

The Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College 2007-2008

Annual Report of the President

119th Annual Meeting, April 24, 2008

To all members and friends of the Woman's Educational Society:

This report summarizes the activities of the committees and officers of the WES Board of Managers for the year **May 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008**

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION:

- I. Membership statistics as of December 31, 2007
 - A. Regular members..... 134
 - B. Life and Silver Special members..... 152
 - C. Former Scholars..... 19
 - D. Ex-officio 2
 - TOTAL..... 307

- II. Board of Managers accounts as of March 31, 2008
 - A. Operating Funds \$ 3,109.74
 - B. Dorothy P. Bryson Special
Special Student Assistance Fund \$ 9,462.49
 - C. Fundraising and Special Projects..... \$ 22,466.85
 - D. Marianne Stoller Tour Account \$ 8,844.34

- III. Market value of the Endowment Fund as of March 31, 2008
(Composed of both the Irrevocable and Revocable trusts
– Margaret Cook and Sadie Hinch, WES General
Accounts and the Anniversary Scholarship Fund)
.....\$2,521,113.51

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WES 2007-2008 YEAR

WES members present at the 118th Annual Meeting on April 26, 2007 elected the following new board members Kalah Fuller, Connie Dudgeon, Tomi-Ann Roberts and Terry Guillory (resigned). The following members will serve a second 3-year term: Marge Colgan, Spot Holmes, Pam Marsh, and Jeanne Stiles. New board members to be voted on at the annual meeting: Carrie Allen, Rhonda Heschel, Shirley Wooley and Penny Dokken. The following have served open spaces on the board and will now start their own first three-year term: Mary Kay Carlson and Caroline Vulgamore. Melanie Melcher, Sylvia Nolte and Gerri Anne Reed started serving on the WES Board of Managers in open spaces at the January, 2008 meeting. Welcome!

At the Annual Meeting held April 24, 2008 the following slate of officers was presented to be voted on: President - Vicki Nycum, First Vice-President – Pam Marsh, Second Vice-President – Sally Metzger, Recording Secretary – Kathy Holmes, Corresponding Secretary – Caroline Vulgamore, Treasurer – Linda Boyles, Assistant Treasurer – Melanie Melcher.

- April 30-May 7, 2007 High Peaks and Deep Canyons Tour with Dr. Marianne L. Stoller
- May 3, 2007 Scholars' Picnic at home of Nancy Wenzlau
- May 25, 2007 WES Board end of year dinner at home of Lesley Flaks
- July 24, 2007 WES Joint Board Meeting to plan the upcoming year
- September 5, 2007 Fall *Newsfocus* Mailing
- September 15, 2007 Van Briggie Pottery Tour
- September 17, 2007 Scholars' Tea at Stewart House
- September 28, 2007 Membership Mailing
- October 2, 2007 WES Scholars' Luncheon for freshman scholars hosted by Colorado College Dean's Office
- October 3-8, 2007 The Pueblo Indian and Spanish Colonial Worlds of New Mexico Tour with Dr. Marianne L. Stoller
- October 29, 2007 Chili party for scholars hosted by WES Board of Managers' member Kathy Holmes
- November 8, 2007 Fall Luncheon with WES Board of Managers' member Tomi-Ann Roberts speaking
- November 29, 2007 Scholarship Fund Campaign mailing
- December 8, 2007 Goody bags prepared and delivered to WES Scholars
- February 1, 2008 Published and mailed Winter *Newsfocus*
- February 27, 2008 WES/Aficionados "Women of the West" Luncheon with WES Board of Managers' member Anne Hyde speaking
- April 3, 2008 Goody bags prepared and delivered to WES scholars
- April 24, 2008 Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- May 1, 2008 Scholars' Picnic at home of Nancy Wenzlau
- May 2, 2008 Spring Luncheon with special program followed by an exclusive pre-opening tour of the new Edith K. Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center
- May 10-17, 2008 California Mission Tour with Marianne Stoller
- Please read the committee reports for complete details of all these wonderful activities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a privilege to represent the Woman's Educational Society of The Colorado College as president. My first year of presidency has been a year of learning and growing to appreciate the complexity of the board. I now have a better understanding of the time and effort that the board members put into WES activities to continue the excellence of the organization. I want to thank everyone for the support, encouragement, and friendship that I have experienced this year.

