

100 women who care JUNEAU

FAQ's

Membership -

Meetings - Non-Profits and more!



Briefly:

- Members select one non-profit by majority vote at each quarterly meeting.
- Eligible non-profits are nominated by members using a pre-qualification form available on our website.
- Each quarter three qualified non-profits are randomly selected to be pitched.
- After the pitches members cast their vote.
- Members write their check to the non-profit that received the most votes. Our massed donation is passed through to the member-selected non profit.

Guiding principles:

1. Keep the mechanics of our group as simple as possible.
2. Be transparent.
3. Contribute in mass to support non-profits in our community.
4. Trust the process.

Quarterly meetings in the time of Covid pandemic:

- Quarterly meetings are held virtually using combination of MailChimp email app, Doodle Poll voting app, and optional Zoom meeting.
- It is not unusual for our group emails to be diverted to “promotions” or “spam.” To work around this we always post on FaceBook at the same time that an email is sent. Our FB post alerts committed members that an email has been sent and what the subject line is that they should search for.
- Two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting, committed members are sent an email with all the “when and how” information and an invitation to the optional Zoom meeting.
- The optional Zoom meeting is for members to hear in person the three pitches and ask questions.
- Immediately after the meeting an email is sent to all committed members. That email contains written pitches from the three non-profits and a link for voting.

- Voting closes at 5 pm on the Sunday following the quarterly meeting.
- A third group email goes out immediately after voting closes with results.
- Members write their checks, payable to the non-profit with the most votes, and mails check to *100 WWC Juneau, 529 East St. Juneau AK 99801*
- Or use Venmo **@iola-young (last four digits of phone number: 2747)** to make donations.

Details:

Only members can nominate non-profits. Am I member just by joining the 100+ WWC FaceBook page?

No. A signed “Commitment Form” makes you a member. You are committing to giving \$100 at each of our quarterly meetings. Your membership is on-going and remains in place for as long as you remain active in the group, making your quarterly contribution. Any member can end her membership at any time for any reason. We just ask that you send us an email to let us know.

Where do I get a “Pre-Qualification Form” to nominate a non-profit and who fills it out?

The form is available on our website. Fill it out yourself or give it to the charity to fill out. It must be signed by a member and returned it at least 1 week prior to the quarterly meeting.

What qualifications does a non-profit meet to be added to list?

1. 501(c)3 non-profit
2. Commit to using the award locally
3. Attend next meeting after receiving award and give a brief 5 minute presentation about how our money was put to work.
4. Agree not to use, give or sell the contact information of our members for additional solicitation by them or other organizations.
5. No political causes or organizations. No houses of worship or organizations whose mission is to spread a religious message. No individuals.
6. Understand that non-profits who receive an award will not be eligible for pitching again until a full year has passed.

What if more than one “Pre-Qualification Form” is submitted for the same non-profit?

The name of the non-profit only appears one time on our eligible list, whether a form is received from 1 member or 99 members. If your favorite non-profit is already on the list then no need to repeat the effort! List of eligible non profits is available on our website.

Can a member submit pre-qualification forms for more than one non-profit?

Yes. There’s no limit on how many pre-qualification forms a member can turn in.

Any limit on how many non-profits can be on the eligible list?

No.

I want to pitch an eligible non-profit at the next meeting. What do I do?

One week before our quarterly meeting, members who have nominated a non profit are contacted and asked if they want to be “in the hat” at the upcoming meeting. Then three organizations are randomly selected from all those that said yes. The members who nominated those organizations are notified a couple days before the quarterly meeting in order to adequately prepare their pitch. And they are sworn to secrecy so that all our members find out at the same time at the quarterly meeting!

Are members required to nominate non-profits or make a pitch?

No. Nominating and pitching are completely voluntary. The only commitment you have made is to write a check for \$100 four times per year to the non-profit that receives the most votes at our quarterly meetings.

What if 2 or more members want to pitch the same non-profit?

Only 1 member can make the pitch for the non-profit pulled from the hat. If the member who signed the form isn't available or isn't comfortable making the pitch, she can designate an alternate.

Can I pitch more than one non-profit at a meeting?

No.

Any restrictions on projects or programs that can be pitched by a member for a non-profit?

No. Any local community project or service provided by a non profit that is on the eligible list can be pitched by a member as long as the project, as well as the non-profit, meets the criteria. (Ex: Not political or religious or benefiting a specific individual.)

I hate speaking in public but feel strongly about a particular non-profit. Any help for me?

Yes. You could find a member who supports the same non-profit and ask that they fill in for you. Or we have an information sheet that is really helpful—“How to Make a Successful Pitch.” Remember a pitch is less than 5 minutes and the time for questions is also very limited. And after observing the process for a meeting or two, hopefully you'll see making a pitch is less intimidating.

Any discussion before voting?

No. There will be 8 minutes after the pitches during which any member can ask a question about a pitch that's been made. And then you cast your vote for your favorite.

Tell me about voting please?

At the conclusion of each quarterly optional Zoom meeting, an email with a voting link is sent to each committed member. The pitch that receives the most votes receives that quarter's award. If there's a tie, the award is split between tying pitches.

What if the selected pitch is something I don't support or I don't participate in voting, do I still have to contribute?

Yes. We've all made the same commitment to support the non-profit causes of each other. We think you'll find that by trusting the process this will happen very rarely, if ever. [Please let us know if the quarterly commitment doesn't fit in your budget. You can be on the inactive list until you are able to participate once again.]

Can I contribute more than \$100 to the selected non-profit?

Yes. Yes. Yes. The minimum amount is \$100 per quarter, there is no maximum.

What if I want to support the second or third pitch that was not selected?

That would be wonderful. Simply write an additional check in any amount to the other non-profit(s) you would like to support and mail directly to them. And non-profits not selected will be eligible to pitch again at future meetings.

How soon after receiving an award can a non-profit be eligible to consideration again?

24 months The non-profit who receives the award for Q1 2020 will not be eligible again until two years later, Q1 in 2022.

What if I don't have a checking account?

We can also accept both cash and Venmo. Venmo account is: **@iola-young (last four digits of phone: 2747)** No credit or debit cards.

Can I mail or deliver my contribution directly to the charity?

No. Our mission is to have the biggest impact possible by massing our donation.

Can I get a receipt for my contribution?

Yes. Put your check or cash in a stamped self-addressed envelope that the non-profit can use to send a receipt back to you in.

Here's a couple of bonus FAQ's about other stuff:

When and how do we elect officers?

No officers. There are five women who commit for one year at a time to maintain the organization and do the work necessary for the four rounds of giving during that year. There will be opportunities in the future when volunteers are needed to keep the group going.

Is 100 WWC Juneau a 501(c)3 non-profit?

No. We are a pass-through or giving circle. We collect the individual contributions and deliver them in mass to the quarterly award recipient. It is a powerful gift to the selected non-profit and to our community.

Are all these guidelines, rules, practices and stuff written in stone?

No. But we follow closely the 100 Women Who Care national model and believe it works very well. We ask members to trust the process and also offer ideas and suggestions. The organizing team will discuss them and adopt changes that make our process more simple or the organization stronger.

