

SUMMER 2021

# WIMOS QUARTERLY

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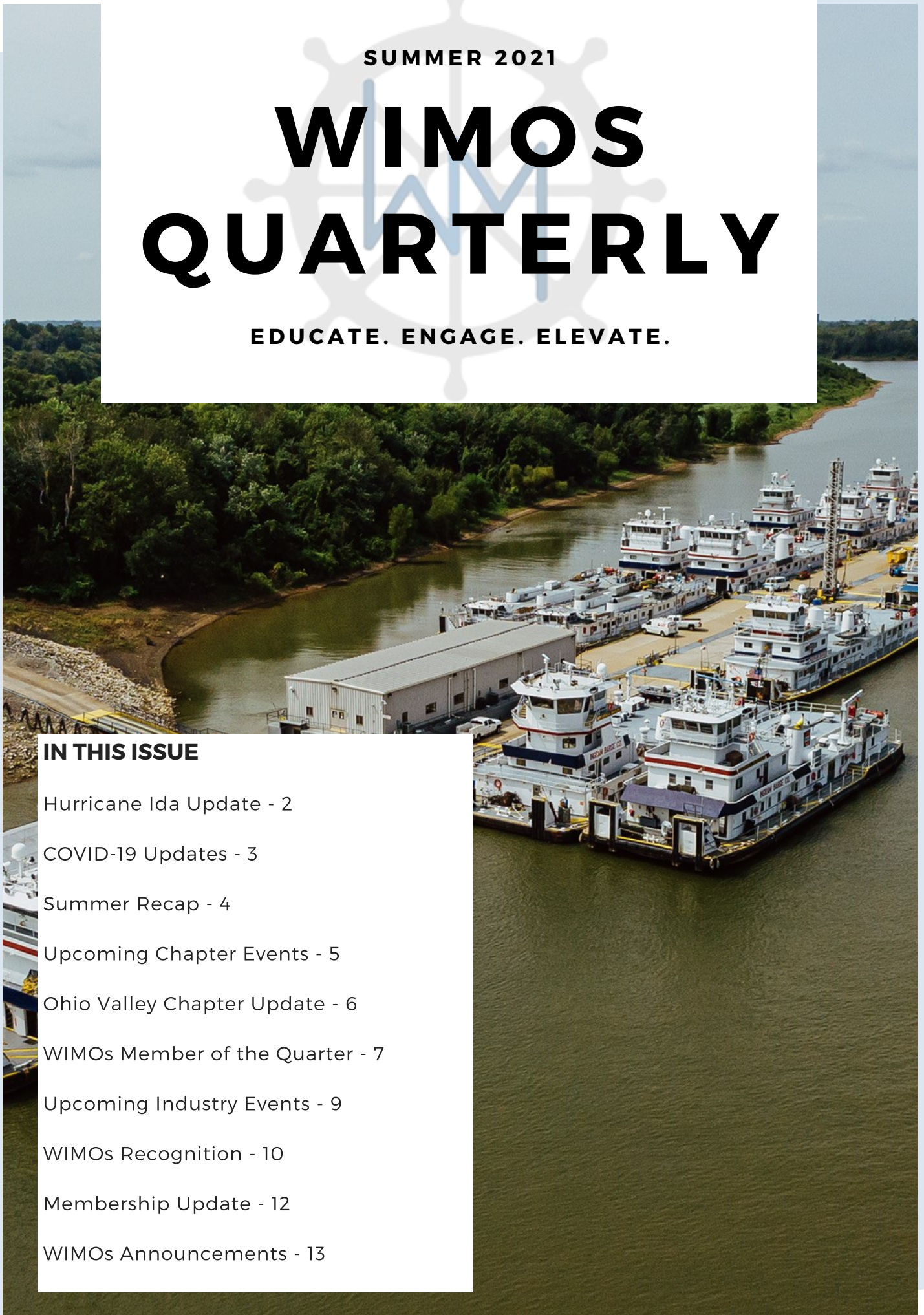
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# HURRICANE IDA UPDATE

Nearly all of our members have been personally and/or professionally affected by Hurricane Ida.

