

Chapter Mailing



Greetings Chapters

I hope that you are all ready for a fun filled holiday season. With the rise in Covid cases and the impending colder weather, I wish you all to have a safe and warm holiday season. I know that the holidays won't look like they have previously, but please take a moment to appreciate your family, friends and most of all your health.

We have had some really great conversations regarding membership and how to best equip you, our members and our chapters to have all the tools necessary to get through the remainder of this trimester and into early next trimester. The membership team as well as the rest of the staff and executive council are here to offer ideas and support in this area of membership and how to keep your members engaged.

I know that we are missing those personal touches and seeing everyone in person, but I know that this is just a short term problem. As I said in my November FaceBook live posting, we

are all going through the same situation. We want to be with people, we want to be able to hug each other and offer those words of encouragement in person. While we cannot reach out to your members, friends, and family to let them know that you are thinking of them and that you are there for them. You would be amazed and how far a little note in the mail, a quick text or even a FaceBook message can make all the difference.

The Winter State Convention will be virtual, but I am truly hoping that we will be able to once again gather together to celebrate our best year ever. We may not have growth, we may not have 100% retention, but what we can celebrate is the resiliency of our chapters, other organizations that you have helped get through this tough time with your tireless dedication of time and other means of support, and we can most of all celebrate that we have made it through a year like none other.

As I like to say, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns Women of Today related or not. Myself and staff are here to help you make it through this time.

We are strong together and we are proving that everyday by the amazing work that you are all doing in your community.

In the words of JK Rowling "Life is difficult, and complicated, and beyond anyone's total control, and the humility to know that will enable you to survive its vicissitudes."

With a heartfelt of Thanks, *Illeana Miller*



Membership Team

Chapter Membership VP

Jenise Teske

Thank you to the 10 chapter Presidents who submitted your Mid-Year evaluations. They will be returned to you at Winter State (or thereabouts). Keep on persevering with trying to stay connected how you can with your chapter members. We will get through this together. Again, reach out if you want to have a one-on-one chat or want me to attend your general meeting to offer ideas, support.

Membership VP

Tevyan Sorensen

Wow! Here we are at the end of 2020 and heading into the Third Trimester. I want to thank all of the chapters who have been reaching out with updates as well as requests for help with membership. These are challenging times for many chapters. I encourage each of you to be accepting of your members choices and do what you can to offer participation choices that work for all of your members. If you are consistently missing certain members, check in on them. For many, that means picking up the phone and calling. Let them know they are missed, what the chapter activities look like and listen to what is going on with them.

Now is a great time to reconnect as a chapter and get to know your members better. You can borrow the Buddy-of-the-Month from the Fairmont chapter. Or highlight members each month

at meetings or in your newsletter. Or pick a theme and embed it in everything each month.

The Membership team is here to help! We want to see members engaging with each other and chapters continuing with some routine or activity. If you or your chapter are struggling with either of these, please reach out to MVP Tevyan or CMVP Jenise.

Administrative VP

Michelle Kocak Jones

Thank you to the 7 District Directors and 16 State Delegates for submitting a mid-year evaluation, ALL of which were submitted early or on time! Congratulations to Jennifer Wulff for winning the incentive basket. Now is the time to consider a District Director position. Please reach out to AVP Michelle at avp@mnwt.org or the DD in your area if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this very rewarding position.

Organizational Rules & Records

Secretary

Barb Monsrud

Thanks to the chapter's that submitted their minutes and newsletters. I also want to thank the chapters that have been completing my 2nd - 2nd Trimester Challenge. I love getting the photo's and seeing what you have been up to. You

have until Winter State to complete the Trimester Challenges. You can find it [here](#) if you need a refresher.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I hope that in some way, you all get to still enjoy the holidays. As always, Please be kind to one another. Find a way to 'Pay it Forward' this holiday season. *Hugs,*

BARB

Extensions

OPEN

We have an Intent to Extend filed to start a new chapter in the Bowlus area. Woo hoo!! Any chapter completing an extension by 12/31/20 will receive a \$150 incentive to help with startup expenses.

