



Wise Women's Council is Formed and Seeks Nominations

The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender (OSCLG) honors its members who have made significant contributions to the organization and makes available to the membership their experiences as leaders, scholars, and mentors. In order to do this, OSCLG has established a Wise Women's Council.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered as a member of the Wise Women's Council, a person must have been a member of OSCLG for at least 15 years, be at least 50 years old, and have participated actively in various leadership roles in the organization such as officer, board member, conference chair, journal editor, web weaver, newsletter editor, historian, member of award committees, paper presenter at multiple conferences. Men as well as women are eligible to become members of the Wise Women's Council.

Nomination Process

The Nominating Committee for the Wise Women's Council consists of the current President, Vice President, Past President, and other members of the Wise Women's Council. Potential members of the Wise Women's Council will be nominated by a letter giving information about the nominee's past and present contributions to OSCLG. The letter will summarize the nominee's history within OSCLG, giving dates of membership, listing activities participated in, and indicating on-going commitment to OSCLG as a member of the Wise Women's Council. An updated CV will be submitted, indicating activity in areas that relate to the mission of OSCLG such as Women's Studies/Gender Studies programs, consulting, publishing. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Letters of nomination and CVs will be submitted to the Executive Secretary, who will send them to the Wise Women's Council Nominating Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the President, who will submit them to the Executive Board.

Opportunities for Contributions

Members of the Wise Women's Council will agree to serve as mentors in various capacities to the organization. They can advise the leadership on on-going issues within the organization, articulate new ideas about activities for the organization, support research by members and students by sharing their expertise and networks, and encourage the professional activities of members by mentoring and networking.

There will be a Wise Women's Council page on our Website. Our Wise Women will be invited to post (1) their statement at their induction, (2) a brief description of their area of expertise, (3) a story about a critical point, turning point, or epiphany in their lives, and (4) a link to their CV or their CV itself.

They will indicate how they may be contacted. Several times a year, the Wise Women will be asked to contribute to a "Through Our Eyes" section of the web page, where they will make suggestions of books or articles to read, comment on conferences or events that they have attended, and/or make observations about what they are currently experiencing that is relevant to communication, language, and gender.

The Wise Women who attend our annual conference will be asked to identify themselves by wearing a badge that indicates that they are available for mentoring. They may be asked from time to time to sit at special tables with new members and students during a meal.

Membership on the Wise Women's Council is for life. Attendance at annual conferences is not required.

Induction

New members of the Wise Women's Council will be welcomed with appropriate ceremonies into membership at one of the general meetings at the annual conference.