At this time, we are grateful that we do not have any updates from members who were injured by the storm. However, some of our members are displaced, without electricity, or in need of rebuilding their homes.

Other members are dealing with storm-related workplace damage or are working extra hours to help with the emergency response.

Please understand that the Southern Louisiana Chapter may have limited programming as we prioritize rebuilding our community.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out, and thank you to everyone who is working overtime to get our supply chains back online.

If you have suggestions for projects to help, please reach out to [wimosusa@wimos.org](mailto:wimosusa@wimos.org).



# COVID-19 UPDATE

The backbone of our industry is resilience and flexibility, and these past few months have been no exception.

With chapters all over the country, we are excited to announce that we have been able to go back to some form of in-person programming with each chapter. However, please bear with us as each chapter works to keep with local and state requirements. Some events may have caps on attendance or may have other local hygiene or masking requirements.

All WIMOs events will abide by local, state, and federal regulations to keep everyone safe.

At this time, the October WIMOs golf tournament in New Orleans has been postponed until March 16, 2022.

We also understand that our members' companies and jobs have different requirements for in-person gatherings and travel.

If you haven't been able to attend in-person WIMOs events, we have plenty of virtual events planned for this fall and winter, starting with our book club on September 22. We will also be hosting a Barging 101 webinar on October 20th and a Dredging Webinar in November. Members, see your email for details on how to sign up.

Stay safe at home.  
Stay safe at work.  
Stay well, WIMOs!

As always, thank you to all of our members who are essential workers and who have tirelessly kept our supply chains moving over the past year.



# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

## OHIO VALLEY

Living Lands & Waters Cleanup on July 22



## WEST KENTUCKY

Headshots

Educational Event at Big River Propeller



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Golf Etiquette Lessons with the Riverside Ladies' Golf Club



## HOUSTON

USCG Tour  
May 26 Happy Hour  
Sept 1  
Prospective Members Event



## SOUTHERN LOUISIANA

Golf Tournament  
Port of New Orleans Tour  
Accutrans Lunch & Learn



# UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS ON  
UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE CHAPTER-  
SPECIFIC EMAIL LISTS AND RSVP INFO

## HOUSTON

September 18 - Texas Adopt-a-Beach 2021 Coastside  
Fall Cleanup

September 28-30 - Breakbulk Americas Conference

November 2021 - Headshots

March 18, 2022 - Houston Rodeo VIP Area - The  
Hideout

## SOUTHERN LOUISIANA CHAPTER

At this time, SOLA in-person chapter events are  
postponed due to COVID-19. However, we have some  
fun events in the works including the WIMOs  
Birthday Party and our Golf Tournament!

## WEST KENTUCKY

Community Event - Sept. 11th 10-3 – Dragon Boat Races

Educational Event - Sept. 22nd 11-1 – River Discovery Center Tour and Boat Simulator

Community Event - Oct. 16th 11-2 – Big Brown Truck Pull

Personal Development Event - October TBA – “Hocus Focus” Motivational Speaker and Pumpkin  
Carving

Social Event - November TBD – Candle making and wine tasting at The Pour Room

Community Event - December TBD – Sorting holiday care packages for mariners through  
Seamen’s Church Institute

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Columbia River Maritime Museum Visit - Date TBD

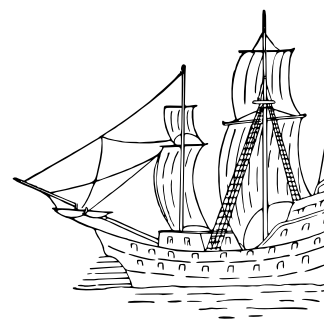
We are also excited to announce that we will work with the museum to develop their new  
maritime commerce exhibit next year.

