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August 2026

President's Message



August – defn: being grand and noble; majestic. Also means imposing or solemn.

*I can get behind the latter part of this. People everywhere are making preparations to go back to school, jobs get back to normal routine after vacations, days are becoming shorter and people are either melancholy or excited to get into structured routines. The most important point of summer is that people DO have a break from the everyday routine and take the time to refresh body and mind. I hope everyone had some chance to do the things they love with those they love and I look forward to hearing about your adventures. We will gather as members and friends to catch up on those experiences and talk about future plans when we meet at the **Rabbit Hole** on August 19th for food and refreshments.*

Commitment – defn: a firm promise to be loyal to someone or something.

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doesn't, ideas and connections. It is the way we grow, gaining and maintaining members. Board positions are a privilege. Think intentionally when asked to serve. Most positions are 1-2 years. Vice President through to President and then Advisor is of course, a 3 year term. Consistency and follow through are key to keep our Strategic Plans moving smoothly and the Board/Chapter flowing seamlessly. While it's a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board, it is also a commitment, that everyone should experience for at least one term.

Looking forward to our September event at Dakota Dunes – looks to be exciting. Registration is now open. E-transfers are now accepted on the website as we heard your frustrations with the registration process and worked to find a solution. You can now pay by credit card (as a PayPal member or as a PayPal guest) or by e-transfer. Let us know if you have any further difficulties with registering for events.

Wishing everyone a relaxing, safe and healthy rest of the summer! Hope to see you at the Rabbit Hole!

*Xo,
Fran*

EWI President 2025-2026

Fran Seidler



August 19th Members Meet Up

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.

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2025 CHAPTER AWARDS

The Saskatoon Chapter of EWI Nominating Criteria

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

September 16, 2026 will mark our annual Awards Nite. During this meeting we hope to honour the Representative and Rookie of the Year for 2025 as well as one executive for outstanding leadership, commitment and participation in our Chapter.

The entire membership is encouraged to nominate at least one candidate in each category. You can nominate yourself!

Each nominee should be a member in good standing and have been a member for more than two years for the 'Representative of the Year' and from 0 to 2 years for 'Rookie of the Year'.

The Recognition & Awards Committee will be evaluating qualified candidates through interviews with s, board members, and the nominators if necessary, and by using a point system under the following categories.

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committee, chairs a committee/appointed post, keeps apprised of Chapter activities, has a willingness to learn more about Chapter operations/business

Commitment eg: very good attendance at Chapter and Committee meetings, actively involved in committee work, has attended a convention or regional/provincial meeting, is a team player, has made a referral(s) of prospective new members.

Participation eg: is a willing volunteer who will help with other than own committee, has involved their executive/firm in Chapter activities, has hosted a firm night, actively supports Ways & Means, Philanthropic and other Chapter/community and civic endeavours.

Nominations will be taken through to the **August 26th deadline**. When nominations are closed the committee will meet to determine if there are qualified candidates, according to the minimum requirements. Minimum requirements being met, representative in each Category receiving the highest number of points will be selected. The final selection will be at the discretion of the Recognition and Awards Committee.

Once the committee has made its selection, the names will be kept in confidence until the September meeting when the winner in each category will be announced.

Winners will receive a special keepsake in their honour and will be asked to make a short acceptance speech.

Return Nomination Form To:

Karen Skirten, MOBO Promotional Solutions

e-mail: karen@mobopro.com

For additional information, call Karen @ 306.202.7901

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nomination.

“REPRESENTATIVE” OF THE YEAR 2025 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

NOMINEE NAME:

FIRM:

1. LEADERSHIP:

2. COMMITMENT:

3. PARTICIPATION:

Please refer to the attached for nominating criteria and provide details on the reasons you have nominated the person named. Give specific examples to support the nomination.

