Committee Chair Spotlight

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Name

Jen Sampson

Please select the name of your committee:

Grants

Describe the role of your committee at IWCF.

The grants committee at IWCF is responsible for awarding non-profits financial grants to assist them with future projects. The committee is tasked with reviewing grants requests, selecting finalists for site visits, interviewing non-profits through the site visits, and ultimately vetting and selecting the non-profits who will appear on the spring ballot. In 2019 over 75 members of IWCF were members of the grants committee and we love having so many members input and insight throughout this process. We take our job pretty seriously on the grants committee because we are ultimately selecting the best recipients of any given year to receive IWCF's pooled funds.

Does your committee have any needs or roles to fill? Describe.

Yes! The grants committee is always looking for members to participate and we can be the place for you if you only have a few hours a month or an hour a week for three months. The grants process really kicks off in January and we wrap up before spring break at the end of March. If business and finance is your acumen we have a business and finance committee that reviews all the grants and non profits for risk and sustainability. If you like to lead a group being an IA (Interest Area) Lead might be a good fit. This person leads an interest committee that evaluates the proposals, organizes site visits and recommends to the ballot. If you would like to participate come join us on a grants interest area committee. You can participate as your schedule allows and there are usually only 2-3 in person meetings and 1 or 2 site visits during the grants cycle.

Why are you a member of IWCF?

I love being around smart, interesting and fun women and those are certainly the kind of ladies I've met through IWCF. And, I love the idea of pooled giving and using a group of people to make a big impact.

What are your top 5 strengths (from StrengthsFinder)?

Strategic Communication Self-Assurance Arranger Responsibility

What is one thing you cannot resist?

Tomatoes straight out of the garden

What is your favorite thing to do?

Well, I have three so .. maybe traveling while eating and reading?? :)

If you could take a two-week long vacation anywhere, where would you go?

Patagonia and Antarctica

What is one of your favorite books or authors?

I love Wally Lamb but I read Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owen this winter and loved every page.

Tell us something about yourself that might surprise us.

I can knit.

Favorite quote(s)?

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Ghandi

What have you seen lately that made you smile?

Boise in the spring!! It's so green!

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