



Minnesota Women of Today
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Future Directions Chair
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The Cat's Meow



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Hello, chapter members!

I'm serving as your Future Directions Committee Chair this year and hope that you will take the time to attend the state committee meetings at least once this year. State committees consist of Future Directions, Membership Management, and Marketing. The first trimester meetings are being held on Saturday, July 13 in Staples. The meetings begin at 10 am and usually finish before 3 pm. If you cannot attend in person, there will be a zoom option.

A little about me: I am a member of the Monticello Women of Today and have lived in Monticello since 1985. My husband Ed and I are celebrating our 50th Anniversary on June 15th. I am the Clerk for our township and enjoy helping with community events. *Cat Shuman*

What is the Future Directions Committee?

The Future Directions Committee serves as an advisory and recommending board to the Executive Council on MNWT's structure, administration, and programming. The Committee develops long range planning, considers changes proposed by members and committees, and supervises the implementation of such changes. Future Directions has the authority to make decisions on state matters except for the bylaws and policies.

Anyone can attend meetings, offer suggestions, and be part of the discussion. Voting members of FDC are: State President, COB, Exec Director, AVP, PVP, MKVP, FVP, Parli, MMC Chair, Foundation Chair, Past FDC Chair, FDC subcommittee chairs, 4 appointed general members, and 4 area reps.

FDC Subcommittees and Task Forces

Subcommittees of Future Directions have specific on-going duties and report at each meeting. The subcommittees are: Manual Review (Cat S/Mary Hansen), Online Training (Jenise Teske), Winter State Outstanding Awards (Mary Kaminski), Strategic Planning (OPEN), and Go Green (on hold).

Task Forces consist of members directed to perform a short-term study of a specific topic. Current Task Forces are: Programming (Michelle Kocak Jones), Convention Review (Wendy Homyak), Success (Sarah Sundine), Restructure (Wendy H), and Forms Review (Anna Nichols).

First Trimester Online Webinar—June 12

Each trimester, MNWT offers online training through a webinar, usually held on the last Wednesday of the 2nd month of the trimester. For 1st trimester of the new year, we are changing it up a bit. The MNWT Webinar will be held on Wed, June 12 from 6 to 8 pm. The topics are: (1) United States Women of Today (by the newly elected USWT President and her staff); (2) REACH, which is the new MNWT Priority Area; and (3) Stress Calming techniques. It's easy to register—you can go to the MNWT website and sign up on the Members Home page or email csc@mnwt.org. Exec Director Tanya will send a link for the webinar a day or so before June 12.