

A small group of American and foreign-born women gathered together under IWI Honorary Member Susan McKee's leadership in 1990 to form the organization that grew into the IWI of today. This group developed sound principles for continuity and change which have stood the test of time.

Historical Founding Principles:

- Anyone can join. No nominating or approval process is required.
- Members join as individuals. Work affiliation of spouse/partner is irrelevant.
- All memberships are equal.
- Fundraising is not part of our mission.
- All nationalities are welcomed.
- Intercultural understanding and learning are core values.
- Enjoyable activities are offered across a range of areas.