

Director of Operations Hired to Help Move WILPF Forward

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The WILPF U.S. Section is pleased to announce the appointment of Stacey Ann Ferguson as Director of Operations at our Philadelphia office.

Stacey is a strong and talented young woman, who joined WILPF last winter as part of the U.N. Practicum program. A master's degree candidate in Suffolk University's program in Women's Health, Stacey distinguished herself in New York by unflinching showing up at the U.N. before the morning briefing and staying late at every evening seminar and event. But, as the search committee interviewed her and reviewed her references, we came to see that the behavior we observed in New York is typical of Stacey--always stretching herself to get the most out of all of life's opportunities and challenges.

This year, Stacey has been teaching middle school science, a position she took after returning from Morocco where she spent just over two years as a Maternal and Child Health Educator with the Peace Corps. In Morocco, she developed and executed community-based programs on HIV/AIDS education and gender empowerment; facilitated communication among hospital staff/administration, the national government and health ministry, the Peace Corps and U.S.-based funders; assisted grassroots groups with budgeting and grant writing; and was responsible for reporting on quarterly health assessments. Stacey is a licensed practical nurse (who has worked in a state prison) and holds a B.A. in Literature.

The duties of the newly created Director of Operations position are to manage the ongoing functions of the organization related to membership support and fundraising including the following:

- Supervising day-to-day administration and office operations
- Financial planning and reporting
- Human resources for a small, but expanding and decentralized staff
- Facilities planning, renovation and logistical development for a growing organization undergoing rapid change
- Information technology, equipment purchasing and business planning
- Managing service and consulting contracts

Please join us in welcoming Stacey to WILPF. She took the reins on June 12. You can meet her June 25-29 at the Triennial WILPF Congress in Des Moines.

"We have made but the merest of beginnings in the highest of human arts, that of living and working together on the plane of consent and cooperation without coercion."

--Emily Greene Balch, WILPF's first International Secretary General and Nobel Prize Laureate

Editor's Note: I apologize for the tardiness of this email. Work obligations kept me busy this week. - C.J. Minster