Programming

Programming VP

Anna Nichols

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Living and Learning

Melanie Chenoweth

Hi everyone! I hope you are all doing well. I have one more mini challenge for you this trimester and it is a very important one. Self-care! Do anything for yourself and make sure to tell me about it. Also, I will be holding

a zoom impromptu for winter convention. So get ready to show off those skills!

Youth of Today

Glorie Balfanz

Hello to the Young at Heart!

Good Luck to those chapters that submitted nominations for the Outstanding Young Adult Award. I hope you have plans to treat that young person like royalty. There are no losers in this award. Nominating them is recognition by their community. They are a big deal. Each chapter can honor their nominee in their own way. I hope you share how you honor them. You all have such great ideas. In my role as Youth of Today SPM I promote ways we can help youth understand the value of volunteering. I would like us to help each other find ways to do this. I will be sharing ideas that I hear about on the Facebook Programming Page on Fridays. Let me know your ideas and projects. We can all learn from each other. One idea I have is to have a project that supports Children's MN. Have children donate books that can go to Children's MN. Or collect change that they "work" for to donate to Children's MN. A special job in your home to earn that money for someone else. The \$ you collect can go through your chapter. Write a check to MNWT with Children's MN in the memo line. Mail the check to me. Email me for my address. I know that the ideas are numerous. If you are looking for an idea or need help in any way contact me at [Youth of Today Email](#).

Community Connections

Tawn Hanson

True Friends is a nonprofit agency providing life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. True Friends'

programs include camp, respite, therapeutic horseback riding, conference and retreat, travel and team building; serving over 25,000 individuals annually. With locations near Maple Lake, Annandale, Plymouth, Eden Prairie and Bemidji, True Friends serves individuals in Minnesota and throughout the United States. In-kind gifts have allowed many other badly needed projects, large and small, to go forward. There are times when an individual, group or business can donate gifts in kind that make a huge difference. True Friends can only accept specific items, so please contact 952.852.0101 or giving@truefriends.org to learn more.

Women's Wellness

Jeny Ohr

Happy Holidays everyone! Has your chapter been saving their Loose Change? Remember the chapter that raises the most money for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota will win a cool gift at Winter State. Please make all checks out to MNWT with NAMI fundraiser in the memo. You can mail your checks to me. Please check my CIP for my address or email me [HERE](#) with any questions. My second reminder is to make sure that you are emailing me any women's wellness participation that you have done during 2nd trimester. Every district, chapter or member who does will be entered into a fun incentive gift at Winter State. Make sure to check out my 3rd trimester CIP to see what fun challenges I will have each month. Each month will focus on something different.

- **January- Ending Mental Health Stigma**
- **February-Domestic Violence Awareness**
- **March- March of Dimes**
- **April- Prioritizing Your Mental Health**

Committees and Foundation

Future Directions Chair

Jen Kinzer

Our November FDC meeting was filled with all kinds of updates and activities. Want an update? Check out the minutes from the meeting to find out the latest happenings with this committee.

Marketing Committee Chair

Christine Sibilleau

Note from Bucket of Sunshine Chair Jeny:

Remember to send Priority Area SPM Jennifer your stickers. Remember for every 1,000 stickers you or your chapter sends, you will be entered into a cool prize at Winter State. Check out her CIP or email her at priorityarea@mnwt.org for her address. Can't wait to see how many stickers we can donate to Wishes and More!!

Note from Public Relations Assistant Jeny:

We are one of the first winners of a 2020 Top-Rated Award from GreatNonprofits. Read inspiring stories about our organization and add your own at <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/minnesota-women-of-today>.

**Membership Management Committee Chair
Michelle Cloutier**

Thank you to all who joined us at our Committee Meeting on November 21st! Next meeting in March! Don't forget to email Michelle at mmc@mnwt.org your Orientation Material for a chance to win a prize at Winter State!

**Foundation Chair
Nicky Anderson**

Did you know that the Straight River scholarship is available to anyone that is doing continuing ed classes, or wanting to take a workshop etc and you're needing funds to help pay for it. We encourage members to apply anytime throughout the year. Please contact JoAnn Miller or myself or check out the MNWT foundation page for more info.

