To all members and friends:

This report summarizes the activities of the committees and officers of the WES Board of Managers for the year May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Membership statistics as of December 31, 2011

Regular members.................................................................139
Life and Silver Special members...........................................118
Former Scholars.................................................................25
Ex-officio members............................................................3
Total ..................................................................................285

Board of Managers accounts as of March 31, 2012

Operating Funds ................................................................. $3,683.10
Dorothy P. Bryson Special Student Assistance Fund ........... $2,172.00
Fundraising and Special Projects......................................... $25,850.83
Marianne Stoller Tour Account............................................. $4,856.70

Market Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2011

Composed of both the Irrevocable and Revocable trusts:
Margaret Cook and Sadie Hinch, WES General Accounts and
The Anniversary Scholarship Fund................................. $2,913,796.00

2011-2012 Scholarship funds allocated to 20 scholars........ $120,000.00
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012

May 6, 2011  Scholar Picnic at the home of Pam Marsh
May 9-15, 2011  WES Tour: “Pueblo Prehistory of the Four Corners”
June 8, 2011  WES members answer phones for KRCC Membership Drive
August 24, 2011  Fall Newsfocus mailing
August 27, 2011  Freshmen Scholar/Parent Reception at The Cornerstone Arts Center
September 13, 2011  Dean Ginger Morgan New Scholar Luncheon
September 15, 2011  Scholar Ice Cream Social at Stewart House
September 17, 2011*  Van Briggle Pottery Tour
October 15, 2011  Montgomery and McGregor Halls Reception
October 19, 2011  Scholar Chili Supper at Morreale Carriage House
November 30, 2011*  Fall program: “Hold the Monkey, Please!” with Dr. Mario Montanyo
January 26, 2012*  Winter program: “In Defense of Liberal Arts Education” with President Jill Tiefenthaler
January 26, 2012  Former Board Members Reception
February 22, 2012  Scholar Game Night at Tutt Alumni House
March 1, 2012  Women of the West Luncheon with Dr. Michele Companion
March 7, 2012  Colorado College Scholarship Appreciation Dinner
April 26, 2012  WES Annual Meeting featuring presentations by Senior Scholars

*These events had record setting attendance.

Please read the committee reports for more details.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Caroline Vulgamore and Shirley Woolley

We’ve enjoyed our first year as co-presidents of WES, collaborating to help scholars and undertaking projects to benefit The Colorado College. Kudos to our hard-working board members for their commitment to fundraising, membership, nominating, programs, publicity, finances and scholarship. From last September’s Van Briggle tour, to well-attended luncheon programs and fun activities with our students, we celebrate our accomplishments.

Our focus continues to be the scholars, the diverse, talented young women we are privileged to support. They inspire us by telling us again and again how they want to make the world a better place.

As our 125th anniversary approaches in 2014, we applaud plans for a supplement to A Quiet Work. We’d like to increase our membership base, drawing from the college as well as from the larger Colorado Springs community. We look to the future to keep our mission updated and in sync with challenges to higher education.

Thanks to those of you who have remained as loyal members through the years. We value your input, and as for being “quiet” about our “work,” we might get a bit noisy!

Contact us at WES@coloradocollege.edu or by calling (719) 389-7699.
ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee

Co-Chairs: Sue Dilloway, Sally Metzger
Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Caroline Vulgamore
Members-at-Large: Barbara Arnest, Andrea Corley,
Marianna McJimsey, Jeanne Stiles

The Woman’s Educational Society will be 125 years old in 2014. *A Quiet Work* was published on the 100th anniversary of WES and will be updated in a separate, smaller booklet for the upcoming milestone. Barbara Arnest, the editor of the original, will also be editing the update.

The ad hoc committee has met twice and taken on research assignments. At a special reception for former board members held after the January luncheon, volunteers were recruited to plan the gala launch of the new publication in 2014.

Finance Committee

Chair: Cathy Wilson-O’Donnell
Board Members: Penny Dokken, Barbara Mitchell,
Connie Patterson, Marlene Smith, Shirley Woolley,
Beth Zautke

The Finance Committee evaluates the operating budget, monitors the WES endowment and reports to the Board of Managers the amount available for scholarship awards. Our goal is to provide scholars with no less than 10% of the total cost of attending Colorado College. For 2012-2013, the value of the WES scholarship is $6,000. Of this amount, $4,786 is applied to tuition and $1,214 is for books. This represents 11% of the estimated cost of attendance. During this upcoming academic year we will have paid $120,000 toward 20 scholarships.

The Board has created a new grant program for scholars in addition to the Dorothy Bryson funds. These monies come from the unused payout of our endowment and are administered by the Scholarship Committee. This is in line with the WES purpose to give assistance to CC students and benefit the college.

The endowment is managed by John W. Bristol and Company, Inc. We moved our fund management to them in the 1990s, following the lead of Colorado College. Currently the majority of WES funds outside our operating funds are held and managed by Bristol. Their management has been more than satisfactory. According to Bristol, the past year has been “one of the most volatile years in recent market history.” Our endowment was valued at $2,913,796 as of December 31, 2011.

