
The American Agri-Women (AAW) “Champion of Agriculture” award was given to Senator Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Representative Greg Walden of Oregon’s 2nd district during the AAW Fly-In. This award recognizes members of Congress who have displayed exemplary courage in presenting and supporting legislation that promotes American agriculture, rural American lifestyles, and the United States Constitution. The Champion of Agriculture award is a bi-partisan award open to both houses and both parties.

Senator Heitkamp was nominated by Karolyn Zurn, Minnesota Agri-Women president. Heitkamp has served as Senator since 2013. She immediately became a proven Senator who worked across the aisle towards protecting and enhancing agriculture, energy, oil production, nutritional issues, gun rights in true North Dakota style.

Senator Heitkamp is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, where she has been fighting for America’s farmers and ranchers. She works tirelessly to make sure they get the resources and support they need to continue to feed our nation and the world. Additionally, Senator Heitkamp is a member of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth, and Energy Innovation. In this position, Sena-

2016 AAW Fly-In Deemed Great Success

By Ruth Jensen, 2016 Fly-In Chair

The 2016 American Agri-Women (AAW) Fly-In and Symposium drew more than 60 participants from 37 states over the four-day event. Fly-In was packed with activities, meetings and receptions beginning with a historical monument tour followed by a nuts and bolts orientation where seven AAW Legacy Kids were introduced. It was at orientation where we engaged in a final review of the priority issues for the organization, which included Agricultural Labor, WOTUS, Clean Air Act, and Tax Simplification. We added the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) at the last minute, just in case it came up in conversation. Throughout the week, every agency we visited brought up TPP.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was our first stop Monday morning where we were welcomed by Allison Weiderman, chief of the Office of Water, along with other EPA officials, including the Office of Pesticides and the Office of Animal Waste Management. While they all summarized hot topic issues within their respective EPA divisions, of particular interest was their candid responses to the many questions brought forth by our members. It was appreciated and refreshing to get direct answers. We were reminded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that the 2014 Farm Bill includes a mandate that an Agricultural Advisory Committee be formed within EPA so that the agricultural community can officially review and comment on all policies being considered by EPA that affect farm and ranch operations.

Some of us met at the White House Office of Trade with U.S. Trade Representatives (Agriculture) and (Public Engagement) about TPP. As the meet-

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President’s Report

Dear AAW members,

Summer is nearing its end; how fleeting it is. At this moment I am writing from the Minnesota State Fair, where I spend 12 days out of the year advocating for agriculture and educating 750,000 fair visitors and many folks in the media and their followers about cattle, dairy and beef, through my work at the Minnesota State Fair Moo Booth and Milking Parlor. This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Moo Booth, several thousand square feet of educational kiosks and activities that introduce people to cattle from farm to table and give them an opportunity to meet people — farmers, allied industry people and 4-H and FFA members — who work with cattle. It is an incredible opportunity and responsibility to reach so many of our consumers who are curious and concerned about where their food comes from and how their food is raised/grown. Up to 18 hours a day, we are answering both simple and complex questions from our consumers. I know that many of you have similar opportunities at your state and county fairs and festivals.

Speaking of advocacy, we had an excellent Fly-In. AAW members met with elected officials and government agency staff to deliver AAW positions in support of agriculture and rural America. In addition to the great turnout of AAW members, we also had a record number of AAW Legacy Kids participate this year. The involvement of these children demonstrates that AAW is committed to the future of this country and agriculture.

Thank you to all who invested their time, energy and resources to make Fly-In 2016 happen.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with so many terrific people in my role as your president. While I would like to list all of you by name, space does not permit, but I would like to give some examples of the wonderful people that I have had the pleasure to work with in recent months.

