

Member-at-Large Candidate

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I am honored to run for the position of Member-at-Large of the AWM Executive Committee. In line with the goals of AWM, I am deeply committed to supporting females in their mathematical studies and careers, and I value the opportunities made available by AWM. I have been an AWM member since I was a graduate student. I enjoy meeting and talking with female mathematicians at all levels of their studies and careers. For the very young, I have led mathematical workshops on knots for girls in grades 6–8. At Bryn Mawr (a women’s college), I have initiated a series of “Career Talks” targeted at our freshman and sophomores so they become aware of the vast array of opportunities available to women with mathematical training. Over the years, I have organized and participated in a variety of activities for women graduate students and postdoctoral fellows including being on panels that describe “life as an academic” and “the job search from the hiring perspective.”

As Member-at-Large, I would work on and be a main liaison to the AWM President for one of AWM’s major programs of Membership, Meetings and Programs, Fundraising, or Policy and Advocacy. I hope to bring my previous leadership experiences to help me be effective as a Member-at-Large. For the last decade, I have been on the Program Committee for the IAS Women and Mathematics Program held in Princeton each May. For the AMS, I served as Member-at-Large for the Council and as a Member of the Education Committee from 2000–2003. I am currently on the AMS Nominating Committee, and since 2000 I have been an Associate Editor for the *Notices* of the AMS. At Bryn Mawr College, I am currently serving as Chair of the Department of Mathematics. I would welcome the opportunity to become more involved in the leadership of AWM.

Biographical Information: Lisa Traynor was an undergraduate mathematics major at Beloit College in Wisconsin. She completed her Ph.D. in 1992 at SUNY Stony Brook under the direction of Dusa McDuff. She then went on to postdoctoral positions at MSRI, Stanford, and the Institut Henri Poincaré in Paris before joining the faculty at Bryn Mawr College. She is now Professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics at Bryn Mawr. Her research interests are in symplectic and contact topology.