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Book Club ("The Confidence Code") - September 22 at noon CDT

Barging 101 Webinar - October 20th at 9am CDT

Dredging Webinar - November (date TBD)



# OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER UPDATE

## HOW ONE OF OUR NEWEST CHAPTERS IS STRUCTURING GROWTH

The Ohio Valley Chapter has appointed four Point People in the area to help coordinate events in areas from Louisville to Pittsburgh.

This will help in the interim since this area is not quite developed enough for a full board. This will also help us to decide if this area is one chapter or multiple chapters. We have also decided to not form an official chapter in the Ohio Valley this year so we can focus on the existing chapters and getting them more established.

However, we'd like to introduce these Point People so members in the Ohio Valley area can reach out to them with questions/ideas. Please reach out to them! In general this map depicts the Ohio Valley area, although I know that we pick up some outliers on the East Coast.

Most recently, the Ohio Valley Chapter hosted a successful Living Lands & Waters River cleanup. Per Alice Momenee, WIMOs National Vice President: "One of the most impactful benefits of WIMOs is the ability for our members to serve our hometown river communities...just being together as a group, getting our hands dirty, and helping others is meaningful [that] you are not only an important contributor in an industry that is vital to our national economy, but that you are making a tangible difference in a region in which you work and live."



## OHIO VALLEY POINT PEOPLE:

Louisville - Ludy Brinck – American Commercial Barge Line - [Ludy.Brinck@bargeacbl.com](mailto:Ludy.Brinck@bargeacbl.com)

Cincinnati – Vicky Schottelkotte – C&B Marine - [vickys@carlislebray.com](mailto:vickys@carlislebray.com)

Tri State Area (KY, OH, WV) – Lindsey Childers – Superior Marine - [lchilders@superiormarineinc.com](mailto:lchilders@superiormarineinc.com)

Pittsburgh - Kristen Stojakovich – Campbell Transportation - [KStojakovich@barges.us](mailto:KStojakovich@barges.us)

# WIMOS MEMBER OF THE QUARTER: LUDY BRINCK

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NATIONAL TREASURER

**Ludy Brinck**  
**Liquid Sales Director at American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL)**

As Jenna Gaudet steps into her new role as Associate Executive Director, Ludy Brinck was elected to the role of National Treasurer. Ludy (pronounced like "Judy" with an "L" comes from our Ohio Valley area. Please join me in welcoming our newest national board member!

A bit from Ludy:

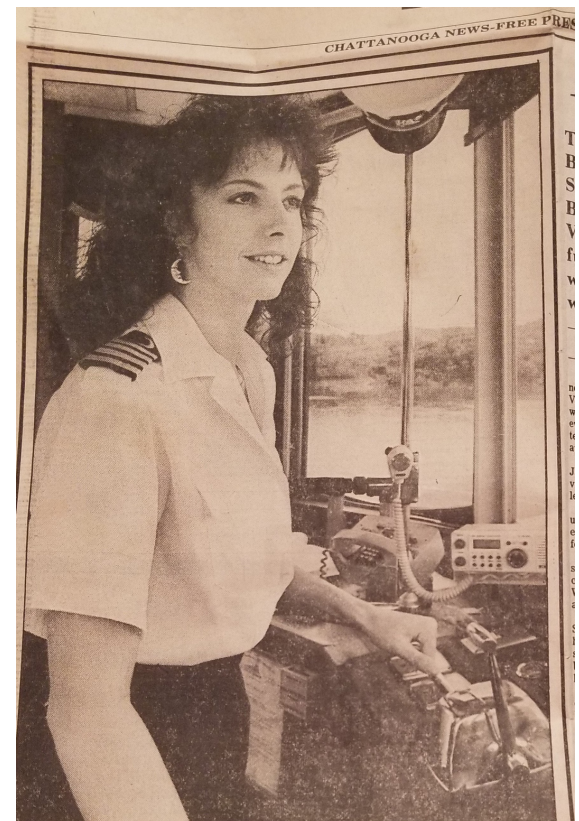
I have worked in the maritime industry for over 30 years, starting as a deckhand on a passenger vessel in Chattanooga, Tennessee to assist during the first Tall Stacks celebration in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1988. I was fascinated and would serve as steersman every opportunity I could find.

