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June 2026

President's Message



Summer is finally here! Loving the smell of fresh cut grass and bedding plants finally out. The barbeques are being lit and the delicious smells waft through the neighborhoods. I love this time of year! Let's pray for a long summer.

Our May Dinner event at Martensville Rec Centre was great. I was so pleasantly surprised to walk in and hardly know anyone! There were so many quests I was giddy with joy. Let's repeat that every meeting!!

*The June Dinner meeting will be held at Hillcrest Reception Centre and will also be the time of our Business Meeting. **Members are encouraged to be present as we will need quorum. If you are unable to attend in person, you are asked to appoint a proxy with another EWI sister. Reports of Board members will be received and the 2026-2027 financials need to be approved.***

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patio (weather permitting). Appies or meal and drinks will be at our own expense.

We are always looking for new and fresh ideas for both our meetings and our CONNECT articles. Let us know how we are doing. Do you have something you would like to contribute? Talk to a board member. We'd LOVE to hear from you! If you are considering or curious about serving on the Board, think about shadowing a Board member or join a Committee. Feel free to talk to any Board member – Tracey, Barb, Karen S, Char, Karen P, Susan McD.. Be involved, ask questions and let's grow together!

Wishing you all a relaxing, safe and long summer!

EWI President 2025-2026

Fran Seidler



June Dinner Meeting

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Saskatoon Chapter June Dinner Meeting



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*The Power of Being Seen:
Your Image, Your Story,
Your Confidence*

Through her experience as a portrait photographer, Anna will help you understand the connection between self-image, confidence and truly being seen. You will walk away with a fresh perspective on your own image, your story and the value of showing up as your real, confident self.



Wednesday, June 17th, 2026
5:00 - 7:30pm
Hillcrest Event Centre
210 Wess Road

Members \$45, Guests \$50

Private members-only
Business Meeting to follow.

Register by Jun 14
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June Business Meeting

Notice of Annual Chapter Business Meeting

To: Chapter Representatives

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Standard Chapter Bylaws of Executive Women International that the second annual Business meeting of the Chapter will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 17, 2025 at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

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- Receive annual reports of Officers and Directors and committee chairs
- Elect representative(s) as member(s) of the nominating committee
- Take action on any other matters that may properly come before the annual business meeting.

Karen Skirten, Chapter Secretary

Board Reports to Membership

President Annual Report – Fran Seidler

The year began with a very successful Board retreat and a clear vision of our goals for the year. We have offered different formats and meeting times to accommodate many of our members but have found that the evening meetings still remain the best format for our membership overall. We have experienced several different venues, many of which have been terrific events. Our speakers have been varied, knowledgeable and inspirational. Our fundraisers have been very successful in contributing towards our scholarship at the University of Saskatchewan.

The unfortunate part to our year is the loss of several members. We understand that circumstances change in life, but we are always saddened to see our sister members leave us. I would challenge each of us to add a new member by the end of 2026. I thank the entire Board for all their support in my role this year and for their diligence and commitment to this organization.

Vice President/President-Elect - Tracey Fesiuk

I attended a corporate zoom meeting in February. One interesting idea for a fundraiser during a meeting was a gently used purse raffle. There was a membership promo until Mar 31/26.

I have attended most of the meetings - missing a couple due to holidays. I planned and arranged the May meeting which took place in Martensville.

Treasurer - Barb Wohlford

- Attended all events since becoming treasurer
- See Attached - Financial Report
- Paid Bills each month including monthly bills for new website and events
- Transferred PayPal funds to bank for all events since we signed up with Pay Pal instead of old website. This has been a great idea for a treasurer as I have less than 10 transactions per month instead of over 25 and even more when we do a fundraiser

Secretary/Communications Director - Karen Skirten

I am quite pleased with the work that has been completed this year so far for the Communications Director portfolio. Some of those highlights include:

- Setting up free communications platform for the Chapter with Mail Chimp
- Migrating our website over to a new site/platform through member firm Prairie Orchid Media

In so far as engagement goes...

- I have attended all board meetings, with the exception of May, 2026
- I sadly missed the May dinner meeting due to illness
- I have tried to keep posts relevant and regular on both our internal private member FB group page and our Chapter's social media accounts

So very thankful to Fran for her leadership and vision and to Tristina Miller for stepping in as an invaluable member for the Communications committee.

