

# AWIS

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE

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## AWIS Names Sandra W. Robert, CAE, New CEO

**WASHINGTON, DC, January 3, 2019** – The National Governing Board of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) names Sandy W. Robert as its new CEO. AWIS is the leading advocate for women in STEM. Robert starts at AWIS on January 22, 2019.

“We are excited to have Sandy Robert lead AWIS as we build on our legacy as well as embark on a path of new and innovative opportunities,” said Susan Windham-Bannister, PhD, president of the AWIS National Governing Board. “Her unique and extensive background in transformative strategic leadership and management will advance the mission and goals of AWIS. Most importantly, Sandy will continue to work closely with our global network of more than 100,000 STEM leaders, members, allies and partners to achieve equity and parity across all disciplines and employment sectors.”

Robert has more than 25 years of experience, having held senior executive leadership positions at high profile national scientific societies and educational institutions. Robert was the first executive director at the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE), the premier society of engineering and scientific association leaders in the U.S. She also served in senior level management roles at the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and Eastern Michigan University. Her areas of expertise include revenue and financial development, environmental scanning and market analysis, strategic and operational planning, and board relations and governance. Robert earned a BA from the University of Michigan and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE).

“I am honored to serve the women who are advancing the world through their talents as STEM professionals, and to work with the outstanding Board and staff of AWIS to support their achievements” said Robert. “As we face the continued pressures of social, political, and environmental change, we need to ensure the access and equity of all talented professionals to the table, and AWIS is uniquely positioned to play a key leadership role in doing so. I am eager, at this pivotal time in our history, to convene the AWIS community in collaboration with like-minded partners, toward impactful change for women’s success in STEM professions.”

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***About AWIS***

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is a global network with 80 grassroots chapters and affiliates connecting more than 100,000 professionals in STEM with members, allies and supporters worldwide. Founded in 1971, AWIS has been the leading advocate for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to achieve business growth, social change, and innovation. We are dedicated to driving excellence in STEM by achieving equity and full participation of women in all disciplines and across all employment sectors. To learn more, visit [www.awis.org](http://www.awis.org) and [@AWISNational](https://twitter.com/AWISNational).