



WOMEN IN
AEROSPACE
2009 OFFICER SLATE
BIOGRAPHIES

President - Elect: **Daryle E. Lademan**

Daryle has 15 years experience in defense, aerospace, and aviation-related consulting, including market analyses, competitor assessments, policy and regulatory tracking, acquisition strategy development, candidate screening, and business due diligence. She is currently a Director at CSP Associates, Inc., a leading provider of strategic and transaction advisory services to the aerospace and defense industry. Prior to that, Daryle led the commercial aerospace and aviation practice of the Avascent Group (formerly DFI Corporate Services), a long-standing corporate supporter of Women in Aerospace and a top defense and aerospace consulting firm based in Washington, DC.

Daryle has served as an independent advisor on political and communications strategy to the Airline Pilots Security Alliance, a non-profit organization focused on improving aviation security. Daryle is also active in several professional development organizations and served a 2-year term as the Vice President for Membership of Women in Aerospace in 2006-2007.

As a NASA Space Grant Graduate Fellowship recipient, Daryle earned an M.A. in Science, Technology and Public Policy from The George Washington University. She also holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Central Florida. At both of those institutions, she learned the value of having outstanding professional mentors. She still counts Dr. John Logsdon, the founder of The George Washington University's Space Policy Institute and a true space policy luminary, and Dr. Joan Johnson-Freese, a preeminent voice on civil and military space programs (who just so happens to be a woman!), as important figures in her professional development.

I attended my first WIA event as a tentative first-year graduate student in 1993. It has been incredible to see how the organization has evolved over the years, and it was an honor to contribute to that evolution in a small way as Vice President for Membership in 2006 and 2007. I am seeking the office of President-Elect because I would like to play an even greater role in WIA's continuing transformation from a highly capable but relatively small organization into an even more expansive professional network covering the full spectrum of our industry. WIA has opened many doors to both professional opportunity and life-long friendship for me. I want each and every one of our members – tentative grad students and seasoned professionals alike – to experience the full benefits of WIA. I would be humbled to serve shoulder-to-shoulder as deputy to an outstanding President, Merrie Scott, in 2009 – then as President in the first year of a brand new decade.

Vice President for Programs: **Sara Fuentes**

I am the legislative administrator for Alliant Techsystems (ATK) Washington D.C. Operations. ATK is a \$4.1 billion advanced weapon and space systems company. As the legislative administrator, I support the Washington Operations Congressional Team by performing research and analysis, attending educational panels and Congressional hearings, and coordinating strategy on member request items.

I graduated from Princeton University in 2005 with a BA in Politics and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. I focused on international relations and defense policy within my major, and a summer internship in the Legislative Affairs office of the State Department sparked my interest in Congressional relations. My minor in Women and Gender Studies made me concerned about the multitude of issues facing women in the working world. Networking organizations like WIA that promote healthy debate and mentorship programs create positive experiences for both women just entering the workforce and experienced men and women who want to make the journey easier for those coming after them.

After college, I received a MA in Security Policy Studies with concentrations in National Security and Defense Policy Analysis from The George Washington University in 2007. While a full-time graduate student, I also began working at ATK as an assistant and research associate before my promotion to the Congressional Relations team.

While at ATK, I have become immersed in a full range of aerospace activities, as ATK supplies commercial, civil, and defense aerospace products to a variety of environments with different needs and goals. Working for a company that reaches so many markets has given me a well-rounded view of the aerospace world and the diverse set of issues, policy decisions, and emerging technologies that affect aerospace industry and policy, which would contribute to expanding the types of panel discussions that the WIA programs committee hosts.

I have been involved with WIA since 2006, and I want to become more involved in an organization whose mission I respect. As a colleague of then-WIA President Erin Neal, I assisted with the 2006 WIA Awards Ceremony by researching past-WIA Lifetime Achievement Award winners. In 2007, I assisted with logistics during the Awards Ceremony. As a member of the WIA Programs Committee, I have also helped organize two Programs Events this year in addition to working on the Awards Ceremony Committee. Every aspect of my participation has been rewarding, and I would like to increase my commitment to help an organization that has been supportive of so many people.