The board members are very special women with various talents and interests. They are a dedicated set of women, with remarkable skills and backgrounds. We are so fortunate that board members work to achieve the purpose of WES: to bring women of the community and The Colorado College together; to give assistance to the students of The Colorado College; and from time to time undertake programs and projects that will benefit The Colorado College, particularly the women of the college.

Please read the reports by the committees to learn what WES has achieved this year. As always our focus is primarily concerned with WES scholars. The Scholarship Committee did an excellent job creating situations that promoted interaction between board members and scholars. I consistently hear WES scholars state that they enjoy and appreciate the activities that WES provides to them and the fellowship between board members and scholars. Students enjoy the various opportunities to attend picnics, a chili party, and luncheons. The goody bags at Christmas and spring break are a special treat for them.

The Finance Committee continues to evaluate the operating budget, monitor the WES endowment fund and determine the amount of money available for scholarship awards. The total sum of the scholarships, which includes both tuition and book allowance, has increased consistently over the past years. For academic year 2006-2007, the value of a WES scholarship was \$4,650. During this academic year of 2007-2008, WES set the scholarship award at \$5000. We intend to increase our scholarship amount to \$5,206 for the academic year 2008-2009. Scholars are especially happy with the book allowance. In 2007-2008 book allowance was \$936 and we estimate book allowance to be \$988 in 2008-2009.

We continue to evaluate and be vigilant with the endowment fund, in order to maintain optimum returns. This year an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review management and policy of the fund. We concluded that Bristol should continue to manage our endowment fund. The Ad Hoc Committee was disbanded.

The Fund Raising/Project Committee has worked to enhance the endowment fund which continues to support our scholars. A second mailing, requesting donations for the fund moved us closer to our goal of \$100,000. The Van Briggie Pottery Tour and the sale of note cards with pictures of the pottery building brought in more money. The Marianne Stoller tours continue to be another source of cash to place in the endowment fund.

The Program Committee provided us with many opportunities to learn while enjoying luncheons. We learned about Little Bratz: The Sexualization of Girls; the history of pioneer families; the current and future plans of our scholars; and the Edith Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center. The Program Committee also put on a wonderful Scholars' Tea.

The other committees worked hard with excellent results. We increased our number of memberships through the effort of the Membership Committee. The Nominating Committee provided us with new board members willing to help continue to provide opportunities for scholars and for learning. Members of the Publicity Committee were especially active with getting the word out about our projects as well as publishing two editions of the *Newsfocus*.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The officers of the board are members of this committee. We met on July 24, 2007, to decide committee leadership and membership activities.

Finance Committee

Co-Chairs: Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell and Janet Strouss

Members: Connie Dudgeon, Lesley Flaks, Kayla Fuller, Ann Hecox, Lillian Mallory, Pam Marsh, and Vicki Nycum

The WES Finance Committee is comprised of nine members whose purpose is to evaluate the operating budget, monitor the WES endowment and determine the amount of money available for scholarship awards. The committee reports to the Board of Managers whose determinations are based on the recommendations of the committee. The Board of Managers' goal is to provide the scholars no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. For the current year 2007-2008, the value of the WES Scholarship is \$5,000 with \$4,064 allotted to tuition and \$936 allotted to book allowance. During this year we will have paid \$105,000 toward 21 scholarships. The cost of tuition, room and board will be raised again for the 2008-2009 academic year by approximately 5.6%. We intend to increase the value of the WES scholarship for 2008-2009 by 4%. The value of the WES scholarship for academic year 2008-2009 will be \$5,206, 11% of the total estimated cost of attendance, with \$4,218 allocated to tuition and \$988 allotted to the book allowance. Next year WES will allocate \$109,326 for scholarships.

