



2017 WINTER STATE CIP Future Directions

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Hello Women of Today members,

Happy New Year! Can you believe our year is in the last trimester? It has gone by fast as the Future Directions Committee has been busy at work building on the future of Women of Today. We held our second committee meeting on Saturday, December 10th in Eden Prairie and it was very productive.

In following with our theme for this year to Build for the Future, we have a number of areas that action is being taken. The Strategic Plan committee has reviewed the existing plan and proposed a number of updates to the timeline to strengthen MNWT and keep us on great path for the future. The working groups have heard your feedback about simplifying reporting. Look for new reports to come in 2017-18. In response to these changes, Manual Review is busy updating all of the chapter manuals. These will be available at LOTS.

It takes all of us being involved to build toward the future MNWT that we want. If you are interested in getting involved with Future Directions, we are looking for eager Sub-Committee chairs for 2017-18. Feel free to contact me or COB Terri for more information. I hope to see you at our next statewide committee meeting on March 18th in Monticello.

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SPECIAL WORKING GROUPS

Reporting has been very busy the past couple of months. New State Delegate, Local Programming and District Program Manager reports have been approved for 2017-18. The new Local Programming report also captures new information that will eliminate Transmittals in the future. Look for more information at LOTS and as the new year starts on what these changes mean for you.

The **Success** working group has revised the current Success worksheet to eliminate redundancies and focus on key chapter activities. The new form will be implemented for 2017-18. Look for more information coming this summer!

A **District** working group is currently looking at the role of the District as well as the structure needed to best support chapters. This working group is being lead by Nicky Anderson. Look for more updates to come or contact fdc@mnwt.org for questions or comments.

MARCH PLANNING

Saturday, March 11th in Brainerd

Send recommendations to cob@mnwt.org by Feb 15

Join the discussion and make a difference for the future of MNWT!

Important Dates

- o Jan 30 IMPACT Membership Monday
- o Mar 4 Finance Committee Meeting
- o Mar 11 March Planning
- o Mar 15 Early Bird Renewals Due to CSC
- o Mar 18 Committee meetings in Monticello
- o Apr 9-15 National Volunteer Week
- o Apr 15 All 3rd Trimester Renewals Due to CSC
- o Apr 22 MNWT Foundation Meeting
- o Apr 24 LPM Reports due
- o Apr 30 3rd Trimester Close Out
- o May 1 Presidential Pin & Medallion, Project of Tri, & Outstanding Program Manager nominations due
- o May 6 LOTS
- o May 19-21 Annual Convention

Statewide committee MEETINGS

Saturday, March 18th

Resurrection Church in Monticello

10 am Registration & Refreshments

10:30 am Marketing

11:30 am Membership Management

12:30 pm Lunch

1 pm 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 members).

FD Sub-Committee UPDATES

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.

Thank you to the following chapter for nominating to these annual awards: Monticello, Fridley, Aitkin, Avon, Anoka, Eden Prairie, New Hope, STMA, Morris Area, Savage Area, St Cloud, and Melrose. This year we have 1 OPDC, 3 OYA, and 2 WWI Honorees. The awards were given out at the Saturday Banquet. The presentations will be put onto the website following Winter State Convention.

Thank you to all the judges – they did an awesome job this year. We had 15 past or current MNWT members, and 5 non-WT members. If you were a judge this year, please email fdc-awards@mnwt.org if you have any suggestions for improvement.

We are looking for a new Outstanding Awards Chair for next year. If anyone is interested, please email fdc-awards@mnwt.org and Daina will talk to you about how the program is run.

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.

Do you recycle at home or on the go? At chapter meetings or other events? We have just what you need! Recycling cleanup is easy and neat with a Flings Pop-Up Home Recycle Bin. They come flat so are able to be stored for whenever gatherings pop up. Pop it, Fill it, and Toss it! This 13 gallon container is made of an extra-strong, leak-proof plastic printed with a recycling symbol design that pops open and stands up by itself, is re-usable and stores flat.

The Go-Green sub-committee is fundraising for the purchase of re-usable recycle bins to be used at conventions and state meetings/events. Bins are available for purchase for \$6/bin through Annual Convention 2017. Find us at conventions or fill out this form to pre-order yours: <https://goo.gl/forms/aRUeDWopXVHu8nrt2>

Why do paper choices matter?

Do you believe that you/your chapter's paper usage has an impact on our environment? Find out just how much by going to calculator.environmentalpaper.org/home - an online tool to calculate the resources conserved by using paper more efficiently and by making better paper choices.

By using less paper, increasing recycled content, and making other improvements, you can save wood, water and energy, and cut pollution and solid waste.

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

Given the new reports for chapters, all chapter manuals and District Program Manager manual are currently being reviewed. The updates are planned to be available at LOTS for the first time. These are a great resource for new boards as well as long standing members based on the updates coming.

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

The Strategic Plan for 2013-2020 has been reviewed and feedback was provided to the sub-committee at the December 2016 FDC meeting. An updated version with revised dates and some refined actions is plan to be reviewed at the March FDC meeting. Look for more updates as well as activity to meet our goals to be coming.

Sub-Committees Currently Inactive: Online Training, Train the Trainer & Restructuring