

2020 Women's Network – Steering Committee Candidates



Corey Buckman, Therapy Unlimited

Corey Buckman is a speech-language pathologist for Therapy Unlimited. A firm believer in collaborative care, Corey provides patient-centered therapy and family education to individuals of all ages and disabilities within our community. In addition, Corey has been an active member of Women's Network since 2016. She has volunteered on several committees (including Membership Development and Changing the Odds), completed a successful round of the mentor/mentee program in 2017, and went on to serve as a co-chair for Changing the Odds from 2018-2020. Corey is a lowcountry native of Beaufort, SC but has grown to call mid-Missouri her home. She enjoys going on adventures (especially to the beach), but most loves spending time with her husband, baby girl, and two bonus sons.



Angela Gentry, Central Bank of Boone County

I have been with Central Bank of Boone County for 19 years in various leadership positions, currently serving as Vice President of Consumer Banking. I oversee our 16 branches in sales, service and operations. I am actively involved in strategic planning, training and employee development, and am in a leadership role with our mentor program. Outside work, I am a board member at Spectrum Health Care, treasurer for WIN For Columbia, and treasurer and event leadership board member for the Boone County Relay for Life.

I have been a member of Women's Network for many years. I am seeking out ways to become more involved. I have been a member of the Programs Committee and Membership Committee. I have also been involved with other Chamber programs such as Total Recourse Committee and Leadership Columbia 2016.

I am seeking a leadership role in Women's Network to become more involved in programs and activities. I believe my leadership skills and desire to mentor and develop other women will be beneficial to the program. As well, I am a lifelong learner and will take every opportunity to learn and develop my own skills along the way.



Jason Gruender, Liberty Family Medicine

I'm from Columbia and have lived here most of my life; I attended MU where I earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 2003 and obtained my Professional Engineer's license in 2008. For the past 15 years, I've been employed by Meyer Electric Company and have been co-owner and Vice-President for the past 5 years. In 2017, I became very active with Dr. Gruender's medical clinic, Liberty Family Medicine, serving as clinic manager. Seeing the need for affordable healthcare options beyond primary care, I established a health insurance company, Liberty Insurance Solutions, in 2018 with the sole purpose of offering insurance and

medical cost-sharing plans that pair well with Liberty Family Medicine. As a company, Liberty Family Medicine supports many non-profit and charitable organizations, personally I do all I can to volunteer for both Rainbow House and Coyote Hill; these organizations are amazing and each tries to improve the lives of children in unique ways. I'm active in multiple Chamber organizations and events including Women's Network, Chamber Ambassadors, Small Business Committee, Small Business Expo, Showcase CoMo, Small Business Roundtable, and Leadership Columbia class of 2020. There is a pronounced gender gap in our society which I've seen firsthand as the husband of female physician and business owner; I've made it a personal goal to do all I can to help decrease that gap and empower women in our community. I want my daughter to grow up in a society where men and women are viewed equally and there is no better way to work toward that goal than through a leadership position in Women's Network. Thank you for your consideration!

Tina Hissong, Great Circle



Tina Hissong is a non-profit professional with a bachelor's degree in Communications and a master's degree in Business Administration. She has more than 15 years' experience in non-profit leadership, teambuilding, and fundraising and is the Director of Gift Planning at Great Circle, a behavioral health organization in Columbia. Tina moved to Columbia in 2019 from St. Louis and is enjoying being near her daughter. Choosing a career in the non-profit sector that works toward improving individual lives and communities, it is natural that Tina has always been involved in the community where she lives.

Through her previous involvement in Chambers both as a member and director, Tina understands the value the Chamber brings to the community and the satisfaction of serving the community alongside other dedicated individuals. In addition to serving her local chambers, Tina has also been an active volunteer serving on community development committees, working with local parks, a 10-year member and president of a statewide industry association, among others. Rising to a leadership position early in her career in a then male dominated industry, Tina can bring a wealth of experience to the Women's Network. A full resume is available on request. When she is not working, she is an avid gardener, hiker and enjoys cooking and various fitness routines. (When cooking and eating are major hobbies, fitness is a must!) I look forward to the possibility

of serving the Columbia community through the Chamber of Commerce Women's Network.



Fran Muench, First Presbyterian Church

As an experienced leader in both my management career and volunteer work, I have a wealth of knowledge and perspective to offer the Steering Committee. Currently, I'm in my second year as co-chair of the Women's Network Leadership Development Roundtable. I've also served on the WN Budget and Finance Committee during the past two years. I participated in the WN Mentoring Program, served as an active member of the Changing the Odds Committee, and graduated from the XWN program.

Other aspects of my community involvement include serving on the boards of directors for the following organizations: William Woods University Alumni, Grade A Plus Inc., and the City of Columbia New Century Fund. I'm also active on the Trinity Presbyterian Church Worship and Finance/Stewardship committees, along with singing soprano in the church choir.

On the career side of life, I was a member of the State Farm leadership team for over 25 years, managing a wide variety of functions. In 2018, I made a career change to the nonprofit world, serving as Project Coordinator for Grade A Plus Inc. prior to joining the team at First Presbyterian Church as Financial Coordinator.

My continuing education includes earning the following designations: Chartered Financial Consultant, Associate in Management, and Certified Regulatory Vendor Program Manager.

I look forward to the potential opportunity of continuing my active involvement with Women's Network by serving on the Steering Committee.



Lara Pieper, Bloom Bookkeeping, LLC

Bloom Bookkeeping was created nearly four years ago when I decided I was going to take my passion for numbers and managerial accounting to the masses so that even the smallest of businesses could have accurate and timely financials, giving owners the freedom to fulfill their dreams of owning a business in their trade. During this time, I have been fortunate enough to help over 150 local businesses, including many non-profits. For the last year I have served as the Women's Network Treasurer and would like to continue in this role and continue to be an active member of WN and the Chamber.



Sara Riegel, Columbia Mall

My name is Sara Riegel and I am an administrative assistant at the Columbia Mall. I've been a member of Women's Network since 2016. Since then, I've joined the Monthly Program and Special Events Committee. I am currently serving my second year as a co-chair for Special Events. Outside of Women's Network, I help every year as a committee member for the Rainbow House Masquerade Ball since 2017.

I was not born or raised in Missouri but after being here for about 16 years, I would call this "Home".

I enjoy hanging out with my boys and getting involved in the community. When time allows, I like gardening, puzzles and getting creative with paints and crafts.



Kerri Roberts, TIG Advisors

Kerri Roberts is the Chief Operating Officer for TIG Advisors, a locally owned independent insurance agency. Her primary areas of focus are daily operations, sales, marketing and human resources. Prior to TIG, Kerri held roles at the University of Missouri System, Veterans United Home Loans, MidwayUSA and Boone Hospital Center. She has an MBA and a Bachelors in Business along with the designation of a Missouri Quality Award Sr. Examiner. Kerri previously served as a Board Member for Girls in Tech and GreenHouse Theatre Project and is a regular volunteer at Welcome Home, The Crossing, the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition and is active in her local King's Daughters chapter. Kerri looks forward to serving in a leadership capacity for Women's Network, bringing her skills and gifts to the table to help make a positive impact while working alongside other talented women.