The WES endowment fund is currently managed by John W. Bristol and Co., Inc. We moved the management of our fund to Bristol in the 90's, following the lead of Colorado College. Currently all of the WES funds outside our operating funds are held and managed by Bristol. The management by Bristol has been satisfactory.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed in the spring of 2007 to review management and policy of the WES endowment. The Ad Hoc Committee concluded that our policies would remain the same and that we will continue to evaluate and be vigilant with the investment management of the WES endowment.

We are proud to continue to increase the value of the WES scholarship again this year. Our ability to do this would not be possible without the wonderful efforts of our Fundraising Committee and all the loyal support of our members and friends. We especially appreciate everyone who has participated in the Scholarship Fund Campaign, Dr. Marianne Stoller's Tours; Van Briggie Pottery Tour; and the purchase of note cards. All memberships are greatly appreciated and funds paid above the \$25 level go directly to our scholarship fund.

Fund Raising/Project Committee

Co-Chairs: Linda Crissey (resigned), Pat Cole and Catherine Lewis

Members: Mari Benzin (resigned), Linda Boyles, B Fox, and Phyllis Hurley

2007-2008 was a year of successes and reorganization for the Fundraising/Project Committee. Linda Crissey had to resign from the WES board for personal reasons but continued to contribute to the work of the committee. Pat Cole assumed the co-chair position. Catherine Lewis was co-chair for the entire year.

Linda Crissey organized a very successful and well attended Van Briggles Pottery Tour that was held September 15, 2007. In addition to the tour, note cards with pictures of the pottery building were sold. These are also available at WES meetings and functions.

A Scholarship Fund Campaign letter was sent November 29, 2007 with very positive results. We are nearing our goal of \$100,000.

Dr. Marianne Stoller, Professor Emeriti of Anthropology at The Colorado College, again led exciting and educational tours. The May 2007 group visited the Four Corners area, and in October 2007, another group explored the Pueblo Indian and Spanish Colonial Worlds of New Mexico. A trip to the California missions leaves the beginning of May 2008. Dr. Stoller's tours continue to grow in popularity bringing awareness of WES as well as much appreciated income for the scholarship fund.

We are working on the 2008 Van Briggles Pottery Tour which will be September 13, 2008, celebrating the centennial of the pottery building.

Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Courtney Arnstein and Sally Metzger

Members: Lesley Flaks, Kalah Fuller, Cathy Lewis

The committee met on August 6, 2007 to discuss ways we could encourage new memberships and reward existing ones. We agreed on issuing membership cards with expiration dates on them. Renewal reminder cards will be sent if members expiration dates have passed without our hearing from them. We replaced our donation acknowledgment postcards with separate personalized letters of thanks to be mailed when members paid over and above the \$25 dues amount. Members-Only 10% discount certificates from The Colorado College bookstore are now available to members. And, last but not least, we also decided on providing a Members-Only drawing, free of charge, at each of our luncheons, the winning ticket holder to receive a gift basket filled with delightful items for the winner's enjoyment.

In September we did a more personalized mailing, separate and apart from the *Newsfocus* mailing. This brought in new members and reminded former members to renew.

The *Newsfocus* will still feature a membership sign-up sheet.

Nominating Committee

Co-Chairs: Courtney Arnstein and B Fox

Member: Lesley Flaks

Members-at-Large: Betty Enderson (resigned) and Linda Hall (resigned)

In November the committee met to discuss possible candidates for the three positions left by resignations of Terry Guillory, Linda Crissey and Mari Benzin. In December the board voted to accept the following new board members:
Gerri Anne Reed – partial term expiring 2010
Melanie Melcher – partial term expiring 2010
Sylvia Nolte – partial term expiring 2009

In December the board also voted to fill two new board member positions. In March the board voted to fill one new board member position. In April a fourth board member was approved. Lesley Flaks, Ann Hecox, Anne Hyde and Courtney Arnstein completed their second term. Their positions were filled by Rhonda Heschel, Shirley Wooley, Penny Dokken and Carrie Allen.