Guess what- There will be a february foundation social zoom fundraiser. More info will be coming out as more details are worked out.

**Chairman of the Board
Cat Shuman**

I'm really excited to promote ONTO shirts and ONTO flower sales! We are adding a new twist to ONTO Flowers for this year. Check out the flyer included in this chapter mailing. Winter State will be virtual, but you can still submit messages to any member you desire, and they will receive special flower greetings by MAIL!! Start putting together your list and use the online ONTO Flower Message submission to send me your special greetings. And don't forget to send a check to pay for those flowers to be prepared and delivered. Reminder: You

can still purchase an ONTO shirt and you can even wear it at our virtual conventions. Use this [link](#) to go to the COB webpage to find forms for ONTO shirts and flowers.

Are you thinking about an Exec Council position for next year? You could bid for a state program manager position, run for election to serve as a district director, or file for state staff or even MNWT state president. Information and forms are all available on the MNWT website – you can go to the COB webpage to find links. Please contact cob@mnwt.org if you have any questions.

Please save the date of Saturday, March 13 for our annual March Planning workshop. If you have any suggestions to improve our organization, there is now an online form to submit your March planning recommendations. See the COB [web page](#) for a link to the form.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Nov 21st state committee meetings and to the committee chairs that are leading these committees: FDC Jen Kinzer, MMC Michelle Cloutier, and Marketing Chair Christine Sibilleau

Digi - Sense Article

Jessica Schultz

What is the Cloud?

Just upload it to the cloud! Your files are stored in the cloud! We've all heard these phrases when saving or storing information, but what the heck is the cloud really and why is it important for groups?

The term is typically used to describe storage or data centers that can be accessed by users via the internet. Examples of cloud storage are things like Google Drive or Amazon Photos. Users can purchase space in these data centers to store their documents, videos, and photos.

The advantages of storing data on cloud servers is that the data is available on-demand with an internet connection, access can be granted to multiple users, and important articles can be retrieved without data loss in the event of a digital device malfunction. Many people use these cloud storage services to share collaborative data. They are beneficial for teams (like MNWT chapters) as individuals can be granted access to store and access historical and commonly used documents. In situations where individuals exit or enter relationships that allow them access to the group cloud, permission to view, save, and print documents can be managed. Cloud storage is beneficial to groups where controlled access is used, multiple users will update and share data, and where the dependability of all user devices may be in question.



When: JAN 29-30 2021

Where: [Arrowwood Lodge in Brainerd Lakes](#)

MNWT State Conventions are held three (3) times per year; due to Covid-19, this convention will be held online for members, and at the resort for Exec Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT: the ONTO committee will be taking orders for ONTO flowers through January 1, 2021. Flower greetings will be mailed around Winter State Convention (or distributed to Exec Council members attending in person). We will be continuing the tradition that began last year with colorful paper flowers inscribed with your personal message - easy to transport and you can keep them in a memory book.

PRICING for 2020-2021

\$2 each, 6 for \$10, or 12 for \$20

ORDERS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1, 2021

The number of flowers you pay for should equal the number of messages you submit (Flowers will only be mailed/delivered if

payment is received prior to January 25th - see below)



HOW TO ORDER & PAY

The easiest way to order is to use the online form "ONTO Flower Submission" with this link: [ONTO Flower Forms 2020](#)

After you submit your messages, please remember to pay for your orders!

★ Make your check to: **Minnesota Women of Today**

★ Mail to: Cat Shuman -
9640 Goodrich Ave NE, Monticello
Monticello, MN 55362
MEMO: FLOWER DELIVERY

Each message you submit will be placed on a colorful paper flower. Flowers will be sorted and packaged by recipient's name

and mailed to the address on file at the CSC toward the end of January. If you order flowers for exec council members that attend the convention, they will be hand delivered to them.

QUESTIONS? Contact Cat Shuman at cob@mnwt.org or 612.812.9198

If you prefer to handwrite your messages, you can use the form from my Fall State CIP or go to my COB [webpage](#) to download and print the ONTO Flower Message Tag Form.

