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## **A Message from WFRN President, Phyllis Moen**

### **Dear WFRN Membership,**

This is an exciting time for the Work and Family Researchers Network to convene (June 23-25, 2016 at the Capitol Hilton) in Washington, D.C., when a presidential race will be going full force. We want to showcase the fact that individual, family, organizational, state, national and international research – qualitative and quantitative -- has implications for workers' and working families' life quality as well as gender and other inequalities at all stages of the life course. The challenge is to bring scholarly evidence to bear on a wide range of policy issues. I am delighted to work with you all to build the policy case for basic as well as applied research on the work/family /gender/health interface, and to demonstrate the collective value and impact of our interdisciplinary and international field of inquiry.

WFRN was even more successful at its second (2014) conference than its first, growing in attendance, membership, and enthusiasm. Can we do even better in 2016? You can help by making suggestions to me ([phylmoen@umn.edu](mailto:phylmoen@umn.edu)) or Executive Officer Jerry Jacobs ([jjacobs@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jjacobs@sas.upenn.edu)) about the program or ways you would like to contribute to the organization. Suggestions for sponsors for the WFRN meeting would be extremely welcome. AND you need to renew your membership. This is a powerful but small organization, with a barebones staff. The officers and the members of the Executive Committee are volunteers. We need members who will both pay dues and present at the 2016 conference, as well as contribute to leading this infant organization that we all believe in.

A real plus this past year is our tie with the Community, Work, and Family Journal. This now comes free with membership. In order to ensure that WFRN is able to plan the next conference and also continue to provide you with this journal and other services (such as the WFRN website where you can post your research and find the latest news), we also would like to ask for your help in letting others know about WFRN, the upcoming conference, and sharing the call for papers. Let others know about the value of WFRN and encourage them to join and submit. We need to grow the organization!

The Call for Papers for the 2016 WFRN conference will be coming out later this spring. It will provide a broad umbrella where all kinds of scholarship should find a home: Careers, Care, and Life-Course "Fit:" Implications for Health, Equality, and Policy. The deadline for submissions will be in November 2015. This will give all members time to plan flights and get good prices on travel rates.



I am honored and humbled to be your president. Again, if you have advice, ideas, and suggestions for the program, the conference, innovative sessions, or WFRN in general, please pass them along to me or Jerry.

Cordially,  
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