Marge Colgan, Spot Holmes, Pam Marsh and Jeanne Stiles will serve a second 3-year term, expiring in 2011. Mary Kay Carlson and Caroline Vulgamore who were filling unexpired terms, will begin their first 3-year term, expiring in 2011.

New Board members to be voted on at the annual meeting are:

3 year-term (expiring 2011): Carrie Allen, Rhonda Heschel, Shirley Wooley and Penny Dokken.

Board Members to be reelected at the annual meeting are:

Second 3-year term (expiring 2011) - Marge Colgan, Spot Holmes, Pam Marsh and Jeanne Stiles. First 3-year term (expiring 2011) – Mary Kay Carlson and Caroline Vulgamore

Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 to be voted on at the annual meeting:

Co-Chairs – Janet Strouss and Sally Metzger

Member – Marge Colgan

Members-at-Large – Courtney Arnstein and Anne Hyde

Slate of Officers for 2008-2009 to be voted on at the annual meeting:

President – Vicki Nycum

First Vice-President – Pam Marsh

Second Vice President – Sally Metzger

Recording Secretary – Kathy Holmes

Corresponding Secretary – Caroline Vulgamore

Treasurer – Linda Boyles

Assistant Treasurer – Melanie Melcher

Program Committee

Co-Chairs: Linda Boyles and Sharon Rice

Members: Mary Kay Carlson, Sue Dilloway, Spot Holmes, Anne Hyde, Connie Patterson, Tomi-Ann Roberts and Caroline Vulgamore

The committee met periodically throughout the year to discuss invitations, speakers, luncheon menus, and other details.

WES Scholars' Tea – Wednesday, September 17, 2007

The Scholars' Tea was held at 3:00 p.m. at Stewart House. Eleven WES scholars attended. Vicki Nycum welcomed everyone and introduced Jacqueline Lundquist, the wife of the The Colorado College president. Jacqueline shared historical information on Stewart House. Pam Marsh and Jeanne Stiles introduced the scholars and presented the Marianne Stoller scholar. Thank you to tea servers, greeters, Courtney Arnstein for pictures and Sue Dilloway for taking care of the tea service.

Fall Program – Thursday, November 8, 2007

A family-style selection of salads was provided at the fall luncheon in Gaylord Hall. Over 85 people attended and heard WES Board Member, Tomi-Ann Roberts speak. Her passionate presentation, "Little Bratz: The Sexualization of Girls," was enthusiastically received.

Women-of-the West, Aficionados Luncheon – Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Anne Hyde, WES board member and Director of Southwest Studies, gave an interesting talk about a book that she is writing on the history of several pioneers and their families. This was held in conjunction with a luncheon that WES co-sponsors with the Aficionados.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon – Thursday, April 24, 2008

Sue Dilloway will work with the Scholarship Committee to provide scholars to speak at this event. All scholars will provide a brief update on their current and future plans. Vicki Nycum will host the business portion of the meeting which includes voting on new board members, officers, and Nominating Committee members.

Spring Luncheon – Friday, May 2, 2008

We will have our exclusive, pre-opening tour of the Edith Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center after a luncheon and short presentation in Gaylord Hall. The spring luncheon was rescheduled from April 1 to May 2 because of construction delays.

Publicity Committee

Co-chairs: Marge Colgan and B Fox

Members: Mari Benzin (resigned), Mary Kay Carlson, Pat Cole, Spot Holmes, Phyllis Hurley, Connie Patterson, Jeanne Stiles and Caroline Vulgamore

