

Roles and Expectations of Presidential Sponsors

Presidential sponsors serve as advisors and mentors to the state coordinators and state planning committees. Each state network should have at least one president to serve in this capacity. The sponsor(s) are appointed by the state network, and/or suggested by the WNEC, Council, and acknowledged by the director of the Inclusive Excellence Group. WNEC members may suggest potential presidential sponsors to the network. Presidential sponsors may show support as follows:

- Identify and nominate state coordinators for state networks or to be honored.
- Nominate women to provide leadership on the ACE Women's Network Executive Council, to be presidential sponsors, to attend regional or national women's leadership forums, for participation on statewide committees, or for senior-level positions in higher education.
- Prepare and lead presentations and workshops at conferences and other programs for women in higher education at the state or national level.
- Provide moral and, where possible, staff, time, and funding support to the state network for worthy projects, and/or help state coordinators and state planning committees in identifying and securing the resources necessary to sustain the state network and its initiatives.
- Recognize the value of the work done by the coordinator and planning committee by publicly citing their work where appropriate.
- Inform the states on issues regarding women in higher education.

A presidential sponsor should support and develop strategies that meet the specific needs of women in higher education within her/his state.