“ROOKIE” OF THE YEAR 2025 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

NOMINEE NAME:

FIRM:

1. LEADERSHIP:

2. COMMITMENT:

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Submitted by: _____

Firm: _____ Phone: _____

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The Saskatoon Chapter of EWI Nominating Criteria

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR 2025 AWARD

The Executive of The Year Award is intended to honour firms who offer exceptional support, through various means, to the EWI of Saskatoon Chapter.

WHY?

A representative can acknowledge the support and involvement his/her executive has given to the Chapter

(in some cases this support has been on-going for many years.)

HOW IT WORKS!

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Recognition & Awards Committee. In those instances where we have members who are both Representative and Executive, other members can nominate them.

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN!

Take a few minutes to think about your Executive and what he/she has done on behalf of the Saskatoon Chapter of EWI. How he/she has supported you personally as a representative; What kinds of activities has he/she been involved with in civic and community relations?

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recognized for his/her community involvement? Has he/she attended Chapter meetings and Firm Recognition events? Supported you by way of Convention/Regional Conference attendance? Been contributor to EWI by way of door prizes/services in kind? Promoted EWI? Referred other firms to EWI? Supported your commitment to EWI by encouraging you to take leadership positions on the Board?

All nominees will be researched and critiqued on a point system based on:

- 1 EWI support
- 2 Support of representative
- 3 Community/volunteer service
- 4 Business/industry contribution, and
- 5 Career development of representative

THEN WHAT?

Prepare your nomination form (attached) and submit it to the address below.

Nominations will be taken through to the **August 26th deadline**. When nominations are closed the committee will meet to determine if there are qualified candidates, according to the minimum requirements. Minimum requirements being met, the executive receiving the highest number of points will be selected. The final selection will be at the discretion of the Recognition and Awards Committee.

WHAT'S THE TIME LINE?

Deadline for nominations is August 26th. The winner will be kept in confidence until the September meeting at Dakota Dunes on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026. (The Representative will be advised of the award prior to the September meeting in order to invite the executive's spouse/significant other and the Firm's employees who may wish to attend.)

Recognition & Awards Committee

Chair: Karen Skirten

Committee Members: Fran Seidler, Susan McDonald

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EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR 2025 - NOMINATION FORM

Executive Name:

Firm Name:

Submitted by:

 Phone:

Please provide a brief profile of your executive under the following :

1. **Support of EWI** (i.e. attendance at Chapter meetings and other events such as Firm Appreciation, referral of other firms to EWI, donations of door prizes/services in kind).
2. **Support of Reps** (i.e. convention/regional conference attendance, encourages Board/Committee leadership roles, supports your commitment to EWI through “time off” for meeting attendance, etc.)
3. **Community/Volunteer Service** (i.e. personally involved in charitable work or events, youth programs, etc.).
4. **Civic/Industry Contributions** (i.e. - active member in business community, actively involves firm in corporate events such as walkathons, bike-a-thons, etc. for charity.) Highlight industry recognition your executive or firm has received.
5. Describe the most significant contribution your executive has made to the development of your career.

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Eligibility for Awards

The following members are eligible for the following awards:

ROOKIE of the Year

- Tristina Miller
- Karen Palibroda
- Sheryl Harras
- Anna Kalyta

REPRESENTATIVE of the Year

- Barb Wohlford
- Susan Mowat
- Tracey Fesiuk
- Susan McDonald
- Fran Seidler
- Karen Skirten
- Char Weightman
- Darlene Biggins

EXECUTIVE of the Year

- Barb Wohlford, BNT Ventures Ltd.
- Tracey Fesiuk, Martensville Plumbing & Heating
- Juanita King, MOBO Promotional Solutions
- Tamara Bowman, Metric Design
- Sheryl Harras, Backyard Living Center
- Patrick Brown, Arbor Memorial - Hillcrest Funeral Home

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- Tristina Miller, Prairie Orchid Media
- Char Weightman, TMG - Mortgage Force
- Susan McDonald, Transformational Change

September Meeting



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 from Prairieland Park
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.



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