WIA has been the most welcoming and encouraging professional organization that I have been a part of since I came to D.C., and serving WIA as Vice President of Programs would provide the opportunity to help shape the direction of an organization that I care about. My experience and education, which has covered the civil, military, and commercial aspects of the aerospace industry, would provide a strong foundation from which to develop programs, panels, and other events that would appeal to WIA's diverse membership.

Vice President for Professional Development: **Carol Aragon-Smith**

Carol Aragon-Smith is extremely strategically focused and agile as Boeing Information Technology Sr Management for CNO Enterprise Specialized Operation and Support Systems Operations Integration Team. My base location is Palmdale Edwards Air Force Base, and West Hills CA with a current TSSBI Security Clearance, including a wealth of management communication experience and systems\data mobilization in the Classified Network Centric Operations of Defense Flight Test Operations and technical Information Systems business architectures. Excels in developing innovative solutions to accelerate and leverage new business process technologies in dynamic arenas for the Information Communities and Centers of Technology Excellence. Strong advocate of team /people leadership inspiration and technical expertise with a strong focus on business integration for various military programs, priority digital implementation and solutions mobilization as aligned to major ABUs Customers from Missile Defense Systems, Army Systems, NASA Systems, DARPA and Air Force Systems across greater Boeing Company for domestic and international locations.

Carol has provided strong Information Technology team\product centric leadership across Air Force Systems and NASA Systems Programs for Network Centric Communities of Operation and Integration across Engineering, Supplier Management, Manufacturing, over several years with extreme growth of NCO technologies, CRADA agreements and military partnerships across multiple customers to attain and achieve tremendous recognition in meeting and exceeding advanced customer centric service delivery targets, high value, lean low cost deliverables, with laser like focus on accelerated customer satisfaction.

As a strong team player, Carol possesses a wide range of Boeing IT leadership team experience with strategic program emphasis in communication to all Executive and Non-Executive leadership team members to meet emergent requirements across programs and partners for major business units (ABU) and remote ABU locations while stabilizing large technical solutions within classified data center locales including continued focus on process/resource optimization across the Boeing Company.

I am currently seeking an office on the greater Women in Aerospace organization as Vice President - Professional Development. I have a wealth of experience to offer with an affinity toward enrichment, growth and professional development of many women in the Engineering Operations Technology field to nurture and assist others in achievement of their personal aspirations especially those individuals from diverse backgrounds. I am a strong woman leader who has been assisted over the years to enrich my own career aspirations and would highly desire to return this through engaging with other women leaders across the Aerospace industry to achieve further greatness in the field of leadership, personal development, technical knowledge, scientific methods and process experimentation.

My current role encompasses Operations Site responsibility, accountability and authorities for many geographically distributed Boeing Integrated Defense Systems Information Technology professionals located around the greater Boeing Co and virtually engage frequently to collaborate, communicate and connect air, ground, sea and space while inspiring individual growth on a professional and personal team level every day.

Secretary: **Stephanie Schierholz**

Stephanie Schierholz is a public affairs specialist at NASA Headquarters in Washington. She answers media queries and coordinates, plans, organizes and directs the release of programmatic information about NASA missions and agency information. Stephanie advises senior management on strategic media outreach and serves as public affairs officer to the NASA administrator and deputy administrator at media interviews and speaking engagements. Stephanie is attending Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business to earn an International Executive MBA.

Previously, she was the director of communications for the Space Foundation. While there, Stephanie also served as the manager of communications and media relations, the communications associate for the Coalition for Space Exploration, and the manager of space awareness and policy initiatives. Stephanie has bachelor's degrees in English and Business Administration, Public Relations.

I have been the secretary of Women In Aerospace for the past year and am thrilled to be a part of its ongoing efforts to engage women in the broad spectrum of aerospace issues. I believe in WIA's mission, and I would be honored to remain in this position and use the next two years at WIA to expand opportunities for and visibility of women in the diverse areas of the aerospace industry.