• The 2016 Leadership At Its Best (LAIB) class with 18 tremendous women from across the country — one word: WOW! You are going to hear a lot more from these ladies in the years ahead.
• Colorado Agri-Women — I attended the Colorado Agri-Women’s annual meeting in Limon, CO, and enjoyed marvelous fellowship in painting barn quilts and we had a excellent discussion on how to move their affiliate forward during their meeting the next day. My barn quilt is proudly decorated in this moment I am fleeting it is. At this moment and many farmers in all 50 states. You can follow her using several social media platforms — check out WhyIFarm.com for more information and watch

General Information

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The Voice is published quarterly by American Agri-Women as a service to members. Contact Jane Marshall, VP Communications (information above). Deadlines: December 1, March 15, June 15, September 10.
out for Natalina, she may be coming your way!

I also wanted to recognize your officer team and the many AAW committees that have been hard at work on many fronts to continue to improve our organization, our advocacy, our communications, our education, our networking and more. We hope that you take the time to learn more about these activities by keeping up with the organization through this newsletter, the member communications, our website, Facebook and Twitter. If you have a gift or talent that you would like to share in moving the organization forward, please let us know.

We also appreciate the support from outside the organization that helps to enhance our member’s experiences and allows us to grow as an organization. The fundraising committee has been working hard on developing new relationships and enhancing existing ones with organizations that share our vision. Please watch for updates as we move forward in developing these relationships.

Just a reminder on how fleeting time is: AAW Convention will be here before we know it. We hope that you can join us and be “A Force for Truth” at our annual meeting and convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, November 17–19. We will have some big news to share with you then.

Until we meet a convention I hope that you enjoy what remains of summer and that you have a safe and fruitful harvest.

Doris Mold

Leadership At Its Best

By Doris Mold

American Agri-Women Leadership At Its Best (LAIB) is an advanced leadership development program that is offered through the cooperation and sponsorship of Syngenta. This year’s LAIB program was held April 2-5 in Greensboro, NC. Nineteen American Agri-Women from across the nation were selected to participate in the program that provided training in: communication styles, public speaking and presentation styles, media interviews, social media, business etiquette, and becoming a transformational leader. Participants also had the opportunity to learn more about AAW and how they can become more involved.

Participants invest their time and a commitment to American Agri-Women, their AAW affiliates and agriculture, in return for the investment made in them. We appreciate Syngenta’s support in helping to further develop Agri-Women leadership.

This year’s LAIB class included Maria Azevedo, California Women for Agriculture; Katie Brenny, Minnesota Agri-Women; Janeene Brown, Western Nebraska Agri-Women; Kaitlin Butterfield, Ohio Agri-Women; Kristina Church, Illinois Agri-Women; Emilee Currie, Maine Agri-Women; Krystal Doolittle, Iowa Agri-Women; Jessica Jensen, Oregon Women for Agriculture; Lisa Lacey; Minnesota Agri-Women; Kristi Miller, Oregon Women for Agriculture; Cheryl Osterloh, Nebraska Agri-Women; Mallory Phelan, Oregon Women for Agriculture; Jenna Pralle, Colorado Agri-Women; Donnell Scott, Kansas Agri-Women; LeeAnn Torkelson, Minnesota Agri-Women; Cassie Walls, Virginia Agri-Women; Erin Ruth Williams, Illinois Agri-Women; and Mallorie Wippel, Ohio Agri-Women.
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ing went on it became clear that the goal for the Trade Representatives was to sell us on TPP. I don't think they realized that we were on top of this subject as we asked the tough questions that had them scratching their heads for answers. Questions such as: how will food safety standards be assured, knowing full well most countries cannot meet Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)? How will specialty crop varieties, patents, copyrights, and trademarks be protected? How will tariffs be managed and controlled? Can currency manipulation really be challenged? What courts will be used for violation claims? ...to name a few. These and more questions were met with weak responses, including assertion that the TPP includes “soft” language when it comes to compliance. The Trade Representatives claim there are over 200 organizations signed on in support of TPP and hoped that AAW would sign on but alas, AAW has opted not to take a position on TPP. Of interest, we were hosted for a visit at the Embassy of New Zealand. Considering TPP was their brainchild, much of the discussion was about the history and original vision of TPP.