In your message, you must include the name and chapter of the person to receive the flower, and your name.

(Please stay within the square boxes because your messages will be copied onto square labels. ☺)

Remember to send your messages along with your check when you pay for your flower orders.



MNWT Clothing Store

In cooperation with [Warroad Threads](#), we are now able to offer MNWT branded clothing. We have quite a selection, including T-shirts, polo shirts, pants, jackets and even face masks – all with the MNWT logo. There are various colors available as well as sizes up to 4XL. Shipping is free on orders of \$50.00 or more. Shipping is direct to you, so you don't have to wait for a convention or meeting to get your order. Your order will also help support State Ways & Means. This is a great way to show your pride in our organization and to support the organization at the same time.

If you post a picture on Facebook of yourself wearing any of the items that you order and provide a short

review (ex: ordered a XL and fit was true to size or the L was a little too big, great choice of colors) and use hashtag **#MNWTFinance** and there will be an incentive for you. This will run until December 31; incentives will be given at [Winter State Convention](#).

Thank you for your support!

MNWT Financial Vice President
Mary Hansen is ***Making Sense of Your Dollars***

**Mid-Year Executive Council Meeting Minutes -
Minnesota Women of Today
Arrowwood Lodge - Brainerd, MN
Saturday November 7, 2020**

President Illeana Miller called the Mid - Year Executive Council meeting of the Minnesota Women of Today to order at 10:00. Melanie Chenoweth, Living & Learning State Program Manager, read an invocation. Anna Nichols, PVP, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jenise Teske, CMVP, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Parliamentarian Melissa Redzuan {Wendy stepped in due to Melissa being out} read the Order of the Day. A quorum has been established. The minutes of the Fall State Executive Council meeting on September 18, 2020 were approved in the October Chapter Mailing Highlights. .

Secretary – Barb Monsrud (secretary@mnwt.org)

- Reminder to chapters/districts to send in mtg. Mins.
- Reminder: STAFF please go back in and fill in your mins.

Administrative Vice President – Michelle Kocak Jones (avp@mnwt.org)

- Each DD will share the date, time and place of their winter district meeting.
- The winner drawn at mid-year exec is Jennifer Wulff.
- DD pre-convention meeting will be Jan. 5th at 7:00pm via zoo

Membership Vice President – Tevyan Sorensen

(mvp@mnwt.org)

- All chapters should have received their unofficial Dues Billings in their chapter email. Official Dues Billings from USWT will go out this week. Early birds are due postmarked next Monday, 11/16. As a reminder chapters need 75% of their total renewals by this date to qualify for EB. We already have 1 chapter with 100% renewal and I am looking for lots more!! Welcome to the 17 new members across 15 chapters this trimester.

- Membership Week is coming up on Nov 29 -Dec 5. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our members! Let's have fun with this week to remind everyone how we are stronger together and we can do amazing things even from a distance or with masks on. Send me (or the Membership FB page) a photo from an event or get together and you'll be entered into a drawing. Sign a member that week and I have a fun Thank You for you and your chapter earns 25 Success Bonus points!
- As we continue to focus on both recruiting & retention, the challenge this Trimester is to hold an M-event specifically recruiting and an R-event specifically focusing on your current members. Tell me all about it and be entered into a prize drawing at Winter State.
- There are creative solutions out here to what we all want to accomplish. Sometimes it is just in how we look at the question! I want to encourage each of you to think about how you are working with members and chapters. I want to remind all of you that there is a brainstorming worksheet in my Fall State CIP. Also, I am here to help and am happy to meet with anyone to figure out how to get your members engaged! Thank you all for all you are doing to gather our flock!