I obtained my first USCG Masters license in 1990 while working on the Tennessee River. I served as Captain and then Port Captain. For the next 20+ years, I served as Captain and/or Mate on vessels on the upper Mississippi, Illinois, and Ohio Rivers, broadening my experience and increasing my license.

In 2011, I served as General Manager throughout startup operations on board the American Queen Steamboat spending the winter in Bollinger Shipyard in Calcasieu, LA, where we brought her out of moth balls, fully ready for operation in 9 months.

Desiring to foster a deeper understanding of the industry, I joined the ACBL team in 2012 and navigated through various roles including:

- Lower Gulf fleet manager
- Manager of Customer Service
- Director of Commercial Services
- Liquid Sales Director



From her observation point in the pilot house of the *Southern Belle*, Capt. Ludy Murman says, "It's like being in another world, so calm and quiet."  
 (Staff photo by Laura Walker)

## 'Captain Mom'

Meet Ludy Murman — a 29-year-old mother of two who is believed to be the only female riverboat pilot on the Tennessee River

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Today, I am a liquid sales director at ACBL and my role is to understand the needs of our customer and provide them creative solutions. I develop contracts and communicate internally the "spirit of the agreement" to ensure proper management, communication, and execution of contracts between our customers and ACBL. I prepare and provide customers KPI data through business intelligence and data analysis software, and I provide forecasts, budgets, and market intel to assist with departmental direction and rates to ensure that ACBL is competitive in the current liquid market. In addition to my duties and responsibilities I enjoy supporting my teammates by helping them grow their skills to reach their full career potential.

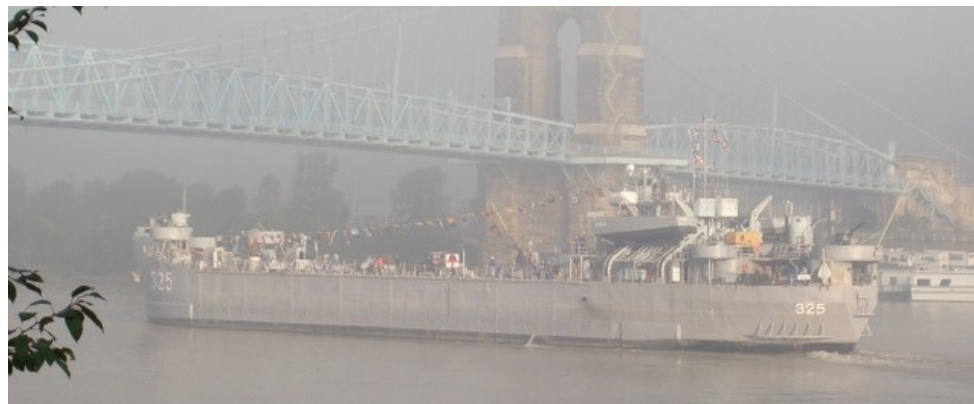


What is your favorite part of the maritime industry?

I enjoy the ever-changing ebb and flow - I have learned some of the greatest lessons of my life in the most unlikely situations/circumstances.

What advice do you have for others in the industry?

- Work to live -
  - It's a beautiful life - and it's important to love what you're doing.
  - The maritime industry is so diverse and ever-changing. Find what ignites you and collaborate with others to implement change and continuous improvements
- Get involved -
  - I love this industry and grateful for this opportunity to serve the women of WIMOs. It would have had such a positive impact on my journey to have had the support of this organization as I navigated my career.



I am married to my best friend, Robert. We have five children and four grandchildren. I piloted two trips on the LST 325 the last fully operational WWII Landing Ship Tank (LST) (see above)



## INDUSTRY EVENTS

### **Breakbulk Americas**

#### **Conference September 28-30:**

This Houston-area conference will see a lot of WIMOs attendees. Please reach out to Kasey Eckstein if you are attending and want to meet up with the group there.



