celebrate our anniversary as well as to update information about themselves.

Results from this mailing, along with other ideas, will be discussed with the 2013-2014 Program Committee to help plan activities leading up to and including the Grand 125th Anniversary Celebration in April 2014.

Because many of their dreams could actually come true, they agreed to officially change their name to the Anniversary Committee and will remain active until the lights are dimmed and the party is over . . .

Finance Committee

Chair: Beth Zautke
Board Members: Elaine Derbenwick, Penny Dokken,
Trish Eccles, Barbara Mitchell, Candace Santa Maria,
Shirley Woolley

The Finance Committee evaluates the operating budget, monitors the endowment and determines funding available for scholarships. The Board of Managers' goal is to provide scholars with no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. The value of the WES scholarship for academic year 2013-2014 will be \$6,154 per scholar, over 11% of the cost of attendance. The total amount to be paid for 21 scholars will be \$129,234.

The Board created the Mary G. Slocum Founders Grant Fund this year to recognize the 125th Anniversary of WES. This fund will match the Bryson Fund amount that WES is allowed to spend each year in addition to the annual scholarship award. These limited funds are available for distribution to scholars to supplement study abroad, education-related expenses at Colorado College and block-break trips or projects. The WES Scholarship Committee awards these funds after an application process has been completed and recipients approved.

Since the 1990s, John W. Bristol and Company has managed the WES endowment. It was valued at \$3,199,163 as of December 31, 2012, an increase of more than 10% over last year.

We will again support 5 incoming freshmen, an Anniversary Scholar and 15 returning scholars for academic year 2013-2014. This would be impossible without our Fundraising Committee and the loyal support of members and friends. We congratulate the entire WES community on its efforts to maintain the value of WES scholarships. All memberships are greatly appreciated and funds paid above the \$25 Dues Level directly support scholars.

Fundraising and Special Projects Committee

Chair: Lana Coffman

Board Members: Sue Graham, Sharon Rice, Shirley Woolley

Members-at-Large: Cathy Lewis, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell

Van Briggle Tour Chair: Sue Graham

The WES Tour of the Van Briggle Pottery was once again successful. Receipts from this event came to \$1749. Additionally, sales from Van Briggle products amounted to \$529.

Van Briggle Products Chair: Cathy Lewis

The market for Van Briggle cards, books, and bookmarks remains strong. In addition to sales at the Van Briggle Tour, receipts from the Colorado College Craft Fair were \$733.

Cathy Lewis will retire from this position following the WES Annual Meeting on April 25, 2013. The WES Board thanks Cathy for her enthusiasm, service and dedication.

WES Trip Chair: Sharon Rice

Sharon Rice, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell, and Lana Coffman led two trips in 2012—the first, “Trappin’ and Tradin’ at Bent's Old Fort” and the second, “Along the Old Spanish Trail.” These fundraisers added \$7000 to the Scholarship Fund. The committee plans another trip for June 2013 to northern Colorado, “Ranches, Foundries, Peaks and Science.”

The ending balance of the Fundraising and Special Projects Fund on March 31, 2013 was \$23,081.83.

Membership Committee

Chair: Barbara Mitchell

Members: Sue Dilloway, Candace Santa Maria, Shirley Woolley

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Activities and initiatives of the committee:

The committee sent welcome packets to new employees at Colorado College which included a letter, a WES membership brochure, a copy of the recent *Newsfocus* and an invitation to an upcoming event.

The WES database was submitted for certification throughout the year thus insuring that labels generated for all mailings would be updated and current.

The committee continued to reply to pertinent email messages and to all WES voice mail messages.

Shirley Woolley and Candace Santa Maria updated the information in the WES database regarding former scholars. The Ad Hoc Anniversary Committee mailed a survey to 330 former scholars. A total of 75 surveys were returned. The Membership Committee sent a follow-up mailing to 23 scholars who requested membership brochures. Many former scholars will participate in the 125th anniversary celebration.

Sally Metzger from the Nominating Committee and Membership Committee Chair Barbara Mitchell joined forces and mailed approximately 30 letters to a variety of prospective community members including members of Congress, senators, local government and The White House.

Letters were mailed in November to members who had not paid dues or made contributions in 2012. Tax acknowledgment letters were mailed in January 2012.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Sally Metzger

Board Members: Beatrice Jefferson, Beth Zautke

Members-at-Large: Marge Colgan, Jeanne Stiles

This committee along with the Membership Committee mailed over 30 letters and membership brochures to community leaders explaining WES, inviting them to become members, and encouraging them to consider joining the board. No new board members resulted from these letters or from repeated requests to current and former board members and staff at the College. As a result, our board is now made up of 12 active members, down from a previous high of 30. We have been unable to fill any board vacancies since June 2012.

The following were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 25, 2013:

Nominating Committee 2013-2014:

Chair: Shirley Woolley

Members: Sue Graham and Beatrice Jefferson

Members-at-Large: Janet Strauss and Caroline Vulgamore

The following slate of officers was presented at the Annual Meeting and will be voted upon at the WES Board Meeting on May 2, 2013:

Co-Presidents: Lana Coffman and Beth Zautke

1st Vice President: Diane Benninghoff

2nd Vice President: Sue Graham

Recording Secretary: Shirley Woolley

Corresponding Secretary: Rhonda Heschel

Treasurer: Barbara Mitchell

Assistant Treasurer: Elaine Derbenwick

The following board members resigned before completing their two terms of service: Penny Dokken, Trish Eccles, Andrea Pacheco.

