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## **A Message from WFRN President, Ellen Ernst Kossek**

Dear WFRN Membership,

I am truly honored and delighted to have the privilege to serve and work with you over the next few years to help the Work and Family Researchers Network grow into its next stage as an inclusive, diverse, and visible organization for the work-life-family research and policy fields.

WFRN was highly successful at its 2012 inaugural conference due to your passion and interest in work and family issues and your support of the conference and network. WFRN has also been able to grow due to the vision, hard work and dedication of Past President and current Executive Officer, Jerry Jacobs of the University of Pennsylvania, where the WFRN is housed with a barebones staff. Director, Judi Casey has also been instrumental to the growth of WFRN by spearheading the creation of the WFRN website, managing the website content, and working with the WFRN committees. This organization also would not exist without the dedication and the start up support of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

WFRN is now evolving from a start up to a free standing membership association and we need your help in a few main ways: to keep your membership dues current, to plan to submit a proposal for a presentation or paper for the 2014 conference, and to let your colleagues know about WFRN.

The next conference dates are June 19-21, 2014 in New York City at the Millennium hotel. The Call for Papers will be coming out later this spring with a deadline in October 2013 for submission. This will give all members time to plan flights and get good prices on travel rates. If you have advice, ideas and suggestions for the program, the conference, innovative sessions, or WFRN in general, please pass them along to me.

In order to ensure the WFRN is able to plan the next conference and also continue to provide you services such as the WFRN website where you can post your research and find out the latest news, we are asking you for your help. If



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you have paid your 2013 dues, thank you so much for your support of this nascent organization. If you have not yet paid your dues, but were a member in 2012 and attended the conference, we are asking if you could please support WFRN by paying your 2013 [membership dues](#). This will ensure that we can plan a great conference for you, maintain the website, support virtual interest groups and committees over the next year, and explore new services that members may want. We also would like to ask for your help in letting others know about WFRN, the upcoming conference, and sharing the call for papers with others. The officers, elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee are volunteer members.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with all members – current and future of WFRN over the coming years to help advance research and build an international, interdisciplinary welcoming community in the work and family research and policy fields.

Best wishes,  
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