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Lustgarten exits WIF, eyes other industry posts

Women in Film associate director Karen Lustgarten is leaving the organization in mid-January to pursue what she describes as "other industry opportunities." Lustgarten, who served in that post for nearly three years, edited Reel News, the WIF monthly newsletter, and served as membership programs director.

"During the past three years, WIF's membership has doubled to 2,000 while programs and activities have quadrupled," Lustgarten said. "I am a builder and look forward to applying that skill again to the for-profit side of the industry."

During her tenure, Lustgarten created, wrote and edited Reel News. She also initiated special events such as the Academy Awards viewing party and the first WIF-to-Cannes conclave. She created several new committees such as women in technologies, stuntwomen and women in business.

Lustgarten has written three books and received an Emmy nomination for writing, producing and performing segments for a TV magazine show. She has also worked as a publicist and columnist. □
