

**BOSTON WOMEN IN PUBLIC FINANCE, INC.** 

# 2019 Year in Review

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#### Member Spotlight Series -- Inaugural Event

The first of these events took place on May 21<sup>st</sup> and showcased the important work and programs of MassDevelopment. Speakers included Lauren Liss, President and CEO, Laura Canter, EVP, Rebecca Sullivan, SVP (and current VP of WPF Boston), and Simmee Silton, First VP. In addition to the speakers, attendees enjoyed lunch and a great networking opportunity.





## **Happy Hour**

Networking during Happy Hour is the best kind of networking! On June 20<sup>th</sup> over 40 WPF Boston members descended upon Bar Mercato in Boston to catch up while enjoying cocktails and appetizers.

# **Summer Chat & Chow Dinner Series**

The Summer Chat & Chow was conceived as a way to enable members to learn from each other in smaller groups and more relaxed settings.

2019 Chat & Chow featured WPF Boston Board Chair, Jennifer Mendonca, at Earl's Kitchen, and Board Member, Susan Kendall, at The Merchant, both in Boston, on July 16<sup>th</sup>; and Board Member, Kim Mooers at Los Andes Restaurant in Providence on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



# 23rd Annual Conference September 26-27, 2019 September 75-27, 2019 September 75-27, 2019 Free Read Resilience

#### **National Women in Public Finance Conference**

The National WPF Annual Conference was held on September 26th & 27<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas. Several Boston Chapter members attended and, by all accounts, it was an excellent event, second only to the one held in Boston in 2018.

#### **Professional Development Series**

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, WPF Boston welcomed author and motivational speaker Diane Darling, who gave attendees techniques and strategies on building better professional relationships, embarking on the path to leadership, and taking charge of one's career.

Attendees networked with each other and Diane before and after her amazing presentation and enjoyed light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.





#### **Women in Public Finance Holiday Party**

On December 5<sup>th</sup> at the UMass Club in Boston over 70 WPF Boston members celebrated the holiday season together. We recognized the contributions of exiting board member and Vice President, Lori Hindle, and we collectively supported the ALS Association of Massachusetts "Hope Loves Company" to the tune of \$1,650.

## Other 2019 Notables and What's Ahead in 2020

The Board elected the following two new officers, effective January 1, 2020: Vice President, Rebecca Sullivan; and Secretary, Poonam Patidar.

Several WPF Boston members were able to attend Boston Chamber of Commerce events, such as Wellness in the Workplace, the 2020 Pinnacle Awards and various Women's Network and Governmental Affairs forum breakfasts. We generally try to get a WPF table for these events if we have enough interest, so please let us know if this is something you'd like to participate in!

The WPF Boston Board is developing its events agenda for 2020. In the works for our first event is an Industry Spotlight to feature a public finance hot topic. If you have ideas for a such a topic, please send them to <a href="mailto:lennifer.mendonca@lockelord.com">lennifer.mendonca@lockelord.com</a>.

In addition – we expect to hold one or two happy hours, another summer Chat n' Chow series and a member spotlight event in 2020. And of course the annual holiday party will be back in December!



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