

Women's Committee: Overview

New! Next meeting: Monday May 2, 2016.

New! The Women's Committee is happy to announce the renovation of two Women's Lounges. The lounges provide private, secure spaces to pump, nurse, or rest, and, to that end, are equipped with a couch, microwave, sink and small fridge. They can be reserved with an online scheduler (<http://teamup.com/ks5a7955f3982c1aa7/>), or are otherwise available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority should always be given to breastfeeding, pumping, or expectant mothers. The lounges are located on the Quissett Campus in Clark 325 and on the Village Campus through the 2nd floor Ladies washroom in the Redfield building. Please contact the Women's Committee (womens-committee@whoi.edu) with any questions or feedback.

New! The WHOI Women's Committee is pleased to announce the [WHOI Community Wiki \(WHOIKI\)](#), an online hub for sharing non-scientific, everyday life information that is useful to both new employees and current employees. We welcome your suggestions for new content, which can be submitted through the contact/submit page. Please share this resource with new folks who have joined your department!

Established in 1973, the Women's Committee at WHOI is an elected committee responsible for considering matters of special concern to women. Its primary [charge](#) is to be a forum for the ideas and concerns of women associated with WHOI (see Charter below). Each member is charged to make herself aware of pertinent issues and to be accessible to the women around her, to better represent them in the committee.

The eight-member committee represents all women at the Institution: Joint Program Students, Post-docs, members of the Scientific, Technical, and Exempt Administrative Staffs, and members of the Graded Administrative and Research Staffs. The group meets monthly for discussion of current concerns and for planning occasional seminars and annual [activities](#) such as:

- Celebration of Women's History Month in March
- Coordination and selection of the [Linda Morse-Porteous Award](#)
- Annual social event with guest speaker
- Coffee hours

The annual election for the two-year term takes place in the fall, and is announced through the WHOI Headlines and also the mailing list women@whoi.edu. The monthly meetings are open to all employees, and the [minutes](#) of the meetings are posted on the website.

Members of the Committee may be contacted by sending email to the Women's Committee mailing list at womens-committee@whoi.edu. Additionally, the mailing list women@whoi.edu can be used for sending messages to all female employees at the Institution. To have the list updated to include all eligible recent hires, contact Eric Cunningham at CIS.

Please note that both lists are for internal (WHOI) use only. Inquiries from outside the Institution should be directed to the Information Office at information@whoi.edu or to the Human Resources Office at hr@whoi.edu.

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2009 Women's Committee Annual Dinner. (Photo by Tom Kleindinst, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)



Women's Committee Networking Coffee Hour in the REMUS Lab in December 2008. (Photo by Tom Kleindinst, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

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In 2008, the Women's Committee hosted a "Women of WHOI: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" event with a panel consisting of Laurie Murphy, Danielle Fino, Amy Kukulya, Amy Bower and John Farrington. (Photo by Tom Kleindinst, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)