Wednesday, at USDA, was another successful day. Deputy Undersecretary Alexa Taylor shared highlights of USDA efforts and made a pitch for TPP. She also encouraged AAW to get the word out to our peers that now is the time to begin submitting our wish list for the 2018 Farm Bill because they are already working on developing the various moving parts. We also met with Val Dolcini, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA); and Hubert Hamer, Administrator of National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). We held an “Open Mic” lunch in the USDA private dining room and heard from Dr. Barbara Glenn, COO of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Agricultural Labor Specialist Lynn Jacquez, Esq.; and Craig Regelbrugge, who gave us an update on immigration issues.

In wrapping up the 2016 AAW Fly-In, I want to take a moment to thank the entire Fly-In planning team for your outstanding contributions throughout the year and during the event. Everyone brought their unique talents to the table to ensure a successful Fly-In. Bravo!

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ator Heitkamp oversees and helps shape the direction for renewable energy and economic development policies for rural America.

AAW president Doris Mold says of this award, “We are thrilled to recognize Senator Heitkamp as one of our 2016 Champions of Agriculture. She has been a steadfast supporter of agriculture and is most deserving of the award.”

Rep. Walden was nominated by Oregon Women for Agriculture. He has served as Representative since 1999. Rep. Walden’s district is the largest in the state and among the ten largest districts in the nation. In 2015, the whole nation became more familiar with his district’s agriculture and rural communities because of port issues, forest fires, the sage grouse listing, the Hammond family arrests, the Owyhee Monument proposal and the Malheur County occupation.

Rep. Walden has often been referred to as an advocate for agriculture but with these issues on the table he truly has been able to prove it this past year. For a sample of his thoughts and passion for his district, watch this video of his address to the US House, January 5, 2015, in response to events in Malheur County: youtube.com/watch?v=bx40cLdWE90

Eastern Oregon Women for Agriculture President Josie Miles says, “Many of these issues are ongoing and many battles are just starting to be fought but we are lucky to have Rep. Walden in our corner.” AAW secretary and OWA member Arlene Kovash says, “Whenever Oregon agriculture has spoken out for help, Representative Walden has been there. Greg grew up on an orchard in The Dalles so he knows first-hand what it means to be in agriculture and it is obvious that agriculture has a special place in his heart.”

Top, from left: OWA President Debbie Crocker, OWA Secretary Emily Duerst, OWA member Emily Crocker, AAW President Doris Mold, Rep. Greg Walden, OWA Treasurer Tracy Duerst, and AAW Secretary Arlene Kovash. Above, from left: AAW President Doris Mold, Senator Heitkamp, Minnesota Agri-Women President Karolyn Zurn, AAW First Vice-President Heather Hampton-Knodle and Bond Knodle in front.
Fly-In this year was an incredible experience! There were many different people and many different combinations of people from the same family. The best part of this is each person has a different perspective. Several people were kind enough to give us their perspective on Fly-In and what it meant to them to be there and to be there with the people they were with.

Ardath DeWall

Past President Ardath DeWall has the perspective of history. She says, “Our AAW Fly-In to Washington, D.C. has been my favorite activity as a member of American Agri-Women. I have been attending probably about every year since the event was organized in 1986. At first it included the Executive Committee, Affiliate Presidents and Committee Chairmen, and then all AAW members were encouraged to attend. Chris Wilson planned and organized the first Fly-In and several since then.

“Since 1994, American Agri-Women Past Presidents’ Council presents an annual Symposium of rural issues to members, consumers, policymakers and members of the media during Fly-In. The diverse panel of experts on the related subject offer their perspective on the issue. Audience members have the opportunity to ask direct questions.”

Lesley Schmidt

Lesley Schmidt has a unique perspective. She says “As the newly elected president for Kansas Agri-Women (KAW), I believe nothing beats the power of a personal, face-to-face connection and offering to be a reliable agriculture resource. We hear over and over, legislators want to hear from “real people.” They want to hear our story, know what our opinions are, and learn about our personal experiences.

“AAW Fly-In is one of my personal favorites; it gives one the opportunity to meet and discuss agricultural issues and policies with not only AAW members, but with legislators, federal agencies, and a variety of professionals in the Washington D.C. area.