Member Engagement Director - Char Weightman - verbal report will be given at meeting

Sgt At Arms - Karen Pallibroda

It has been a great first year serving on the EWI board as your Sergeant-at-Arms. I have really enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about how the board operates, thanks to the support of my fellow board members.

Some highlights from this year include:

- Supported dinner and lunch events with 50/50 ticket sales, name tags, and liquor sales as needed
- Pitched in at special events, including bingo nights - the teamwork and bingo calling were a lot of fun!
- Had the opportunity to speak at a luncheon about interior design - a personal highlight and a great chance to share something I am passionate about with our members

In so far as engagement goes...

- Attended board meetings throughout the year
- Enjoyed getting to know board members and chapter members better through the dinner and lunch events
- Learned the ropes of the role with great guidance from past Sergeant-at-Arms Barb

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I planned and arranged the May meeting which took place in Martensville. Thank you to past Sergeant-at-Arms Barb for her guidance and encouragement this year, and to the rest of my EWI sisters for their support along the way.

I would love to continue in this role and keep building on what I have learned. There is always more to discover, and I look forward to being even more involved in the year ahead.

ASIST Chair - Susan McDonald

It has been an honor to serve as your EWI Saskatoon Chapter ASIST Chair for this year, focusing on developing stronger relationships and communications with the University of Sask.

The recipient of the 2025 EWI ASIST bursary attended our September dinner meeting, speaking about the impact the bursary made in supporting her education while raising her son and working. It was heart-warming for all in attendance to hear about the difference our fundraising efforts have made. As far as I know, the recipient did not apply for the EWI Corporate grant in the spring. (There is a strong student privacy policy in place)

I had several meetings with Debbie Brown, EWI Past President re: the \$1,000 literacy grant that she secured from EWI Corporate. We attended joint meetings with U of S staff Michelle Neufeld, Jo Anne Murphy and Brette Kristoff. With support from the grant, EWI Saskatoon, in partnership with University of Saskatchewan Career Services and the University of Saskatchewan Library successfully hosted a collaborative panel event on March 11th. Thank you to all EWI members who attended. Special thanks to Char Weightman and Karen Palibroda for speaking on behalf of EWI and answering students' questions.

The U of S event, 'Digital Literacy Skills and Career Readiness', brought together students, faculty, EWI members, and community members to explore how digital literacy translates into employability in today's evolving workforce. (details available in Debbie's report to EWI Corporate)

Michelle is leaving the Development department. Cera Youngson will now be taking care of our file for the EWI ASIST bursary.

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August 19th Members Meet Up

SAVE THE DATE! We are going to gather at the Rabbit Hole for drinks and appies on Wednesday, August 19th. We can catch up on one another's summers. This is a member's only event. Address is 2404 Melrose Ave. From 5 - 7pm.



Last Month's Meeting

It sounds like the May meeting was super informative and fun gathering with lots of new faces! Thanks to our VP/President-Elect Tracey Fesiuk for arranging the speaker and venue in Martensville.

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September Meeting

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An Evening Under the *Cosmos*

Join EWI Saskatoon for a unique sunset networking excursion and awards night.

When: Wednesday, September 16

The Journey: Departure at 5:00 PM (Location TBD)
Return from Dakota Dunes at 8:00 PM

The Experience: Round-trip transportation from Saskatoon.
A rooftop sunset reception with heavy appetizers and a cash bar.
An intimate 15-minute Cosmic Dome experience led by Debra Moccasin, member of the Whitecap Dakota Nation.

\$80.00 per person

Space is strictly limited to 22 attendees.

Reserve your spot for an unforgettable night of inspiration and celebration as we recognize our Chapter's superstars.

Two unique bus sponsorship opportunities available for \$200ea. Share your company's story with the group on the outbound or return journey.



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Sponsorship Opportunity

We are looking for one more firm to sponsor our bus ride from Dakota Dunes to Saskatoon for our September meeting. Thanks to MOBO Promotional Solutions for sponsoring our outbound trip. Each sponsor will have a chance to address the 22 passengers about their company, products or special offers.

Cost per sponsor is \$200

If you are interested, please contact any board member!

THANK YOU!

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