

## Women's Committee: Overview

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. 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 as: [womens-committee@whoi.edu](mailto:womens-committee@whoi.edu). Please note that this list is for internal (WHOI) use only. Inquiries from outside the Institution should be directed to the Information Office at [information@whoi.edu](mailto:information@whoi.edu) or to the Human Resources Office at [hr@whoi.edu](mailto: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)

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