



## 2017 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 chart a colorful path for the future of the Minnesota Women of Today. We are looking for an Area 1 representative and a few sub-committee chairs for the Future Directions committee this year. Not ready to jump in with both feet? There are lots of 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 seven active sub-committees this year and we are in need of chairpeople to lead a few of them. 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 based on feedback from the membership. All of the sub-committees meet virtually and are open to any member. You can read more about them in this CIP. 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 guys Aden (2) and Kieran (9 mos). 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 15<sup>th</sup> in Monticello.

*Tevyan*

### **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: Open  
Area 2: Cindy Umland  
Area 3: Colleen Todd  
Area 4: Michelle McGowan

#### At-Large Members

Anna Nichols  
Mary Kaminski  
JoAnn Miller  
Laura Gaylord

### *Statewide Committee Meetings*

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Resurrection Church in Monticello

10am Registration & Refreshments

10:30am Marketing

12Noon Membership Management

**1:30pm Future Directions**

Your chapter can earn **Success points** each trimester for attending a State Committee meeting.

### *Important Dates*

- July 1st Founder's Day
- July 15th Early Bird Renewals Due to CSC  
Committee meetings in Monticello  
All Fast Starts due
- July 22nd President / State Delegate Retreat
- Aug 15th All 3rd Trimester Renewals Due
- Sept 22-24 Fall State Convention
- Sept 24-30 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, external vice president, administrative vice president, chairman of the board, executive director, state parliamentarian, marketing chair, membership management chair, 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: Julie Hammel, [fdc-awards@mnwt.org](mailto: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, Women's Wellness, and Community Connections CIPs for details on the nomination process & deadlines.

**Chapter Structure (Chair: OPEN, [fdc-chapterstructure@mnwt.org](mailto:fdc-chapterstructure@mnwt.org))** Ongoing committee to help every chapter become a healthy chapter.

This committee will focus its efforts this year on providing information and feedback on "healthy chapters" to chapters. Please consider getting involved or leading this sub-committee. It is a great opportunity for someone wanting to branch out from a chapter leadership role.

**Go Green (Chair: Christine Sibilleau, [fdc-gogreen@mnwt.org](mailto: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](mailto:fdc-gogreen@mnwt.org) - and we'll send you the meeting information to either phone in or join online!

**Manual Review (Chair: OPEN, [fdc-manualreview@mnwt.org](mailto: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 manuals. We also need members to review PEP course materials to determine if they are relevant or need any updating.

**Online Training (Chair: OPEN, [fdc-online@mnwt.org](mailto: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. Also responsible for scheduling the monthly webinar trainings available to the membership.

**Restructuring (Chair: Nicky Anderson, [fdc-restructuring@mnwt.org](mailto: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.

The Restructuring Committee is continuing on feedback from the membership to simplify the organization. The focus this year will be on the District level and how it supports the chapters. If you would like to get engaged, please contact Nicky.

**Strategic Plan (Chair: Laura Gaylord & Jen Kinzer, [fdc-strategicplan@mnwt.org](mailto:fdc-strategicplan@mnwt.org))** Ongoing committee to develop a long-range vision for the Minnesota Women of Today.