Chapter Management Vice President – Jenise

Teske (cmvp@mnwt.org)

- So far, 3 submissions received, deadline is 11/8
- At the beginning of Trimester 2, there were 7 chapters on TLC--of those 2 were on 1st trimester (Eden Prairie and Savage area), 4 were on 2nd trimester (Eastern Carver County, Hawley, Staples-Motley,

- and Montevideo), and I was on 3rd trimester (Virginia). Eden Prairie is transferring members to ECC, Savage area has added a new member so off the TLC list! Reaching out to Hawley and Staples-Motley to help. Transfer from Willmar to Montevideo will bring them off TLC list; one member at least from Willmar transferring to Hutchinson. Still working with Virginia, which only has 4 members.
- A suspension of bylaw Article III, Section 1, subsection G was announced relating to TLC chapters. The suspension of the bylaw would essentially freeze chapters TLC status through 08/31/2021 and will reinstate the bylaw effective 09/01/2021. Chapters have reached out to the membership team asking to see if we can do something to help them not be closed by the state as they are having difficulties recruiting members. Please feel free to reach out to the membership team, Katie, or myself with any questions related to this bylaw suspension. The vote will happen at the Winter State convention (which will be held virtually).

NOTICE MOTION CHANGE TO BYLAWS.
VOTE TO BE DONE AT WINTER STATE

I move to suspend the following bylaw through August 31st, 2021- to be reinstated on September 1, 2021- that reads as follows:

Article 3, Section 1, Subsection G
 Chapters must have a minimum of ten (10) members. If the chapter remains under ten (10) members for two consecutive trimesters, the chapter shall automatically be removed from the rolls of the Minnesota Women of Today on September 1, January 1, or May 1, whichever is applicable. All records of the chapter shall be turned over to the

District Director who shall then forward them to the Chapter Service Center. A chapter wishing to reinstate their membership must do so as a new chapter with a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing.

Extensions Director – OPEN (extensions@mnwt.org)

- **None**

Programming Vice President – Anna Nichols

(pvp@mnwt.org)

- Due to the fluid nature of this year and our commitment to sharing accurate and meaningful information, the programming team will be postponing our Outstanding Awards and Winter State Forum and Activities updates until later this month.
- Now is the time to imagine you as an SPM. Bidding for next year's SPM positions will be at Winter State. I am here to support you through the process. I've had a few fabulous women step up already, but love three more. If you are interested in Community Connections, Women's Wellness, or Youth of Today, talk to me asap.
- Motions (TBD based on Programming Evaluation Results.)

Living and Learning SPM—Melanie Chenoweth
 (ll@mnwt.org)

- My November challenge is to do one thing that scares you and my December challenge is to do at least one act of self-care. Don't forget that each time you tell me, you will be entered into my drawing.
- I have given you a sheet of paper with some questions to help you work on yourself.

Priority Area SPM / Wishes and More - Jennifer

Auger (priority-area@mnwt.org)

- The combining of Bucket of Sunshine and PA is a great idea. We are collecting stickers that Wishes & More use for decorating cards, letters, gifts, and packages hand-delivered and mailed to Wish kids and their siblings. Jeny Ohr has created a great marketing post and we are getting double exposure through Programming and Marketing. Hopefully with this project WAM will have MNWT sprinkled through their wishes long after our official time with them is finished in April. District Directors please encourage your chapters to bring stickers to your district meetings or when you visit them. I do have a challenge for every 1000 stickers donated per person or chapter but you certainly could add an incentive or contest within your own district to add to the excitement. If you would like a prize/incentive within your district let me know and I'd be happy to supply something.
- I would like to make a motion for a fundraiser to sell Wishes & More T-shirts at Winter State and through order for \$10 each with \$5 being direct profit (WAM sells shirts to volunteers at cost for \$5)
M/S/P (PA/CC)I move that PA SPM sells Wishes & More T-shirts at Winter State and through order for \$10 each with \$5 being direct profit (WAM sells shirts to volunteers at cost for \$5)
m/s/p - Tawn Hanson, CC

Women's Wellness SPM - Jeny Ohr (ww@mnwt.org)

- I would like to start doing Facebook Group Chats or Zoom chats with a focus on the holiday season and how they can be extremely lonely for some people. I will

send an email with links to chapters once as well as post on Facebook once I have dates picked out.