Please join WIMOs at



Sept. 28-30, 2021  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, Texas

Visit us in the  
Association Lounge

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Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test required for entry



Do you know a  
**visionary woman**  
in the maritime  
industry?

**MARINELOG** Nominate Now →

**[Click here to nominate a WIMOs member for MarineLog's Women in Maritime 2021!](#)**

### **Upcoming: Seamen's Church Institute Chaplain Chats - Mondays at 11:30 CST**

These events are hosted over Zoom, and will focus on mariners' mental health. If you are interested in signing up, please email [wellness@seamenschurch.org](mailto:wellness@seamenschurch.org).



# WIMOS PROMOTIONS AND RECOGNITION

**DID YOU OR A MEMBER YOU KNOW RECEIVE A PROMOTION OR INDUSTRY RECOGNITION RECENTLY? EMAIL [WIMOSUSA@WIMOS.ORG](mailto:WIMOSUSA@WIMOS.ORG) TO HAVE HER FEATURED IN THIS NEW SECTION!**

## WEST KENTUCKY

**Janette Edwards** has been promoted to Claims Specialist, reporting to Rachel Rayburn. She has served Ingram for ten years. In her new role, Janette will manage personal illness, unknown barge damage claims of \$5,000, and other select third party property damage claims. She will interface with vessel associates, physicians, and the Operations team to evaluate the compensability of illness claims. She will also manage medical treatment and the return-to-work process.



**Brooke Colinger** has been promoted to Sr. IT Business Relationship Manger, reporting to Angela Grett. She has served Ingram for ten years. Brooke was part of the team that aligned with the business to successfully implement UTM. Her promotion represents her ability to assume leadership of increasingly complex projects that deliver innovation to the business and have direct impacts on enterprise strategy. She will continue to strategize with Operations, Human Resources, and to develop technology roadmaps and explore new opportunities.



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## WEST KENTUCKY

Taylor Chandler has been promoted to Partner, Talent, reporting to Christa White. She has served Ingram for three years. In her new role, Taylor will continue her work with filing various line-haul, ISS, and Houston Fleeting Service vessel positions. She will also continue filling production roles at the Metropolis, Columbus, and Port Allen repair facilities. She will assume an active role with sourcing initiatives for shore-based roles at our office locations.



Rachel Rayburn has been promoted to Manager, Claims Operations, reporting to Lydia Patterson. She has served Ingram for eight years. In her new role, Rachel will simultaneously maintain a Claims Manager role and provide strategic and daily leadership for claims management and the administrative support functions of the department. Rachel will also assist in the planning and development of operational processes and will serve as an elevated resource for members of the claims team.



