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The Association for Women in Science Announces Election Results

Washington, DC, October 20, 2009 - The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) today announced the election of Secretary, Treasurer, and two new Councilors to serve on its 10-person executive board starting in January 2010. The executive board sets the strategic direction and provides insight and leadership to the national organization. Board members, led by National President Dr. Phoebe Leboy, represent a broad range of scientific disciplines and bring with them diverse experience and expertise.

Susan Fitzpatrick, Secretary

Susan Fitzpatrick is Vice President of the James S. McDonnell Foundation. . She received her PhD in biochemistry and neurology from Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Fitzpatrick served on the AWIS national board as a Councilor from 1998 to 2001 and will assume her new duties as Secretary beginning January 1, 2010.

Jodi Wesemann, Treasurer

A former Associate Professor of Chemistry at Saint Mary's College of California, Jodi Wesemann is assistant director for Higher Education at the American Chemical Society in Washington DC. Dr. Wesemann has been re-elected to a third two-year term as Treasurer of the AWIS national board and is spearheading the association's strategic planning initiative for 2010-2013.

Susanne Neuer, Councilor

Susanne Neuer, Associate Professor of Biogeochemistry at Arizona State University's School of Life Sciences, has been reelected to the AWIS national board as Councilor for a three year term. She served on the board of the Central Arizona Chapter of AWIS from 2007 through May 2008 as Vice President before assuming the Presidency.

Janet White, Councilor

Janet White is Director of Business Development for Kyowa Hakko Kirin California, Inc. She has been active in AWIS since coming to the U.S. from the U.K. 2001, first with the Central Jersey Chapter and then with the San Diego Chapter where she served as President from 2004-2006. She will start her three-year term as Councilor on January 1, 2010.

The Association for Women in Science is the largest multi-discipline scientific organization for women in the U.S. dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in all fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). As the premiere professional association of women in STEM, AWIS has over 3,000 members and 50 chapters nationwide. Membership is open to any individual who supports the full participation of women in STEM.

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