- Challenge Reminders: Loose Change Challenge Fundraiser for NAMI Minnesota. The chapter that raises the most money will get a fun basket at Winter State. Women's Wellness participation incentive. Any members, chapter, or district who participates in any Women's Wellness activity during the 2nd Trimester will be entered into a fun prize at Winter State. Finally for any \$5 a member or chapter donates towards the Women Who Impact Award will be entered into an incentive at Annual.
- DVA Programming Manager Kathy Hansen is asking for chapters to donate \$25.00-\$100.00 this Trimester. Remember to send her your [transmittals](#).

Youth of Today SPM - Glorie Balfanz

(yt@mnwt.org)

- Please support the OYA Fundraiser by buying these cute button ornaments and greeting cards. As you know they are made by special students in the Monticello School District. They learn through making and distributing these items. The proceeds will go towards their program and the OYA Fundraiser. Double impact for your money. Please take back the information to your chapters and districts. The items will be delivered at Winter State. I assume like we did at Fall State. If not we will be flexible and regroup to find a different way.
- I hope chapters and districts see the value in the Children's MN campaign Shine Bright for Cancer Kids. This goes to their Kids Cancer Fund. My suggestion is that chapters donate at least \$2 to this fund. Since we have about 50 chapters

- we can donate about \$100. I would like chapters and districts to make the checks payable to MNWT and put Children's MN in the memo line and mail to me. You should all have my address and I included it in an email sent to the chapters and districts in October. Direct questions to yt@mnwt.org

Community Connection SPM - Tawn Hanson
(cc@mnwt.org)

- I am challenging everyone in the room to encourage their chapters and districts to participate in my Habitat for Humanity challenge. My challenge is to hold an event or make a donation to Habitat for Humanity and send me an email about it to receive an incentive and be entered into a drawing for a basket to be awarded at Winter State.
- True Friends is a nonprofit agency providing life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. True Friends' programs include camp, respite, therapeutic horseback riding, conference and retreat, travel and team building; serving over 25,000 individuals annually. With locations near Maple Lake, Annandale, Plymouth, Eden Prairie and Bemidji, True Friends serves individuals in Minnesota and throughout the United States. In-kind gifts have allowed many other badly needed projects, large and small, to go forward. There are times when an individual, group or business can donate gifts in kind that make a huge difference. True Friends can only accept specific items, so please contact 952.852.0101 or giving@truefriends.org to learn more.

Financial Vice President - Mary Hansen
(fvp@mnwt.org)

- Christine Harkness who has filled the volunteer position of Accountant for the MNWT has resigned the position. The Finance Committee met via zoom and after discussion has appointed Mary Hansen to fill this position with Jane Hanson to continue to do reviews.
- Sheets Galore is/was scheduled to be at Winter State for fundraising. They do offer on-line fundraising so will be exploring that option.

Parliamentarian - Melissa Redzuan (parli@mnwt.org)

- Bylaw and Policy Review was held on October 23rd 2020 attendance included.
- Received feedback and recommendation.
- 2nd trimester Challenge- Will promote on FB for participation.

Chairman of the Board - Cathy Schuman

(cob@mnwt.org)

- MNWT State Committee meetings will be held on Saturday, Nov 21st and will have an option for virtual attendance (and might be the only option). MMC at 9:30 am, Marketing at 10:30 am, and Future Directions at 12 noon. Committee chairs are planning their agendas and hope to have those posted on the website by Nov 10th. If you are a member of a state committee, you should receive information from the committee chair prior to the meeting date. ED Katie will prepare the virtual meeting information and send that out.
- Although Winter State convention will be held virtually, ONTO Flower Sales are still on!! Flower greetings will be **mailed** to all members that are not able to be there in person. Exec Council members will

