



AAW 2006 Convention Mentoring Program Mentor Information

Back by popular demand!!!! First time convention participants and college student attendees will be paired up with more experienced AAW members in our third convention mentoring program. This program is intended to help first time attendees and college students gain a better understanding of AAW, the convention proceedings and to give them an additional Agri-Women contact beyond those members from their affiliate.

We are looking for people willing to be paired up with a new convention attendee (college student or otherwise, or in some cases a college student who has attended convention before) to serve as a short term (Convention only mentor). Mentors provide information on what is going on at convention, supply a bit of wisdom based on their involvement in Agri-Women and generally help to welcome new folks. Since this is the first time that we have tried this and we would really like your help to make this a success.

This short term program gives new or college attendees an opportunity to meet someone that is outside of their affiliate

After your initial meeting with your mentee, you may want to invite them to sit with you at a business meeting or a luncheon, or maybe talk with them during our breaks and tours. Introduce them to other AAW members. Basically the two of you decide what type of contacts you have throughout convention. Since you have experience on your side you should make some suggestions, but if your mentee has some ideas on what she would like to do or learn please listen. This is meant to be informal and hopefully fun for both of you.

If you could come to a brief orientation on **Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m.** in the North Ballroom/Pre-Assembly area we will give you a run-down of what will be happening in a little more detail. Our first timer meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and you are welcome to attend that, as well. If you are unable to make it to this session we will have your mentee track you down at the Taste of the Tropics reception that follows. If you cannot come to the reception and would like to participate I will make sure that your first-timer knows that you are coming in later. I will then help to make sure that you connect up after you arrive.

If you have a desire to be a longer-term mentor there are AAW mentoring program applications available.

Thanks for your help with this third annual project!

Doris Mold
AAW Vice-President of Education



AAW 2006 Convention Mentoring Program Mentee Information

First time convention participants and college student attendees, who desire, will be paired up with more experienced AAW members in our first-ever attempt at a convention mentoring program. This program is intended to help first time attendees and college students gain a better understanding of AAW, the convention proceedings and to give them an additional Agri-Women contact beyond those members from their affiliate. We received rave reviews from doing this last year, so we decided to continue with the project.

While it is not a requirement for you to participate you are encouraged to do so as we think that it will add to your convention experience. However, this year, due to the large number of first timers, we may not have mentors for all who desire a mentor or mentors may have to be shared with someone else.

We are going with an informal approach. No big applications and intricate matching. We will assign you a mentor and your job is to find her and make first contact. From that point the two of you decide what your relationship will be. Your mentor may make some suggestions, but if you have some ideas on what you would like to do or learn please let her know!

We are planning the initial meeting to take place at either the First Timers meeting or during the Taste of the Tropics reception. If your mentor is unable to attend the meeting it is the mentee's responsibility to find their mentor during the convention, although they will be looking for you, as well. For those mentors who will not be at the meeting I will make sure that the mentee connects with the mentor at a later time.

If you have a desire to be a longer-term mentee there are AAW mentoring program applications available.

Thanks for your help with our third year of this project!

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