Manitoba Agriculture

Manitoba Women’s Institute Provincial Board

Board Members

Thelma Blahey, Arborg +
Heather Cummings, Neepawa ^

+ civil servant
^ government appointment

Appointed by Ministerial letter.

Mandate:
The Manitoba Women’s Institute Provincial Board is established under The Women’s Institute Act. The object of the institute is to improve the lives of rural women by supporting them through personal development, building leadership skills, family, agriculture, rural development, and community action. The Women’s Institute Act 28(2) establishes the composition of the Board.

Membership:
The directors of the board shall be composed of:

a) A representative of the department over which the Minister of Agriculture presides to serve as staff liaison. The role of the liaison to a governing board is to provide professional expertise and knowledge in an advisory capacity, and to report issues and information back to the department.
b) a representative from the Faculty of Human Ecology, University of Manitoba;
c) two women appointed by the minister;
d) a president;
e) a president-elect, and
f) such number of elected directors from specific geographic districts and from the province as may be provided by the by-laws of the board.

Length of terms:
Two members appointed by the minister each of who shall serve for a term of three years.

Desirable expertise:
While there are no specific educational requirements, board members are expected to demonstrate a commitment to improving the lives of rural women and families.

Time commitment:
Board meetings are held three times a year (three days/meeting).

Meetings:
Meetings are held throughout the province, including Winnipeg and other locations across the province.

Remuneration:
The appointees receive no remuneration from the province.