“I hope to grow up and make a real difference, as my grandma’s friends do.”
—Chase Janu, 2016 Legacy Kid

Ashlee Williams

Legacy Kid Ashlee William brings an entirely different perspective. She reports, “The Fly-In for Washington D.C. was an experience that I will never forget. It was a once in a lifetime chance for me to be able to get to go to the capital of our nation. I was told about the chance to go by my Grandma (Marcie) Williams and thought that it would be a great thing to do because of that fact that we would be going to Washington D.C. and I had never gone there before. It was because of this scholarship that I was given the chance to go to Washington D.C. for less than what it would have been originally to and I am very thankful for the Trenna Granbowski Legacy Kids Fly-In scholarship and I would like to thank the American Agri-Women (Foundation) for awarding me the scholarship.

“This is a great time to tell the true story of American Agriculture and remind consumers agriculture is part of all of us. Whether you are an individual in agribusiness, farming, ranching, the president of your affiliate or someone who is passionate about agriculture, I encourage you to share YOUR ag story.”

“Once Grandma and I flew into D.C. we had a day for sightseeing before we had to meet with the rest of the American Agri-Women for the tour of Arlington Cemetery. Grandma and I went to many landmarks that I have only ever dreamed of seeing. I had read so much about many of the monuments that I was excited to see them up close and to be able to get pictures of them. Monday
was an experience for me. I am a farm girl who never really wears anything besides jeans and boots, and there I was wearing dress clothes that made me feel very uncomfortable, but I had to wear them so I could not complain.

“It was because of this trip to Washington D.C. that I also got to have more time with my Grandma Williams. Out of my grandmothers, she is the one that I think I have the closest relationship to. I really enjoyed being able to spend the trip with her and being able to experience Washington D.C. with her. It was even more memorable because it was my first time in D.C. and I was able to spend the entire time with Grandma Williams while seeing the capital of our nation. It was because of this trip that I have quite a few new memories that I will hold onto that Grandma Williams have created just between us. This trip was something that I would never wish could happen any other way than it did and I am thankful for the time and experiences that I had on this trip with Grandma Williams.”

Chase Janu

Legacy Kid Chase Janu has an almost exclusive perspective. Chase says, “I was lucky enough to be able to visit the capital of the United States along with the American Agri-Women. Everyone fits right in even if you are a guy. When we were on the tour of monuments I was used as an example by the tour guide. He pointed out that many soldiers were only my age, 14. The women, many moms and grandmothers, visited with me, learning about my life and background. I thought it was so cool to visit with my Representatives in the House and Senators. I got my picture taken with them and asked questions. Congressman Collin Peterson talked about what gun he uses to hunt with. I am a hunter too and look to him to protect my rights to use firearms.

“Over the few days of wonderful experiences I grew to know how much these women in AAW make a difference within agriculture. They all seemed so smart and knowledgeable.

“I am an AAW Legacy Kid. My grandma (Karolyn Zurn) paid $100 for me to be a Legacy Kid. AAW sends me a birthday card and I am eligible for scholarships through AAW Foundation. I hope to grow up and make a real difference as my grandma’s friends do.”

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Ardath DeWall summed it all up well by saying, “Fly-Ins to Washington, D.C. have been a major part of AAW influence on national policy. Fly-In is a valuable educational experience and a great opportunity to build relationships with policymakers as well other dedicated AAW members who deal with agriculture’s vital issues.”
A Force For Truth: Convention 2016

Welcome to North Carolina!

We are thrilled to be holding the 2016 AAW Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, November 17–19, 2016 at the Embassy Suites, Cary, N.C. We are looking forward to the warm welcome that awaits us in North Carolina.

North Carolina is an extremely diverse and dynamic agricultural state, producing more than 80 commodities. Agriculture and agribusiness combine to be the state’s number one industry, contributing $84 billion annually and employing 17% of its workforce. Additionally, the Old North State is the national leader in tobacco and sweet potato production, and ranks in the top five for production of hogs, broilers, turkeys, fresh market strawberries, upland cotton, trout and catfish.

Make sure your plans include participating in the tours during National Convention for what promises to be an exciting opportunity to experience and celebrate the diversity of agriculture found in our host state.