- receive their flower greetings at convention. I have updated ONTO flyers for you and I'm asking you to help promote this to all chapters and members. It is super easy to order your flowers - you go to the online form for ONTO Flowers and complete an entry for each flower greeting that you want to send. Here's the link for online messages: <https://forms.gle/tKw3T9JTXpbKFFSr7>. The cost is \$2 for each; checks should be made out to "MNWT" and sent directly to me.
- I have ONTO Shirts with me for sale today. If you haven't had a chance to order one for yourself and maybe for another special member, you can purchase today. I ordered some additional sizes that ran out, so I should have whatever size you need.
- Each year MNWT elects a new state president at the Annual Convention in May. In order to accomplish that in an organized manner, I need you to start thinking now about which position you would consider for next year. I provided handouts at Fall State convention for all Exec Council members with information about becoming a District Director, bidding on a state program manager position, and seeking a staff appointment or running for state president. Updated forms are online and ready for you to fill out. Please come see me with any questions or assistance you might need.
- March Planning Recommendations: Although March Planning does not take place until March 13th, I will need your recommendations in advance to prepare for the discussion. Future Directions has approved a new form for March Planning Recommendations and there will be an online version available, making it fairly easy to submit your ideas.

- I have copies of the form to share so you can jot notes and be ready to submit recommendations soon.
- MOTION: approve election committee representatives
M/S/P (COB/MVP) I move to approve the appointment of Mary Sobzak as the Area 3 Elections Committee Representative.
m/s/p - Tevyan Hansen, MVP

Executive Director – Katie Castro (csc@mnwt.org)

- A quick reminder that membership information (such as chapter rosters) is to be used solely for MNWT purposes and should never be published electronically or online. Also, printed copies of such items should be shredded or destroyed as they contain personal information.
- Be sure to keep your official email box cleaned up; be sure to delete the trash and items in your Sent files as these frequently contain attachments that take up a lot of storage space. Please also take a look at your black list and make sure that no MNWT emails are there. Also, be sure that katie@mnwtcsc.net is on your Safe List.
- The Go To Meeting request form can be found in the Covid section of the Member Home page. Go To Meeting is available for chapters, districts and Exec Council members to utilize for meetings, socials, etc. Requests are filled on a first come first served basis. Let me know if you have any questions.
- Thank you from the Web Team for any and all responses to requests for information, especially the SPMS :)

Presidential Assistant – Wendy Lindberg

(pa@mnwt.org)

- NONE

Foundation Chair - Nicky Anderson

(foundation@mnwt.org)

- Chapter Grant applications are due December 1st. If you have a chapter project coming up and would like to apply for funding, please see the MNWT website for information on applying. Questions? Contact Nicky Anderson or Chapter Grants Chair Wendy Homyak.
- The next Foundation Board Meeting will be held on November 14th by zoom beginning at 10:00 am. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please let Nicky know if you're interested in attending and she will get you the zoom link.
- The MNWT Foundation is currently participating in the Amazon Smile program. See my Fall state [CIP](#). As we all know we all shop on Amazon so lets connect it with Amazon Smile and earn some money.

Future Directions Committee Chair - Jen Kinzer

(fdc@mnwt.org)

- The next Future Directions Meeting will be held November 22 with a noon start time. Along with the other statewide committees offered that day, you have the option to attend in person at Start Bank in Eden Prairie or online via zoom. Please let me know how you would like to attend.
- A new state staff position, the Marketing VP has been proposed from the Restructuring Task Force as part of the MNWT FDC committee. Details of the proposal along with the bylaw changes

- were available in the October Chapter Mailing.
- The Winter State Outstanding Awards are being planned as we speak. Watch for the awards to be given at the Winter State Convention.

Marketing Committee Chair - Christine Sibilleau

(marketing@mnwt.org)

- NONE

Membership Management Committee Chair -

Michelle Cloutier (mmc@mnwt.org)

- MMC is working MVP to do a Zoom Meeting to get the Orientation Material task force started.
- Orientation Material Challenge going through Tri 2. Send to MMC what you are using for your Orientation Materials in your chapter and be entered for a prize at Winter State.
- MMC started to work on the First Timers Booklet for Winter State. In the event we are still virtual looking at how I can change the form to be different from Fall State.

Melanie Chenoweth, Living & Learning State Program Manager, read the benediction. COB Cat Shuman, led the MM Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at

**Meeting Minutes submitted by Barb Monsrud,
2020-21 State Secretary**