Newsfocus

Lists, soliciting suggestions for articles for the fall edition of the *Newsfocus*, were circulated during the May and June board meetings. The Publicity Committee met in the summer of 2007 at the home of B Fox to seek volunteers to be responsible for tasks for the 2007-2008 WES year. During that meeting articles for the fall edition were chosen and the work began. The proofing process began with a committee meeting and then fine tuning was done by Marge Colgan, Helen Richardson and B Fox. Keith Emmons, graphic artist for The Colorado College did the setup and the CC print shop did the printing. The *Newsfocus* was in the mail by September 5, 2007. The winter edition of the *Newsfocus* was accomplished in the same manner as the fall edition and was in the mail by February 1, 2008. The articles for fall and winter editions of the *Newsfocus* were all written by scholars, Marge Colgan, B Fox, Jeanne Stiles, Spot Holmes, Connie Patterson and Caroline Vulgamore, along with Kathy Holmes, Linda Crissey, Judy Burdick, Marianne Stoller and of course our president, Vicki Nycum. To produce the *Newsfocus* is hard work, but it is an interesting and enjoyable project for this committee.

Publicity

To encourage a profitable Van Briggles Pottery Tour in September, a huge effort was put into the publicity for the tour. Mari Benzen and Caroline Vulgamore headed up a wide spread campaign to get publicity. Local newspapers, small publications, local TV, local radio and out of town newspapers were engaged to promote the tour. Fifty posters were distributed in Pueblo, Castle Rock, Denver and Colorado Springs. This was an extreme commitment by the Publicity Committee and they did a great job.

The other big publicity surge was conducted for the Marianne Stoller's trip to the Missions of California in May, 2008. Posters were distributed. Advertisements were listed in the Denver Post, Colorado Springs Gazette, The Independent and small neighborhood publications. Advertisements were also put in the local Catholic publications and the CC website.

Light advertising was also done for luncheons and other WES events.

Mary Kay Carlson contacted Lisa Matthews from The Cheyenne Edition. An interview was conducted by her with Marianne Stoller, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell, Vicki Nycum and Mary Kay Carlson present. A front page article was issued in April about WES and its tours. A picture of Marianne Stoller and Linda Crissey was part of the article.

Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Pam Marsh, Jeanne Stiles

Members: Marge Colgan, Sue Dilloway, Connie Dudgeon, Ann Hecox, Kathy Holmes, Anne Hyde, Sally Metzger, Vicki Nycum, and Tomi-Ann Roberts

Community Representative: Helene Knapp

In May our committee approved a request from Emily Houston for \$500 to be used in the fall for her studies in Costa Rica. Following the May 4 board meeting, the spring picnic was held at Nancy Wenzlau's as a last get-together with the scholars before the end of the year. Lyria Shaffer-Bauk was selected for Phi Beta Kappa and a key was presented to Lyria from WES during graduation weekend.

In June letters were sent to the incoming freshmen scholars asking for a biographical sketch and a picture for the fall issue of the *Newsfocus*. Included in the packet sent was a copy of the previous year's *Newsfocus*, a copy of *A Quiet Work*, and a letter of welcome.

At the August committee meeting, welcome notes were written to all scholars, including a schedule of fall events and an invitation to the Scholars' Tea. Mentors were selected for the incoming freshmen as well as scholars whose mentor had left the board. A list of the scholars, their campus Worner Box numbers, and phone numbers was prepared for the September board meeting. The committee decided to have a chili party for the scholars again this year in October.

The September Scholars' Tea, hosted by Jacqueline Lundquist, was well attended by eleven scholars and many WES members. Framed certificates were presented to the incoming scholars with special recognition to our newest Marianne Stoller Scholar, Lauren Hinckle. The scholars were invited and encouraged to participate in the Van Briggle tours in September.

In October, Ginger Morgan and the Dean's Office hosted a luncheon for our five new scholars at the Worner Center. The luncheon provided a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another, the scholarship committee, and several key leaders from various areas of the college. On October 29, the Board hosted a chili supper with nine scholars and seventeen members attending. Surveys were sent to all upper class scholars to gather information for an article to appear in the winter edition of the *Newsfocus*. Our committee approved a request and awarded \$500 to Amanda Shaub for her International Service trip to India over winter break.