In addition to terrific tours, we have an exciting program of sessions that will appeal to a wide range of interests including agriculture policy issues, leadership development, affiliate enhancement, skill building, networking and more. Sessions will be designed to actively engage you and there will be take-homes for your affiliate, your business/career and for you personally. Also, you will want to be present as AAW announces its next big project that will kick off at Convention.

See pages 10 and 11 for registration and schedule. We look forward to seeing you in November!

AAW Foundation News

Submit Your Events for AAW Calendar

Affiliates, chapters within the affiliates, do you need an idea for speaker gifts at your local functions or even a door prize? Here is one--- the AAW Foundation 2017 Calendars with your event listed on it along with other AAW and affiliate events. The Foundation sells these calendars and they will be available for shipment by October 15, 2016 for $10.00 each, shipping included, to the affiliates.

We need your help in two areas. First we need orders for calendars. If this is something your organization would like to do please have orders in to Deb Whalen (deb-whalen@live.com) by September 1, 2016. An invoice will be sent with the shipment to your affiliate or organization.

Second we need your events. Any affiliate that has events in 2017 are asked to send the name of the event and the city and state of where it will be held along with the DATE and time to Merlyn Verstuuyt (email: verstuyftm@gamil.com ) by September 1, 2016.

The photos for the calendar will be selected from the runners-ups from the Foundation Photo Contest.

Mini-Grants Available

The AAW Foundation is offering mini grants. We are going to offer $1,500 that can be applied for in grants that are no more than $500 each. The grants will require 50% cash match, but the Foundation’s money must be at least 10% of the project. Any of AAW’s affiliated organizations or their chapters can apply. This must be for an educational or membership activity. Grant applications are due by October 15, 2016 to foundation@americanagriwomen.org. The awards will be announced at Convention 2016 in North Carolina. The application can be found at americanagriwomen.org. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Marshall at citizenjane@me.com or 937.336.1456.

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Mahindra North America has joined American Agri-Women as a Legacy Partner, the highest level of commitment in AAW’s new sponsorship program. Mahindra is the number one selling tractor company in the world based on volume.

Several initiatives are being launched this summer as part of the partnership, including the “Mahindra Pride Daughters of Agriculture” scholarship as well as rebates to members who purchase Mahindra equipment.

The Mahindra Pride scholarship includes five $1,000 scholarships for the 2017 spring semester. The scholarships are open to any farm, ranch or agri-business woman or her daughter to pursue accredited courses in agriculture, agribusiness, leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine or any other courses directly related to agriculture.

The application deadline has passed for the 2017 spring semester, and the scholarships will be announced at AAW’s annual convention in November in Raleigh, N.C., by Cleo Franklin, Mahindra North America’s vice president of marketing and strategic planning.

“We are pleased to expand our continued support for women in ag through this partnership with American Agri-Women. A pillar of our Rise philosophy is driving positive change and supporting the development of the industry’s women leaders of tomorrow through the Mahindra Pride scholarships is vitally important to Mahindra,” says Franklin. In recognition of the important role women play in farming and agri-business, as well as your leadership and service in the industry, we are offering a special rebate program exclusively for AAW members and their families. We look forward to an enduring partnership with AAW.”

Mahindra is also offering members rebates on several products in its product line. Mahindra is known as having “the toughest tractors on earth” and the company recently launched a new line of utility task vehicles, the mPact XTV. The rebate program for AAW members runs through 12/31/16 and includes:

- $200 rebate on the mPact XTV
- $200 rebate on eMax (1500 series) and Max (2500 series) compact tractors and two qualifying Mahindra implements
- $300 rebate on mPower and mForce utility tractors (3500, 4500 and 5500 series) and two qualifying Mahindra implements

For details regarding how to redeem the rebates, please contact Arlene Kovash, AAW secretary, at secretary@americanagriwomen.org.

