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# 2017 Women in Leadership Symposium

## Board of Trustees Presentation



American Water Works Association

**Pacific Northwest** Section

We encourage women to take an active role in rising to meet the challenges ahead for the benefit of their careers, the industry, and our community.



**The 2017 Women In Leadership Planning Committee (from left):**  
Dianne Pottinger, Grizelda Sarria, Kelly Boswell, Lish Moreau, Erika Schuyler, Lara Kammereck, Darcie McAlister, Katy Isaksen, Laura Reed, Colleen Petilla, Kimberly Kelsey, Ann Hajnosz





## Keynote speakers



**Brenda Lennox**

President-elect, AWWA



**Nav Otal**

Utilities Director, City of  
Bellevue



**Damaris Toepel**

Lead Integration Engineer, SpaceX



**Libby Barg**

Instant Polling, President, Barney & Worth



Sue Bennett

Building Leadership Skills Through Service



Dr. Jill Gross

Conceptualizing and Addressing Conflict in the Workplace



Leadership Panel

Candace Au-Yeung, Kimberlie Staheli, Linda McCrea, Nancy Davidson



Monica Van der Vieren

Interpretation as a Communications Tool for Capital Projects

# Skills Building Sessions







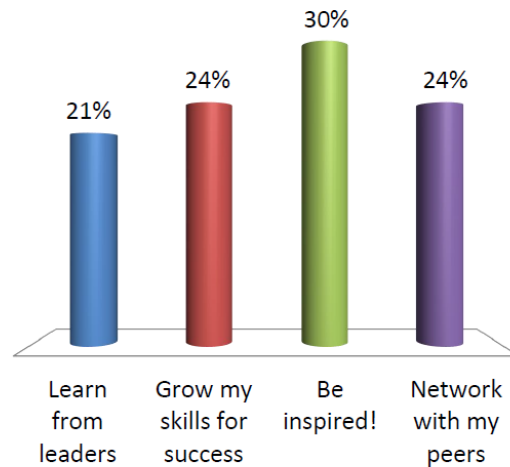


*“ All food and beverage items were awesome. ”*



## I am here today to... (multiple answers allowed)

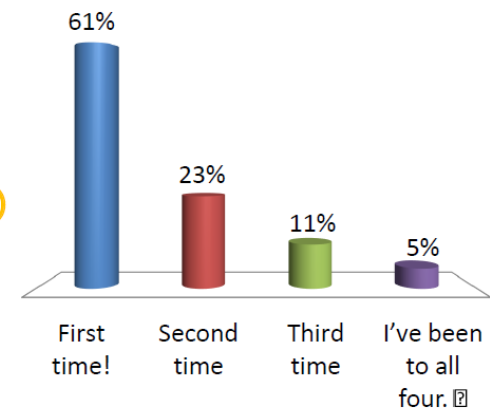
1. **Learn** from leaders
2. **Grow** my skills for success
3. **Be inspired!**
4. **Network** with my peers



*// Great event. I have attended all 4 in this area and reserve my allocated seminar/training budget to be able to attend. //*

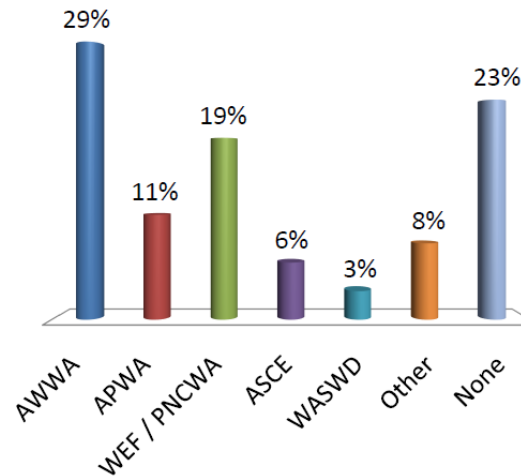
## This is the \_\_\_\_ time I have attended:

1. First time!
2. Second time
3. Third time
4. I've been to all four. 😊



## I am a member of: (multiple answers allowed)

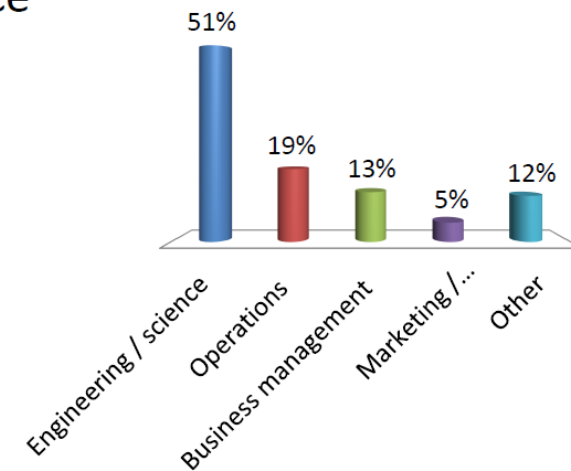
1. AWWA
2. APWA
3. WEF / PNCWA
4. ASCE
5. WASWD
6. Other
7. None



// [most valuable part of event was] The opportunity to meet other women in our field and to learn together to build a strong and collaborative culture. //

