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Manitoba Women's Institute Provincial Board

Board Members

Thelma Blahey, Arborg +
Heather Cummings, Neepawa ^

+ Civil Servant

^ Government Appointment

Mandate:

The Manitoba Women's Institute Provincial Board is established under *The Women's Institute Act*. The objects of the institute are 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.

Authority:

The Women's Institute Act - 28(2), Board by-laws

Responsibilities:

Institute members act as a community resource, working with key community development organizations to accomplish change. The Manitoba Women's Institute works on a project basis in support of the above noted areas of activities.

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:

The two women appointed by the minister shall each serve for a term of up to three (3) years.

Desirable Experience:

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 monthly.

Meetings:

Location: Across province

Frequency: 12 times per year, every second Wednesday of the month during the day starting at 9 am.

Remuneration:

The appointees receive no remuneration from the province