We are able to support five incoming freshman and maintain our fifteen returning scholars. Our ability to do this would be impossible without our Fundraising Committee and the loyal support of members and friends. We congratulate the entire WES community on their efforts in maintaining the value of the scholarships. All memberships are greatly appreciated and funds paid above the $25 level directly support our scholars.
**Fundraising Committee**

Chair: Cathy Lowis  
Board Members: Meg Chojnacki, Lana Coffman, Sally Metzger, Sharon Rice, Shirley Woolley; Member-at-Large: Pat Cole

**Van Briggle Products Chair: Cathy Lowis**

Contributions from Van Briggle note cards, bookmarks and *The Van Briggle Pottery: A Walking Tour* have done well. Eleven new cards were introduced this year making a total of 44. Items were available at the September tour, luncheons, a specially arranged tour, the CC Craft Fair and the Facilities Building.

**Projects Chair: Sally Metzger**

The 2011 Van Briggle Tour was our best tour ever thanks to the beautiful new wall and the appearance of sculptor Larry Terrafranca. We took in over $3,100 in admissions for the Scholarship Fund and our tireless tour guides entertained and informed over 300 visitors.

**Tours Chair: Sharon Rice**

- “Pueblo Prehistory of the Four Corners Tour” – May, 2011  
  Professor Emeritus Marianne Stoller and assistant Sharon Rice led this tour. Twenty-six participants rode a train from Durango to Silverton, visited Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly.
- “The Wonders of Utah Tour” – October, 2011  
  Marianne Stoller, Sharon Rice, and renowned geologist and photographer Gary Ladd accompanied 25 participants to Hovenweep and Monument Valley. We continued on to Goulding’s Trading Post, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands and Arches National Park.
- Dr. Marianne Stoller has announced her retirement from providing WES trips. A committee formed to pursue future trips without her. We will host a 2½ days trip to Bent's Fort in June 2012 with guest lecturer Mark Gardner.
- We are pleased that our 2011 trips raised over $6,000.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

**Membership Committee**

Chair: Sue Dilloway  
Members: Barbara Mitchell, Candace Santa Maria, Shirley Woolley

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Activities and initiatives of the committee:

- Candace Santa Maria took over the database maintenance in June. With the help of Barbara Mitchell, labels for various mailings were provided throughout the year.
- The WES database was submitted for certification throughout the year thus insuring that labels generated for all mailings would be updated and current.
- We continue to monitor the messages left at the WES voice mail number and respond to pertinent email messages.
- Letters were mailed in November to members who had not paid dues or made contributions in 2011.
- Tax acknowledgment letters were mailed in January, 2012.
Nominating Committee

Co-Chairs: Rhonda Heschel, Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell
Board Member: Penny Dokken
Members-at-Large: Marianne Martin, Jeanne Stiles

In the fall of 2011, three new candidates were approved and joined the board: Beatrice Jefferson, Meg Chojnacki, and Trish Eccles. The office of Recording Secretary vacated by Sylvia Nolte was filled by Trish Eccles. Elaine Derbenwick, Sue Graham and Andrea Pacheco joined the board in 2012.

The following were voted upon at the Annual Meeting held April 26, 2012:

- New Board Members, 3-year term expiring in 2014:
  Meg Chojnacki, Trish Eccles, Beatrice Jefferson

- New Board Members, 3-year term expiring in 2015:
  Elaine Derbenwick, Sue Graham, Andrea Pacheco

- Slate of Officers for 2012-2013:
  Co-Presidents: Caroline Vulgamore, Shirley Woolley
  First Vice-President: Sue Dilloway
  Second Vice-President: Sharon Rice
  Recording Secretary: Trish Eccles
  Treasurer: Barbara Mitchell
  Assistant Treasurer: Beth Zautke
  Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Derbenwick

The following board members resigned before completing two terms of service: Carrie Allen, Elaine Cauftian, Kalah Fuller, Heidi Lewis, Sylvia Nolte and Gerri Anne Reed.

These members completed six years of service and left the board in June: Marge Colgan, Spot Holmes, Pam Marsh, Jeanne Stiles.

Marlene Smith and Penny Dokken completed their first 3-year terms in 2012. Marlene Smith will be leaving the board.

Publicity Committee

Chair and Newsfocus Editor: Rhonda Heschel
Board Members: B Fox, Laura Hagler, Marlene Smith, Caroline Vulgamore
Member-at-Large: Yolanda Lyons

The Van Briggle Tour had a record setting year thanks to a wonderful article in The Gazette by Co-President Caroline Vulgamore. We also displayed eye-catching posters outside the building, distributed fliers around town and ran public service announcements on local stations. This year's tour featured the new wall on the corner of Uintah and Glen, and we were fortunate to have Larry Terrafranca on hand to discuss his work, in addition to all of our other fantastic volunteers. We raised a record amount of money for scholarships.

WES is now on Facebook. Publicity committee member Laura Hagler created our page.