## My work focuses on:

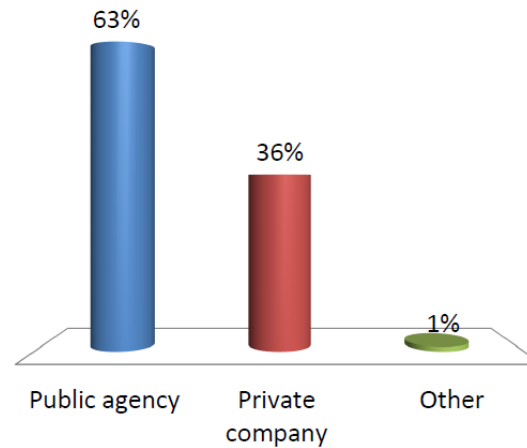
1. Engineering / science
2. Operations
3. Business management
4. Marketing / Communications
5. Other





## I work for a:

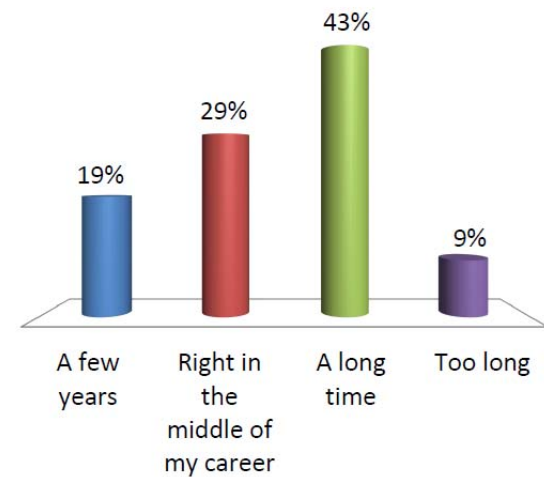
1. Public agency
2. Private company
3. Other



*“The stories and experiences of leaders in the industry coupled with the perspective that the next generation of leaders bring.”*

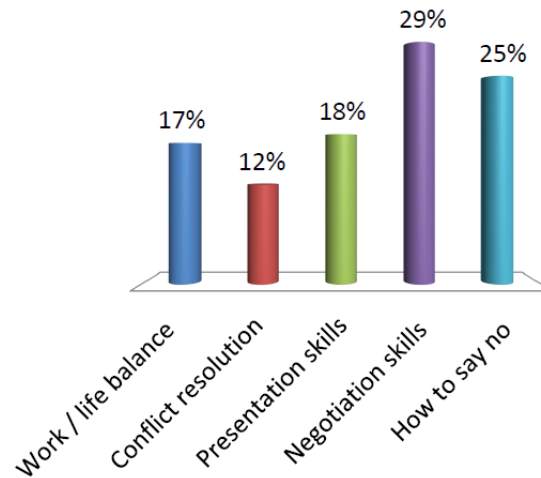
## I have been in my field for:

1. A few years
2. Right in the middle of my career
3. A long time
4. Too long



## Topics I would like to hear about next year: (multiple answers allowed)

1. Work / life balance
2. Conflict resolution
3. Presentation skills
4. Negotiation skills
5. How to say no

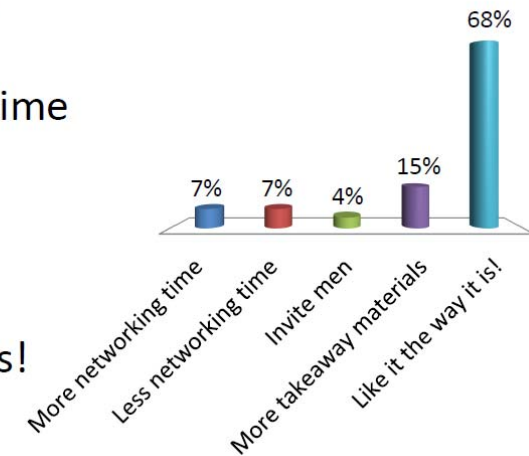


*// I dread networking in a big room of people. I would like to see more structured networking (i.e., small group) or active networking (i.e., large group activity). //*

*// I would like to learn more about negotiation tactics. //*

## What is the best ways to improve this event?

1. More networking time
2. Less networking time
3. Invite men
4. More takeaway materials
5. Like it the way it is!



# Women In Leadership Through The Years

Year	Location	Attendees	Theme
2014	Pickering Barn, Issaquah, WA	91	None
2015	Brightwater Education Center, Woodinville, WA	131	Blazing New Paths Locally to Globally
2016	Mercer Island Community Center, Mercer Island, WA	149	Get Inspired, Be Bold, Now Rise to Meet the Challenges Ahead
2017	Mountaineers Program Center, Seattle, WA	161	Shaping Our Tomorrows



Promoting Leadership of Future Generations



*“The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has continued to amaze me with their intent to pioneer and challenge the boundaries that we all face as individuals and organizations of the water field. Their event, Women in Leadership, focuses on creating a support network for women within the field; the intent being to acknowledge the existence of tribulation and focus on the tools to be successful. [...]*

*The Women in Leadership conference inspired and effectively transformed my daily intent as a passionate water professional. I undoubtedly encourage engagement in and support for this event.”*

*-Lisa Windom, Soil and Water Resource Science  
Graduate Student, Oregon State University*



Planning for the 2018 Women In Leadership Symposium is Underway!

