



WIG at Work

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New Year, New Women In Government Conferences

Registration for WIG's 2019 *National Legislative Conference-Chicago* is **OPEN!**
Join with Women In Government as we bring together women state legislators and policy experts to engage across a variety of top issues and network with each other in the Windy City

Where:

The Blackstone Hotel – Chicago, Illinois

When:

1p.m., Thursday, June 13-11:30a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2019

[Board Luncheon Meeting: Saturday, June 15th after the conference adjourns]

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Legislator Travel Scholarships are available!

For program, support, and visibility opportunities, please contact
WIG Executive Director, **Lucy Gettman**

Not a legislator? Please contact **Laura Blake**, Outreach & Development Manager
for additional registration options

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WIG conference updates & see if WIG is coming to your state soon!

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As Women In Government looks to the future, we would like to thank you for your support and hope you will consider including WIG in your year-end charitable giving! Your generous donation will help us provide policy resources to current and emerging women legislative leaders!

Donate today online on our website or our Facebook page!

WELCOME TO ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED WOMEN LEGISLATORS!

Welcome to the over 500 newly elected women state legislators across the country! We cannot wait to help you serve your district and state. Women In Government is here to provide you with policy resources and an incredible opportunity to network and collaborate with other women legislators from across the country.

We hope that you'll come and get to know us at a state event or national conference in 2019!



Fast Facts: 2018 Election of Women

- In 2019, at least 2,088 women will serve in state legislative offices across the country
- In 2019, the proportion of seats in state legislatures held by women will be at least **28.3%**
- **Nevada** becomes the first state to have **majority** representation of women in its state legislature with **47.6%**; followed closely by **Colorado** with **45%**

** Data Provided by The Center for American Women and Politics



WIG BOARD DIRECTOR REP. LAUREN MATSUMOTO GIVES ADVICE FOR WOMEN STARTING OUT IN THE LEGISLATURE IN GOVERNING'S WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT PODCAST

If you haven't listened to **Governing Magazine's: The 23% Conversations with Women in Government** you should check it out now! WIG's incoming Board Secretary, Rep. Lauren Matsumoto (R-HI), shares some incredible advice for women just starting out in the state legislature!

Women In Government events and resources have long been a way for women legislators to learn from each other and seek

Listen to the Podcast

PEARLS OF WIGDOM

State Sen. Nancy Todd (D-CO) and Outgoing Board Chair

As I step away as the chair of Women in Government, I reflect on guiding principles for how I seek to reach solutions:

"Let us not seek the Republican answer, or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." - John F. Kennedy

Thank you WIG for the opportunity to serve our board and organization. God Bless each of you as we seek PEACE and LOVE for every American!!

Celebrating Our 30th "Pearl" Anniversary



Did you miss any of this years "Pearls of WIGdom"? No worries, you can look back on a year of inspiration quotes and advice from women state legislators! [Head to our website to re-read them all.](#)

SHE LEADS: WOMEN AND THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

In a new post-election poll released by the Women & Politics Institute at American University and the Benenson Strategy Group, voters expressed confidence that women will work collaboratively to break through gridlock and deal with the country's problems.

Findings included, "72 percent of women voters find the increase in female representation "exciting" and 66 percent says it's a "good thing."

[Check Out The Full Report Here](#)

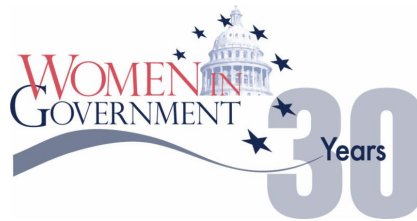




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