The following board members completed six to nine years of service and left the board at the end of June 2013: Sue Dilloway, Sharon Rice, Sally Metzger, Caroline Vulgamore.

Publicity Committee

Chair and *Newsfocus* Editor: Rhonda Heschel

Board Member: Caroline Vulgamore

Member-at-Large: Yolanda Lyons

The Publicity Committee with the assistance of former board member Andrea Pacheco and Sue Graham, chair of the Van Briggle Tour, worked hard this past fall to advertise the tour that took place on September 15th. We posted the event on online community calendars and sent public service announcements to local radio stations. The tour was listed in the *Gazette*, the *Cheyenne Edition* and the *Woodmen Edition*. Over 100 publicity fliers were distributed around Colorado Springs. Signs were also hung at the Van Briggle site. We had a successful year and appreciate everyone's hard work to make the tour a special event as always.

We have been regularly updating the WES website with photos and listings of future events. Yolanda Lyons keeps the site current. WES is also on Facebook with events and photos posted for members and friends.

The WES newsletter, *Newsfocus*, was published in September 2012 and January 2013 featuring information about the scholars as well as WES activities. We greatly appreciate graphic artist Keith Emmons who is a wonderful asset to our newsletter production team.

Program Committee

Chair: Sharon Rice

Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Lana Coffman,
Meg Chojnacki, Caroline Vulgamore

Scholar Tea - September 13, 2012

The Scholar Tea was held in the beautiful ambiance of Stewart House. Colorado College President Jill Tiefenthaler greeted scholars. Meg Chojnacki presented certificates to the five freshmen. Chloe Edeal was named the Marianne Stoller Scholar.

Fall Luncheon and Program - October 30, 2012

CC Professor of Film and New Media Studies, Scott Krzych, presented examples of political media and led a discussion on how technology impacts political ideas in election campaigning and in new media reporting.

Winter Afternoon Program - January 24, 2013

Dr. Ryan Banagale of the CC Music Department explored how George Gershwin's music became popular and has lived on in new and dramatic ways in today's world. Dr. Banagale not only performed but also provided film clips of early and contemporary uses of Gershwin's music.

Annual Meeting - April 25, 2013

WES collaborated with the Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies and their Aficionados Program for a joint event. UCCS Professor Janice Gould gave the Women in the West Lecture: "*Doubling and Dreaming: Native American Women Write about the West.*" Senior scholars were recognized and shared future plans.

Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Diane Benninghoff, Meg Chojnacki

Board Members: Elaine Derbenwick, Sue Graham,

Laura Hagler, Beatrice Jefferson, Caroline Vulgamore

Members-at-Large: Linda Boyles, Bea Fox

Details about a productive year for the committee:

Selected and notified new scholars – recruited and assigned mentors. Facilitated selection of the Marianne Stoller Scholar from among freshmen.

Provided photos and stories on scholars for both issues of *Newsfocus*.

Held Cornerstone Arts Center Welcome Event at New Student Orientation in August for new scholars and their families.

Organized Scholars' Tea at Stewart House in September.

Invited scholars to Van Briggles Tour fundraiser in September.

Encouraged scholars to attend fall luncheon and winter afternoon programs.

Sponsored December chili supper for scholars and WES Board at Tutt House.

Distributed goodie bags to scholars at start of each semester.

Held February "Real Life 101" pizza night with financial planner Linda Leitz.

Attended the Colorado College Scholarship Appreciation Night with scholars and co-presidents.

Invited scholars to the joint Women in the West Luncheon and Annual Meeting. Seniors gave brief statements of thanks and discussed future plans.

Will present scholars elected to Phi Beta Kappa with a key from WES.

Board of Managers 2012 - 2013

Co-Presidents – Caroline Vulgamore, Shirley Woolley

First Vice President – Sue Dilloway

Second Vice President – Sharon Rice

Recording Secretary – Trish Eccles

Corresponding Secretary – Elaine Derbenwick

Treasurer – Barbara Mitchell

Assistant Treasurer – Beth Zautke

Immediate Past Co-Presidents – Sally Metzger, Jeanne Stiles

Diane Benninghoff	Trish Eccles	Barbara Mitchell
Meg Chojnacki	Sue Graham	Sharon Rice
Lana Coffman	Laura Hagler	Candace Santa Maria
Elaine Derbenwick	Rhonda Heschel	Caroline Vulgamore
Sue Dilloway	Beatrice Jefferson	Shirley Woolley
Penny Dokken	Sally Metzger	Beth Zautke

The Woman's Educational Society Scholars 2012-2013

Anniversary Scholar, Class of 2013

Meg (Lauren) Simon Cincinnati, Ohio

Seniors, Class of 2013

Brianna Traxinger	Anchorage, Alaska
Tsipora Prochovnick	San Francisco, California
Maia Wynn	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Hillary Zeiss	Middlebury, Connecticut

Juniors, Class of 2014

Penuel Bickley	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Tiffany Cardenas	Aurora, Colorado
Erin Conner	Englewood, Colorado
Claire McNellan	Boulder, Colorado
Dominique Saks	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Sophomores, Class of 2015

Justine Camacho	Aurora, Colorado
Anna Kiskan	Fairbanks, Alaska
Anna (Da) Lee	Apple Valley, Minnesota
Mackenzie Mulligan-Buckmiller	Manitou Springs, Colorado
Florita Villigrana	Denver, Colorado

Freshmen, Class of 2016

Amairani Alamillo	Fountain, Colorado
Tessa Allen de Oliveira	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Chloe Edeal	Corrales, New Mexico
Kayla Fratt	Ashland, Wisconsin
Devon Lucero	Pueblo, Colorado