

Status of Women
SKYPE Conference Call
1600 E. Century Avenue, Bismarck, ND
November 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT via – CALL

Emily Brown
Deb Eslinger
Erika Kenner

MEMBERS PRESENT

Melissa Feist - Erickson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Bata
Michelle Kommer

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Emily called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members on the phone and in the room were welcomed and introduced.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Feist to approve the July 17, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Drafted Strategic Plan

Emily discussed revisions that were made to the drafted strategic plan. Additions to the plan were discussed, that included the addition of the century code statute numbers after the words “North Dakota Century Code.” and page margins to be justified. Emily said she would make those changes with sending a revised draft copy to Deb and Linda for their approval. From there, the final strategic plan will be available for posting to the Commercend.gov website.

Survey

At the July meeting, it was agreed that a form letter and survey would be sent out to partner organizations to circulate the notice of women’s leadership gaps, in the hopes of data to be collected. Emily and members talked about the survey documents and revisions to be made. Members suggested a paragraph be put into the survey with five questions, that could be multiple choice and some open answer questions. The target audience was discussed with the mention to add more organizations that were once discussed. Erika mentioned that more data could be accessed from agriculture groups. Emily will redraft the survey, with it going out after the holidays. Tabulation from the survey will be reviewed at the next quarterly meeting.

Other/future meetings

Members discussed the need for a chair to the commission and member, Deb Eslinger, was suggested. Deb will consider and evaluate the position, with her decision being brought forward at the next meeting. Members discussed the next quarterly meeting, tentative for February, to be in person, rather Skype and longer in time.

Sherri will help coordinate and transcribe future commission meetings; including posting the meeting notice to the Secretary of State’s open meeting page.

Meeting was adjourned unanimously at 3:00 p.m.