Watch for other updates later this year about this new partnership. Thank you to Mahindra for your support of women in agriculture.
Announcing New Partnership with Caterpillar

American Agri-Women is pleased to announce our new partnership with Caterpillar, the world's leading manufacturer of equipment for construction, agriculture, mining and other industries. Caterpillar has joined us as Legacy Partner, the highest level of commitment in AAW's new sponsorship program.

As part of the partnership, AAW recently launched its "News for You" monthly email series in June. You can access the content any time at www.americanagriwomen.org, Membership tab, Special Projects.

Keep watching your inbox around the middle of the month, through the end of the year. Caterpillar experts will share their knowledge with AAW members on such topics as:

- Improving efficiency through better management of equipment
- Training seminars on safety and the culture of safety for your operations
- Your ideas! Send them to communications@americanagriwomen.org

The emails will also feature "Toolbox Talk," which are templates you can download and share with your employees, family and friends. These safety documents will also be archived on AAW's website.

Please forward the email to anyone you think can benefit from the information and share highlights on your social media pages. Thank you to Caterpillar for your support of AAW and your many contributions to agriculture!

Upcoming Webinar Series: Best Practices in HR

American Agri-Women will be offering a three-part webinar series in best practices in hiring and HR with Kristine Ranger. For more information, visit americanagriwomen.org/webinars.

Kristine has spent the majority of her professional career educating others about food and farming. From teaching agriscience, farm safety and Ag in the Classroom lessons to writing, speaking and developing innovative solutions, she has been a strong advocate for agriculture and local food systems. Kristine is the only volunteer to be honored four times from the American Farm Bureau Federation for outstanding promotion and education programs.

Clients appreciate Kristine's down-home delivery style, keen eye for review, and unbiased analysis. Her methodology of deliberate practice impacts the entire workforce and improves performance at all levels. In other words, shift happens!

Session I, September 27, 2016, 8 p.m. EST: Evaluating, Extending and Enhancing your Farm HR Program

Participants will become familiar with the many different components that comprise an effective on-farm Human Resource program – from recruiting to disciplining – and the importance of everything in between. Upon completion of this session, participants will recognize their on farm HR deficiencies and identify ways to overcome them.

Session II, November 3, 2016, 8 p.m. EST: Addressing Soft Skills with Hardcore Strategies: How Organizational Health Impacts Employee Engagement and Retention

Participants will dig deeper into organizational strategy and health and recognize how they impact employee engagement and retention. We will explore the process used to achieve clarity in business and the consequences of not having a cohesive leadership team. You will understand how these building blocks can impact the kinds and types of employees who work for you.

Session III, December 8, 2016, 8 p.m. EST: How to Hire a Rock Star (and keep the drama queens out!)

In the final session of our three-part HR series, participants will examine a successful hiring process that can be adopted for operations of any size and understand how to implement proven practices that will help them become the envy of their neighborhood.
**Hotel Information:** We will be meeting at the Embassy Suites Raleigh – Durham/Research Triangle, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd, Cary, NC 27513, (919) 941-6066. The official agenda starts November 17, 2016. You can check in beginning Wednesday, November 16, 2016 and check out Sunday, November 20, 2016. The room rate is $134.00 per night. Please note this room rate does not include NC sales tax, currently at 12.75%. Wireless internet in guest rooms is complimentary. Please call 800-EMBASSY and reference American Agri-Women National Convention group block. Credit card information is needed at time of reservation. Individual cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to date of arrival to avoid extra charges. Please call 800-EMBASSY and reference your confirmation number. Please obtain a cancellation number when cancelling a reservation. The deadline date to make reservation is Wednesday, October 26, 2016. If you miss the cut-off date, rooms will be booked based on availability with the hotel. Reservation requests received after the deadline date will be subject to availability and prevailing rate.

**Ground Transportation:** The Embassy Suites Raleigh offers complimentary transportation to and from the Raleigh – Durham Airport. Please call them upon picking up your bags at baggage claim.

**Dress Code:** International standard business attire for meetings, receptions and banquet. For example, tailored dresses; skirts with a blouse and jacket; and comfortable shoes. Business casual for the Wednesday tour.

**Please note:** Photographs of attendees may be taken at this event. These may appear in AAW publications and in online communications. By registering for this conference, you authorize AAW the right to use any photographs taken of you for AAW communication.

