



International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) Steering Group

The purpose of the IAWN Steering Group (SG) is:

- to lead a process for discerning a vision for women across the Anglican Communion.
- to identify specific areas of action that will move forward that vision
- to articulate and publicise through contacts, the vision and action areas to the whole Anglican Communion
- to provide guidance to Provincial Links and assist them in articulating the vision and areas of action to their Province
- to listen to and incorporate concerns raised from the Provinces.
- to seek resources as needed (financial and others)
- to foster collaboration and synergy with other entities of the Anglican Communion and within Provinces
- to monitor and analyse women's participation in leadership and decision-making roles across the Anglican Communion (Resolution ACC 13-31), including surveys as needed
- to identify realistic ways in which women's participation can be further encouraged and supported
- to serve as the "voice" of women across the Anglican Communion, raising issues that particularly affect women, especially issues of justice, and articulating responses we feel the Anglican Communion should make.

The Coordinator/Chair will have special responsibilities:

- She is the primary link between IAWN and leaders in the Anglican Communion, including the Secretary General, and interprets their wishes to the rest of the Network.

Members should have some if not all of the following attributes and skills given below. While it is unlikely that any one member would have ALL of these, collectively, they are all needed:

- Passion, knowledge, and experience of the Anglican Communion and its work, and a personal vision that complements that work.
- A deep commitment to the Christian faith, the Church and the Anglican Communion - which is the foundation of all that we do.
- Cognisance of the immense diversity across the Anglican Communion and a good sense of how to move common goals forward while respecting that diversity.
- Time to devote to the Steering Group and IAWN - as a rough estimate at least 2 - 4 days per month on average; some of that time will be in large chunks, some in a few short hours here and there for follow-up, correspondence, etc.
- Good access to e-mail and the web (essential, as that is the primary way we work).
- Ability to lead focused discussion and discern specific areas to move that vision forward.
- Ability to identify specific action to begin realizing progress in those areas.
- A sense of what is realistic.
- Ability to enthuse and motivate others to contribute to the action.
- Ability to work with other entities - other Anglican networks, ACOUN, other women's groups, diocesan groups, etc. - to draw them into supporting our goals and activities and to work in good synergy with theirs, i.e., good networking abilities.
- Ability to mobilize financial support, experience in fund raising.

In addition, these specialized skills are desirable:

- Facility in languages: English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese, and others.
- Practical skills for everything from minutes, compiling reports and information, nitty-gritty follow-up and tracking, to all the other "little" things that make the work of a committee happen and be known.
- Knowledge of the web site, and time to work on the IAWN website in conjunction with the Web Administrator of the Anglican Communion Office.
- Knowledge or experience in developing other forms of communication, e.g. a blog or e-newsletter.
- Ability to summarize provincial reports and reports on activities for the Network and Standing Group and to the Anglican Consultative Council.

A Steering Group member who takes on a job may co-opt others (for example a group of women living nearby) to assist with her assigned task(s).