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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear WID Colleagues:

These last few months have been a whirlwind, haven't they? I hope you've been able to join us for our September workshop or one or more of our sold-out fall luncheon. As we go to press there is every indication that the December, January and February events will also be well-attended.

Wow! I am so grateful to our hard-working Luncheon, Special Programs and Sponsorship Committees, which have planned these wonderful programs, recruited fascinating speakers and moderators, and secured our venues, dates and sponsors.

At these events, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you about the challenges in our field that accompany the gyrations of our economic landscape. Some of the best strategies I've heard have come from my fellow WID members. I encourage you to get to know your peers, trade ideas, and pose your questions at our events—I know you will get insightful responses.

The best way to get to know other members, of course, is to work together. As most of WID's important work is done by volunteers, there are numerous committee and board opportunities for those willing to devote their time and talent. If you would like to join us in working to make WID an even stronger organization, please sign up by completing the volunteer sign-up form available within the members only area of our website. Please include specific skills you can contribute and an area in which you'd like to work, and we'll connect you with a committee, as vacancies arise. In my experience, working with other women in our field has been richly rewarding. Committee and board work provides opportunities to build strong

friendships and lasting and trusted peer relationships that can further careers, broaden experience and spark your thinking.

I very much look forward to seeing you on January 20th for our WID New York Event: "I to I: A Structured Networking Experience." There is limited space, so sign up early. Until then, I wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season, and a new year filled with promise.

Sincerely,

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