**Registration:** We will contact you by email upon receipt of your registration form. If you do not hear from us within two weeks, please contact Lisa Campion, Executive Assistant at 586-530-1771 or aaw@americanagriwomen.org.

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**AAW National Convention**

**November 17–19, 2016, Raleigh, NC**

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**Affiliate**

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Do you want us to find you a roommate? □ Yes  □ No
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**To Register**

Go online to americanagriwomen.org to submit the form or mail form and payment to AAW, 142 Oak Circle, Colchester, VT 05446. Phone: 586-530-1771; email: aaw@americanagriwomen.org.
# AAW Convention 2016 Tentative Schedule

**November 17–19, 2016 • Note: subject to change. Final will be provided at registration.**

## Wednesday, November 16, 2016
- 7–8 p.m. Registration
- 8–9:30 p.m. **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 7–11 p.m. Hospitality Suite open

## Thursday, November 17th, 2016
*Breakfast on your own; complimentary by hotel 6–9 a.m.*

**Attire:** Business casual. Jeans are acceptable.

- 7:30–8:30 a.m. Registration open
- 8:30 a.m. Board buses
- 9–4:30 p.m. **Tours** with lunch onsite
- 5–5:30 p.m. **First Time Attendee Gathering**
- 5–6:30 p.m. **Foundation Meeting**
- 5:30–7:30 p.m. Registration open
- 5:30–7:30 p.m. Complimentary **Hotel Reception,** Atrium
- 6:30–8 p.m. Joint **Executive Committee and Foundation Meeting** (dinner provided)
- 6:30–8 pm **Affiliate Presidents’ Caucus** (dinner provided)
- 8–9 p.m. **Standing Committee Meetings** (Finance, Membership and Education)
- 9–11 p.m. Hospitality Suite open

## Friday, November 18, 2016
*Breakfast on your own; complimentary by hotel 6–9 a.m.*

**Attire:** Professional Business.

- 7:30–8 a.m. Registration open
- 7:30–3 p.m. Silent Auction open
- 8:15 a.m. Spouse/Guest Tour board buses
- 8:30–4 p.m. **Spouse/Guest Tour** (boxed lunch provided)
- 8–9:30 a.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 9:30–10 a.m. Break
- 10–11 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies**
- 11–12:30 p.m. **Round Table Mini-Sessions**
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. Networking lunch
- 1:30–3:15 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
- 3:15–3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. “A Force for Truth” Keynote Address by Dr. Mary-Dell Chilton, 2013 World Food Prize Laureate and Distinguished Science Fellow, Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.
- 4–5:30 p.m. **Town Hall**
- 5:30–7:30 p.m. Complimentary **Hotel Reception,** Atrium
- 6–7 p.m. Syngenta Reception for Leadership At Its Best graduates

**Dinner on your own**
- 7:30–11 p.m. Hospitality Suite open

## Saturday, November 19, 2016
*Breakfast on your own; complimentary by hotel 7–10:30 a.m.*

**Attire:** Professional Business.

- 7:30–8 a.m. Registration open
- 7:30–2:30 p.m. Silent Auction open
- 8–5:30 p.m. Trade Show open
- 8–9 a.m. **Professional Development Speaker** Break
- 9–9:15 a.m. **AAW Business Meeting**
- 10–11 a.m. Break as needed
- Noon–1:30 p.m. Lunch and **Minnesota 2017 Convention Invite**
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. **AAW Business Meeting—Moving Forward:** how tos and take home ideas, for affiliates and chapters
- 2:30–2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:30–3 p.m. Silent Auction closes: pay and pick up items
- 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Ag Media Panel and Q & A**
- 4–4:30 p.m. **Foundation Meeting (Elections)**
- 6–7 p.m. **President’s Reception**
- 7–9 p.m. **Banquet and Entertainment**
- 9–11 p.m. Hospitality Suite open

## Sunday, November 20th, 2016
*Breakfast on your own; complimentary by hotel 7–10:30 a.m.*

- 8–8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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