We have been regularly updating the WES website. Yolanda Lyons, Member-at-Large, has completed website training and has been making all updates.

Two editions of the Newsfocus were published, one in fall and another this winter, featuring photos of our scholars and information about programs and activities. Thanks to graphic designer Keith Emmons for saving the day on our winter issue.
Program Committee

Chair: Sharon Rice
Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Lana Coffman,
Caroline Vulgamore

The Program Committee organized the following events:

• An ice cream social for scholars was held at Stewart House on September 15th. Because of rain, we held the social inside with most scholars attending. This event was fun, relaxing and will be considered again for next fall.

• A Pre-Columbian luncheon and talk by CC Anthropology Professor Mario Montano was held November 30, 2011, “Hold the Monkey, Please!” Attendance was higher than usual with positive feedback. Recipes from this luncheon were available at the April Annual Meeting.

• President Jill Tiefenthaler spoke on January 26, 2012, “In Defense of Liberal Arts Education.” Previous board members received a special invitation to meet afterward to offer input about the upcoming anniversary of A Quiet Work. The Fine Arts Center allowed WES members and guests to use their parking lot. Our attendance exceeded 100 participants.

• Our Annual Meeting and Senior Scholars’ Farewell Luncheon was planned for April 26, 2012. The business portion of the meeting was held prior to the senior scholars’ presentations of their CC experiences. All scholars were recognized.

Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairs: Linda Boyles, B Fox
Board Members: Diane Benninghoff, Beatrice Jefferson,
Cathy Louis, Caroline Vulgamore, and
Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell
Member-at-Large: Helen Richardson

Highlights for 2011-2012:

May: Pam Marsh hosted the annual spring picnic May 6, 2011. Senior Erin Anstadt was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. The committee chose five freshman and an anniversary scholar on May 12. Welcome packets were sent to the new group.

August: On August 27, committee members, mentors and WES Co-Presidents welcomed new scholars and their families to CC at a reception in the Cornerstone Art Building.

September: On September 13, Dean Ginger Morgan hosted lunch at Worner Center for first-year scholars, committee members and co-presidents. On September 15, an ice cream social was held at Stewart House to welcome scholars and framed certificates were presented to newest members. The Marianne Stoller Scholar for 2011-2012 is Florita Villagrana.

October: The annual chili supper was held October 19 in the Morreale Carriage House.

December: At the December board meeting, we put together goodie bags that were delivered to the scholars.

February: Game night was held on February 22 at Tutt Alumni House. Scholars and board members enjoyed pizza and laughter as games were played.

March: Co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee and WES Co-Presidents attended the CC Scholarship Appreciation dinner on March 7 at the Cheyenne Mountain Inn Resort.

April: Goodie bags were assembled and delivered to scholars. Dorothy Bryson funds were given to Desirae Martinez, Tiffany Cardenas, Theresa Galli, and Maia Wynn for study programs away from campus. B Fox communicated with the scholars throughout the year and did a great job informing them of events and keeping the board informed of their performances.
Board of Managers 2011-2012

Co-Presidents – Caroline Vulgamore, Shirley Woolley
First Vice President – Sue Dilloway
Second Vice President – Sharon Rice
Recording Secretary – Syliva Nolte, Trish Eccles
Corresponding Secretary – Marlene Smith
Treasurer – Barbara Mitchell
Assistant Treasurer – Beth Zautke
Immediate Past Co-Presidents – Sally Metzger, Jeanne Stiles

Diane Benninghoff  Penny Dokken  Catherine Lowis
Linda Boyles  B Fox  Connie Patterson
Elaine Cacatian  Laura Hagler  Candace Santa Maria
Meg Chojnacki  Rhonda Heschel  Cathy Wilson-O’Donnell
Lana Coffman  Beatrice Jefferson

The Woman’s Educational Society Scholars 2011-2012

Anniversary Scholar, Class of 2013
Meg (Lauren) Simon  Cincinnati, Ohio

Seniors, Class of 2012
Emily Conway  Chipita Park, Colorado
Ann Evankow  Gorham, New Hampshire
Theresa Galli  Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Desirae Martinez  Westminster, Colorado
Emily Moore  Highland Ranch, Colorado

Juniors, Class of 2013
Christa Carroll  Wichita, Kansas
Tsipora Prochovnick  San Franscisco, California
Maia Wynn  Albuquerque, New Mexico
Hillary Zeiss  Middlebury, Connecticut

Sophomores, Class of 2014
Penuel Bickley  Santa Fe, New Mexico
Tiffany Cardenas  Aurora, Colorado
Erin Conner  Englewood, Colorado
Claire McNellan  Boulder, Colorado
Dominique Saks  Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Freshmen, Class of 2015
Justine Camacho  Aurora, Colorado
Anna Kisken  Fairbanks, Alaska
Anna (Da) Lee  Apple Valley, Minnesota
Mackenzie Mulligan-Buckmiller  Manitou Springs, Colorado
Florita Villigrana  Denver, Colorado