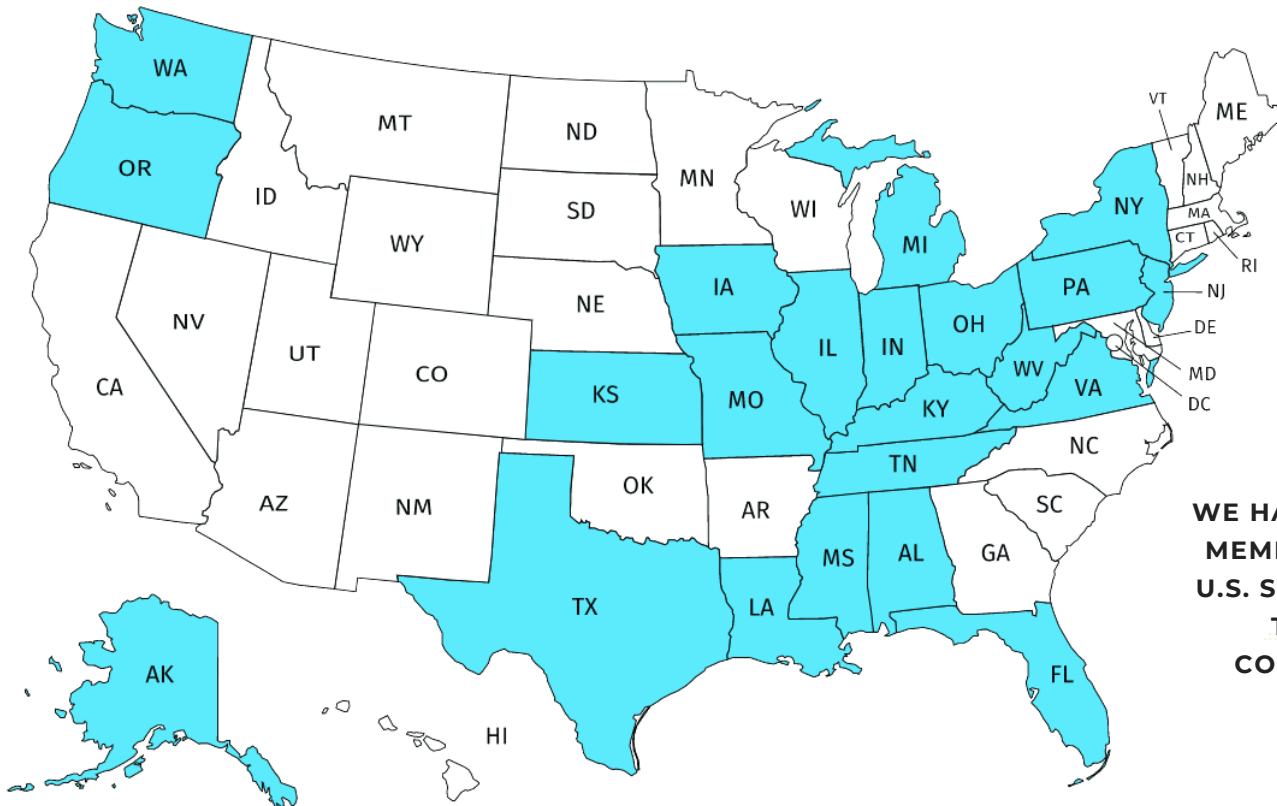
## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

April-Hope Wareham has taken a new role within Cargill as the Continuous Improvement Lead for the East and Rivers Regions of the Cargill Agricultural Supply Chain North America. She will be supporting grain elevators along and east of the Mississippi rivers through process improvements. Prior to this role, AH has managed operations at seven different grain facilities along multiple rivers and two US coasts.



# WIMOS MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WIMOS CURRENTLY HAS 482 ACTIVE MEMBERS.



**WE HAVE WIMOS MEMBERS IN 22 U.S. STATES AND THREE COUNTRIES**

**THIS INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM 127 DIFFERENT MARITIME COMPANIES**

WIMOs is excited to welcome many new members and the following new companies during our summer quarter:

ABS, Big River Propeller, Celtic Marine, IWC Oil & Refinery, Marine Compliance LLC, Mid-Ship Logistics, NGL Marine LLC, Pilot Thomas Marine, and San Jac Marine, Inc.

**As a reminder, a WIMOs corporate membership means that your company has, or plans to have, more than 8 employees involved with WIMOs.**

**If your company now has more than 8 women involved and would like to switch from an individual to a corporate dues structure, please email [wimosusa@wimos.org](mailto:wimosusa@wimos.org).**

**Please also email us with any invoicing questions.**

# HOW TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN WIMOS

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Interested in following WIMOs events and our members' cool opportunities around the world? Follow us on social media!

WIMOs is looking to update our directory - it has been a few years since we've done so!

We are looking for potential Directory Krewe members. Please email [wimosusa@wimos.org](mailto:wimosusa@wimos.org) if you are interested.

If you as a member have a cool photo or idea for our social media pages, you can reach out to Kasey and Kristin with our new social media krewe:

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[KStojakovich@barges.us](mailto:KStojakovich@barges.us)

Our new website is also completed.

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