

Jean Bennington Sweeney (Immediate Past President)

As one of the first women to graduate from Montana State University in the College of Engineering, Jean has always been a trail blazer. After graduation, she joined 3M Company for a 40-year career that took her all over the world as she worked in product development in St. Paul, Minnesota, plant management in Sydney, Australia, business leadership in Taipei, Taiwan, and many other locations--all a long way from Billings Montana where she grew up. Since retiring in 2018, Jean has devoted her time and talent serving on nonprofit boards including The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota and the Dakotas, Montana State University Alumni Foundation, Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, Girl Scouts in Minnesota and Wisconsin and Earthworm Foundation in Geneva, Switzerland which supports sustainability best practices in agriculture and forestry. Jean is an avid traveler, fly fisher, and hiker.