



2016 MNJOTS CIP FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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Hello Women of Today members,

My name is Tevyan Sorensen and I am looking forward to a great year as your Future Directions Committee chair! Along with the chairwomen of the active sub-committees we have lots of work going on to build a strong Future for the Minnesota Women of Today. We have a full Future Directions committee this year, however there are still ways to get involved. Join us at a statewide committee meeting to find out what it is all about or get involved with a sub-committee.

We have five active sub-committees and most of these meet regularly to work on priorities that have been identified by you as important for our Future MNWT. These include environmental initiatives like reducing paper consumption that Go Green is spearheading. Restructuring is imagining a simpler MNWT that supports feedback from the survey last fall. They are bringing these changes forward to Future Directions. If you are interested in getting involved in any of the sub-committees, you can email them or contact me. Better yet, let me know if you are interested in chairing one of the open sub-committees.

To share a little, I am a member of the Burnsville chapter, where I live with my husband Anton and my little guy Aden that just turned one. We are happily expecting our second son in August. I am a stay-at-home mom and spend lots of time at ECFE and play dates as well as Women of Today activities.

Thank you for taking an interest in Future Directions this year. I hope to see you at our first statewide committee meeting on July 30th.

THANK YOU!!

To each of this year's Future Directions Committee members! FDC members attend the three statewide committee meetings and participate in discussion of items from the various subcommittees or referrals from other committees, Exec Council, March Planning or the general membership. Any Women of Today member is welcome to join a sub-committee. Appointed committee members serve 2 year terms. If they are unable to attend a committee meeting, they may send a representative in their place.

Area Representatives

Area 1: Tanna Engen
Area 2: Cindy Umland
Area 3: Colleen Todd
Area 4: Michelle McGowan

At-Large Members

Anna Nichols
Nicky Anderson
JoAnn Miller
Laura Gaylord

IMPORTANT DATES

- o July 1st Founder's Day
- o July 15th Early Bird Renewals Due to CSC
- o July 23rd President / State Delegate Retreat, Rice
- o July 30th Committee meetings in New Ulm,
- o Aug 1 USWT Friendship Day
- o Aug 12th Deadline to order Day at the Diamond tickets from PR SPM
- o Aug 14-20 Kid's Week
- o Aug 15th All 3rd Trimester Renewals Due Postmarked to CSC
- o Aug 29th IMPACT Membership Monday
- o Aug 31st 1st Trimester Close Out
- o Sept 1 State of MN Annual Registration due to Sec of State, and 990N Filing due IRS
- o Sept 11 Day at the Diamond
- o Sept 16-18 Fall State Convention, Cragun's in Brainerd
- o Sept 18-24 Women of Today Week

WHAT IS FUTURE DIRECTIONS?

Future Directions brings ideas from the membership forward to support the long term growth of the organization.

This ongoing committee is responsible for reviewing member suggestions concerning organizational structure, administration or programming, especially long range planning in those areas, which have been approved by the membership. This committee is organized annually and meets at least three times during the year. The Future Directions Committee chairperson is appointed by the state president and serves a one-year term. Additional committee members are the state president, internal and external vice presidents, administrative vice president, membership vice president, chapter management vice president, chairman of the board, executive director, state parliamentarian, extensions director, marketing chair, MNWT Foundation chair, strategic planning chair, reporting subcommittee chairs, past Future Directions chair, and eight (8) members from the general membership, who serve rotating two-year terms.

FD SUB-COMMITTEES

Awards (Chair: Daina Mirsch-Wenner, fdc-awards@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee which oversee the Outstanding Young Adult, Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges, and Women Who Impact Awards.

These awards are a great way to recognize members of your community who are making a difference every day. Please work with your chapter to identify and nominate candidates for any or all of these awards. Check out the Youth of Today, Living & Learning, and Community Connections CIPs for details on the nomination process & deadlines.

Convention Review (Chair: Peggy Kaufman, fdc-conventionreview@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee with objective of reviewing conventions and making recommendations to improve these for the membership.

Go Green (Chair: Christine Sibilleau, fdc-gogreen@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to promote environmental sustainability principles within the Minnesota Women of Today as well as to the membership. Currently meeting monthly and open to new members.

Go-green has a few projects in the works, such as reducing paper usage in our organization at the State level and educating others how to do the same in their chapters. This coming year, they will continue to explore ways to do this as well as be more efficient, promote recycling in MNWT, your chapters and in your communities/home. This is in line with our organization's Environmental Sustainability Statement. If you are interested in what this committee is doing and would like to join their monthly GoTo meeting, please email fdc-gogreen@mnwt.org - and we'll send you the meeting information to either phone in or join online! The next meeting is scheduled for June 30th at 8PM.

International Chapters (Chair: OPEN, fdc-international@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to communicate with, encourage and learn from the Cyprus Women of Today chapter.

Manual Review (Chair: Cathy Shuman, fdc-manualreview@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to oversee the development and review of all manuals produced by the Minnesota Women of Today.

There are a number of manuals that need review and editing this year. The sub-committee can use help from members who have served in these positions to review SPM and chapter officer manuals. We also need members to review PEP course materials to determine if they are relevant or need any updating. Contact Cathy if you are interested in being a reviewer.

Online Training (Chair: Kimberly Rowland, fdc-online@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to create and promote online training materials related to Minnesota Women of Today operations and activities to the membership.

Restructuring (Chair: Peggy Kaufman, fdc-restructuring@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to determine how our organization can improve in the various levels, utilizing leadership positions throughout Women of Today as effectively as possible. Currently meeting monthly and open to new members.

The Restructuring Committee has been working for the past year on the March Planning 2015 recommendation. We continue to meet monthly working on the action items that have been identified and continue to look at all the exec council positions. Some proposed changes will be submitted to the Future Directions meeting in July. Please come and hear what those changes will be. A big thank you to the committee members for their time, talents and commitment. Please contact Peggy (makpiglet@gmail.com) with any questions, comments or concerns.

Strategic Plan (Chair: OPEN, fdc-strategicplan@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to develop a long-range vision for the Minnesota Women of Today.

Train the Trainer (Chair: OPEN, fdc-train@mnwt.org) Ongoing committee to expand on the training session and develop this program so it can be taken to businesses.



STATEWIDE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, July 30th

American Legion in New Ulm
10am Registration & Refreshments
10:30am Marketing
11:30am Membership Management
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Future Directions

Your chapter can earn **Success points** for serving on a State Committee (3rd Tri) or attending a State Committee meeting (each tri, up to 3 chapter members).