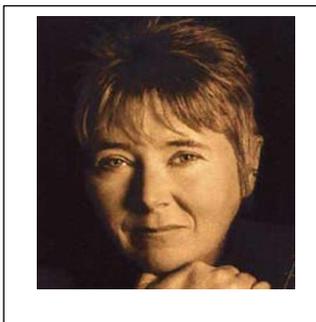




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**Laurie DAMERON, Candidate for Chair of Standing Committee on Environment & Sustainable Development
 BPW International**

Last name and first name	DAMERON, Laurie
Member of	BPW Boulder, Colorado, BPW USA
Nominated by	Sandra Thompson, President BPW USA
Consent of own Affiliate	Nominated by her own Affiliate
BPW Offices held	Local Club: BPW Boulder From 2007 BPW Colorado From 2015 to Present Federation: BPW USA From 2017 to Present International: From October 2017 to November 2017
Positions in other Voluntary Organizations	
Related Experience / Qualifications (e.g. CV, resume)	<p>I have been an environmental activist since a very early age. I grew up in a little town, Berea, just south of Cleveland, Ohio where the Cuyahoga River used to catch fire as it was so polluted. I remember doing art projects on this in 4th grade.</p> <p>My favorite class in college was entitled “Spaceship Earth”, a term coined by Buckminster Fuller in 1952. On the first day of class, we were asked to close our eyes and “imagine we’re on a spaceship, way out in space. We’ve only got so much air, so much water...” I got it right away! That’s us, Earth. We have a limited amount of resources that will not be replaced! When I started my music career in the early 1990’s, I made flyers with tips on how to be “greener”. In March 2017 I attended Al Gore’s Climate Reality training. I have been presenting my environmental multimedia presentation, Spaceship Earth: What Can I Do?, since 2012</p>





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<p>Statement by Candidate (Maximum 500 words)</p>	<p>I have been a member of BPW Boulder since 2007. It has been so helpful in getting my music on a more professional level. In late 2014, my BPW Boulder colleague, Kathy Kelly, took me to coffee and said that I’m a lone wolf with my Spaceship Earth presentation and environmental activism and that I need to get more involved in BPW.</p> <p>I began to attend Board Meetings for the first time in my life, and began to learn how Boards operate. In 2015, I attended our BPW Colorado Annual Conference. On the last day I raised my hand, very shyly, and said that I didn’t think we are talking enough about environmental issues and that none of these other issues (women’s issues) are going to matter unless we get a handle on climate change.</p> <p>My colleagues then appointed me Chair of Environmental and Sustainable Development, a committee that BPW has never had since 1919. At the time I thought, “I have no idea what to do!” But I began a journey of learning SO much. I feel the same way about applying for the position at the international level but I’ve decided it will be an opportunity and a learning experience.</p>
<p>A written Supporting statement (Maximum 200 words) by nominating affiliate</p>	<p>Business and Professional Women of the United States of America (BPW USA) is proud to nominate Laurie Dameron to BPW International for the position as Chair Environment and Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Laurie Dameron is well known to BPW USA. During years of dedication and service on all levels dealing with the Environment, Laurie has shown her passion through her dedicated commitment to our USA Federation and BPW International.</p> <p>Laurie has deep knowledge and a firm grasp of our environment. Her work in pursuing legislation to protect our environment and to educate our members and the general public on the issues surrounding the needs of our environment has been a great asset.</p> <p>BPW USA is delighted that Laurie is willing to continue serving our organization, and we are confident that Laurie will support and fulfil her required duties, with professionalism and excitement, while always working hard at maintaining the integrity and image of BPW.</p> <p>She will be a grand ambassador for our organization on the International platform.</p> <p>It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we nominate Laurie Dameron for BPW International Chair Environment and Sustainable Development.</p> <p><i>Sandra Thompson</i> <i>President, BPW USA</i></p>





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