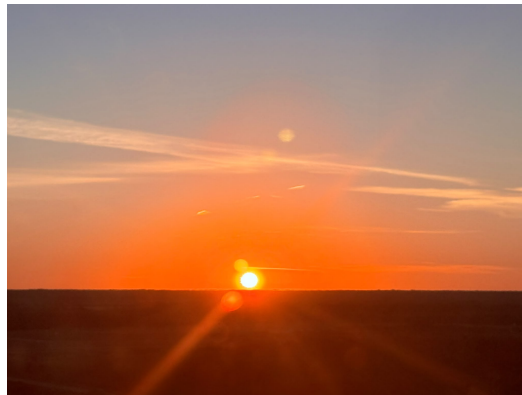


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September 2026

President's Message



Summer seems to get shorter each year. I hope everyone had a chance to travel, visit, reconnect with loved ones and the great outdoors. September signals the beginning of getting back to routines. It also brings a new Board to EWI and exciting changes.

Membership and literacy will be big focuses this year (not necessarily in that order!) We need to look at the growth of our Chapter - recruiting and retaining, promoting and exercising the professional development that Corporate offers.

The Board welcomes all input from its membership – how are we doing as a Board? What types of meetings and speakers would you like to have? What types of fundraisers would you like to do? We are your representatives but we are only as

I am looking forward to a new year and working with some new Board members and working with all of you to increase our membership and having the best year yet!

*Hugs,
Fran*

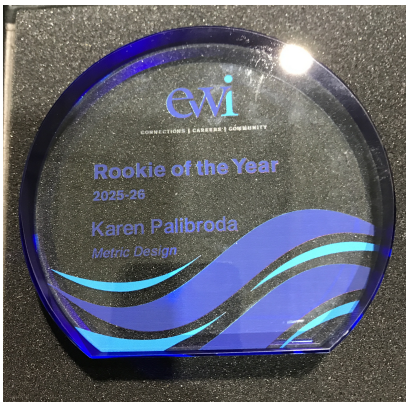
EWI President 2025-2026

Fran Seidler



And the Winners Are...

Each year, it is the Chapter's tradition to recognize three individuals who have made a positive impact on the Chapter during the year. Nominations were forwarded to Director Skirten for compilation and tabulation. Special thanks again to MOBO Promotional Solutions for providing the awards at cost. The awards were presented during our bus ride home from Dakota Dunes on September 16th by President Seidler.



*The first award I am pleased to present is our **Rookie of the Year** award for those members with under 2 years of membership in the Chapter.*

This year's recipient has come to EWI with an inquiring and helpful mind. She has shown leadership skills from Day one – she has willingly volunteered to be on the Board of EWI Saskatoon and has given the portfolio of Sargeant at Arms her fun and creative touch. She

never hesitates to ask questions in order to learn and understand how things work or

meetings, dinner & lunch meetings, fundraising events – all with a willing heart. She always lends a hand, even if it isn't her responsibility, to ensure things run smoothly and efficiently and everyone has a chance to have fun and network. She is a savvy business woman and shares her knowledge readily. Please join me in recognizing and thanking **Karen Palibroda, representing Metric Design**, as our Rookie of the Year!

The next award is to honor a member that has been in the chapter for more than two years. Again, recipients should have shown dedication and passion while supporting the chapter to the best of their abilities.



The winner of the **Representative of the Year** award has become a very valuable asset to our Chapter. She is an accountant by trade, and has undertaken her role as Treasurer very seriously. She is accurate, questions anomalies and always ensures our payments are made in a timely and efficient manner. She has a good grasp on the financial situation of our Chapter and keeps us up-to-date on where we sit financially. She has shown immense leadership to the rest of the members by fully participating in our continued education and professional development provided by the Corporate team. She is fully engaged and committed to our Chapter and assists with other duties at meetings and fundraising events. She is not afraid to ask the hard questions – whether it be financial or the inner workings of the Chapter. She also is always on the lookout for how we might recruit new members and inspires others to become encouragers of our Chapter. Please help me congratulate **Barb Wohlford with BNT Ventures** as our Representative of the Year.



Our next award is **Executive of the Year**. This defines anyone who owns or runs one of our member firms and again, has supported our chapter in any way they are able to, most times going above and beyond any expectations we may have had.

This year's recipient is no exception to that. She has dedicated hours over and above the contracted amount to coach and guide the board to the best solutions for a new website platform. Her assistance has ultimately allowed us to save exorbitant

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*most web designers though, her commitment and assistance has carried on with us each and every month helping us with updates and changes to the site. She has attended our meetings regularly and we are thrilled to advise she is going to assume the role of Communications Director for the next year. Please help me congratulate **Tristina Miller with Prairie Orchid Media** as our Executive of the Year!*

I want to thank each and every board member and member of the chapter for the amazing support this year as I took my second journey as your President. We look forward to serving you and your firms during the 2026-27 year ahead.

Fran

Thank you Fran



On behalf of the entire Chapter, Director Skirten presented President Seidler with a Penguin Global Tracking Bracelet. The bracelet is a small token of our deep appreciation for Fran in stepping up to be our President this year. Fran was also our Chapter President for the 2021-22 year. Fran's favorite animal is the Penguin so we knew she would appreciate this gift as much as we appreciate her!

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The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate for next year's board:

President - Fran Seidler
Vice President - Char Weightman
Treasurer - Barb Wohlford
Secretary - Vacant**
Communications - Tristina Miller
Programs - Karen Skirten
Membership - Karen Palibroda
Sargeant- At- Arms - Darlene Biggins & Susan Mowat sharing
ASIST Chair - Susan McDonald
Advisors - Darlene Biggins & Susan Mowat sharing

**If anyone is interested in taking on the role of Secretary please reach out to any board member. We would love to have you involved. The duties for Secretary are as follows:

- Prepare the board meeting agenda and distribute before the meeting date along with all submitted reports from board members
- Take minutes during the board meeting and distribute afterwards
- Ensure any notices of business meetings are included in the Connect & distributed to members at least 10 days prior.

The new board will be installed during our meeting on October 21st. Thank you everyone for your service!

October Meeting

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Saskatoon Chapter Oktoberfest Dinner Meeting



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Literacy Academy

Roadways Literacy Academy is a specialized school in Saskatoon dedicated to helping children with dyslexia and other learning differences discover that they can become successful, confident learners. Camilla Trottier and Kristan Carey will be sharing ways in which EWI of Saskatoon can best assist them through funds raised at our Spring Fundraiser in April.



Layover #1 - Germany!

Wednesday, October 21st, 2026

5:00 - 7:30pm

Hillcrest Event Centre

210 Wess Road

Members \$45, Guests \$50

Board installation to follow

Register by Oct 16
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