Invitations were sent to the scholars for the November luncheon and program presented by Tomi-Ann Roberts. Eleven scholars attended this event. In December after the board meeting, committee members prepared "goody bags" for each scholar and delivered them to the Worner Center mail room for the girls to receive. Erin Anstadt requested additional funds for her class, Chinese in China, next summer. The committee voted to award her \$500 to help with her expenses.

In February mentors were encouraged to remind their scholars of their invitation to the Women-of-the-West luncheon, featuring Anne Hyde as the presenter. Ten scholars came to the luncheon. The committee voted to award Rachel Pizzie \$500 to help with her expenses when she travels this summer to Tanzania for a Comparative Literature course, Hemingway in East Africa.

The Scholarship Committee met in March and read twenty files of incoming freshmen to choose candidates for our new scholars next fall. Five were offered scholarships and the rest were ranked. John Gudvangen from the Financial Aid office will send us the list of our new freshmen scholars as soon as possible. The committee will meet again in April to read up to five files of upper class transfer students who will be eligible to be the Anniversary Scholar next fall. At the March Board Meeting it was decided to increase the scholarship grant for the 2008-2009 academic year to \$4,218. The book allowance was increased to \$988, bringing the total sum to \$5,206 allocated to each of the twenty WES scholars as well as the Anniversary Scholar.

At the April Board Meeting, the Scholarship Committee assembled “goody bags” for each scholar. The bags were taken to the Worner Center mail room for delivery to the girls. At the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on April 24, 2008, the seniors will be recognized with the presentation of a copy of Bob Loevy’s book, *Colorado College: A Place of Learning 1874-1999*, and a year’s membership in the Woman’s Educational Society.

The Colorado College hosted The Seventh Annual Scholarship Appreciation Dinner on April 9, 2008. Nine WES scholars attended to thank the Woman’s Educational Society for opening doors and enriching lives. Three WES board members attended the function.

The Board will host the spring picnic for the scholars on May 1, 2008.

BOARD OF MANAGERS 2007-2008

President – Vicki Nycum	Corresponding Secretary – Lillian Mallory
First Vice-President – Lesley C. Flaks	Treasurer – Janet Strouss
Second Vice-President – Linda Boyles	Assistant Treasurer – Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell
Recording Secretary – Kathy Holmes	Immediate Past President – Lesley C. Flaks

Courtney Arnstein	Mary Kay Carlson	Pat Cole
Marge Colgan	Sue Dilloway	Connie Dudgeon
B Fox	Kalah Fuller	Ann Hecox
Spot Holmes	Phyllis Hurley	Anne Hyde
Catherine Lowis	Pam Marsh	Melanie Melcher
Sally Metzger	Sylvia Nolte	Connie Patterson
Gerri Anne Reed	Sharon Rice	Tomi-Ann Roberts
Jeanne Stiles	Caroline Vulgamore	

THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY 2007-2008

Anniversary Scholar Class of 2008	Vanessa Roberts	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Seniors, Class of 2008	Elizabeth May Krissy Rutledge Rachel Shaffer Amanda Shaub Brittany Wheeler	Colorado Springs, Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado Albuquerque, New Mexico Heber, Arizona Golden Valley, Minnesota
Juniors, Class of 2009	Emily Houston Kyla Pellouchoud Naiara Posniak Kelsey Pullar Cayla Schreiber	Philomath, Oregon Boulder, Colorado Boulder, Colorado Bellingham, Washington Colorado Springs, Colorado
Sophomores, Class of 2010	Hannah Heckman Kameron Moding Rachel Pizzie Lauren Robertori Loren Rodriguez	Arvada, Colorado Manitou Springs, Colorado Littleton, Colorado Green Harbor, Massachusetts Ignacio, Colorado
Freshman, Class of 2011	Erin Anstadt Sarah Burdi Bailey Griscom Lauren Hinkle Eliza Scally	Salt Lake City, Utah St. Paul, Minnesota Menlo Park, California Reno, Nevada Ruxton, Maryland