

Sedalia Business Women 2026-2027 Committees

The standing SBW committees shall be Finance, Executive, Scholarships, Communications, Public Policy, Public Relations, Socials, Membership, Foundation, Community Outreach, Special Projects, and Installation.

Finance Committee (June meeting):

The **Finance Committee** shall be chaired by the President-Elect. The committee shall oversee the June dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare the club's annual budget, to have general supervision of all SBW expenditures, and to assist SBW in developing sound financial policy. The Finance Committee chair shall be an ex-officio member, without vote, of all committees that disburse SBW monies.

Chair (President Elect): Carolyn Green

Michelle Abney, Carol Sawyer, Della Schnakenberg

Executive Committee (July Meeting):

The **Executive Committee** shall be chaired by the President. The committee shall oversee the July dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to enforce all duties and responsibilities previously prescribed. It shall further be the duty of the Executive Committee to exhibit leadership, educate members on club activities, illicit a spirit of cooperation among members, and mentor future leaders within SBW.

Chair (President): Michelle Franklin

Committee consists of Executive Board members Carolyn Green, Carol Sawyer, Della Schnakenberg, Bobbi Wilson, Debbie Ulmer

Scholarship Committee (August meeting):

The **Scholarships Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the August dinner meeting, the distribution of SBW Scholarships, and assist the Foundation Committee in the annual Red Purse Raffle. The committee shall prepare the application and requirements for SBW scholarships, solicit applicants, and review applications. The committee shall select scholarship recipients and present scholarship awards to recipients at the August dinner meeting.

Co-Chairs: Linda Fisher, Heather Lynn

Robin Balke, Linda Fox, LaSondra Marsch, Rachelle Simon, Pat Monsees, Laura Taylor

Communications Committee (September Meeting):

The **Communications Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the September dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to notify members of the date/time/location of each monthly dinner meeting and any social events of the club. The committee shall report all reservations for monthly meetings and special functions to designated individuals. The committee shall plan and coordinate the Annual SBW Paddle Party.

Chair: Debbie Ulmer

Joyce Grinstead, Rene Vance, Donna Hirner-Gardner, Shawna Comfort

Public Policy (Legislation) Committee (October meeting):

The **Public Policy Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the October dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to inform the Organization's members of local, state, and national legislative and policy issues impacting business and professional women. The committee shall further plan, coordinate, and host candidate forums during election years.

Chair: Dianne Simon, Lori Wightman

Rene Vance, Janice Cones, Robin Balke, Faith McKinney

BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK Committee (October):

Chair: Janice Cones

Linda Fisher, Heather Lynn, Robin Balke

Public Relations Committee (November meeting):

The **Public Relations Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the November dinner meeting. The committee shall invite elected officials and local community leaders to the dinner meeting. The committee shall plan and coordinate the dinner meeting with the Business Women's Week, Employer of the Year, and Woman of the Year Committees. The committee shall report all of the Organization's activities, during the course of the year, to local news outlets, on the SBW website, and social media.

Co-Chairs: Linda Alcorn & Michelle Abney

Betty Blackwell, Carolyn Green, Bobbi Wilson, Laurie Staus, Robin Balke, Faith McKinney, Kim Lyne, Della Schnakenberg

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR Committee (November Meeting)

Chair: Bobbi Wilson

Della Schnakenberg, Linda Fox, Keisha Loughman

WOMAN OF THE YEAR Committee (November Meeting):

Chair: Carol Sawyer

Committee members are past Women of the Year

HOLIDAY BASKETS Committee:

Co-Chairmen: Chris & Michelle Franklin

Sheri Matz, LaSondra Marsch, Cheryl Ames, Julie Slocum

SOCIAL Committee (December meeting):

The **Socials Committee** Chair shall be a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the December dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to plan and arrange social events for the Organization. The committee shall report social events to the Communications Committee so they may notify members of the activities and request reservations for the events.

Chair: Ginger Gerke, Chanisty Lambert

Michelle Abney, Laurie Staus, Carolyn Green, Janice Cones, Sheri Matz, Shirley McCown, Cheryl Ames

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (January meeting):

The **Membership Committee** shall be chaired by the Vice-President. The committee shall oversee the January dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to promote, recruit, expand, and stabilize SBW membership. The committee shall be responsible for the installation and orientation of new SBW members.

Chair (Vice President): Carol Sawyer

Carolyn Green, Linda Alcorn, Dena Perkins

Foundation Committee (February meeting):

The **Foundation Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the February dinner meeting, the Red Purse Raffle, and assist the Scholarships Committee in the distribution of SBW Scholarships. The committee shall plan and coordinate fundraising activities at the February dinner meeting to generate funds to be distributed to annual scholarship recipients.

Co-Chairs: Linda Fisher, Heather Lynn

Robin Balke, Linda Fox, LaSondra Marsch, Rachelle Simon, Pat Monsees, Laura Taylor

Community Outreach/Community Café {March meeting):

The **Community Outreach Committee** Chair shall be a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the March dinner meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to create opportunities throughout the year for the Organization to engage in community outreach activities through volunteerism, resource fairs, and fundraising activities of local nonprofits and organizations.

Co-Chairs: Jamie Anderson/Shawna Comfort

Julie Slocum, Carol Sawyer, Linda Alcorn, Dena Perkins, Rachelle Simon, Donna Hirner-Gardner, Carolyn Green,

SPECIAL PROJECTS Committee (April meeting):

The **Special Projects Committee** shall be chaired by two to three members at - large. The committee shall oversee the annual Chicken Dinner in October and the April dinner meeting. The committee shall select the recipients of the proceeds of the Chicken Dinner and present the proceeds at the April dinner meeting. The committee shall plan and coordinate other SBW fundraising activities at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Co-Chairmans: Carolyn Green, Sue Parrish, Missy Marksbury

Michelle Abney, Linda Alcorn, Donna Hirner-Gardner, Carol Sawyer, Judy Ebers, Linda Fox, Debbie Fillinger, Dena Stockstill, Carol Sawyer, LaSondra Marsch, Janice Cones, Rachelle Simon, Rhoda Moore, Denise Jaegers, Marla Franklin, Cindy Mueller-Lewellyn, Christopher Franklin, Julie Slocum

INSTALLATION Committee (May Meeting):

The **Installation Committee** shall be chaired by a member at-large. The committee shall oversee the May dinner meeting. In coordination with the incoming President, the committee shall plan and coordinate the installation of new officers. The committee will ensure the incoming President will be installed by a past SBW President.

Committee Chairman: Shirley McCown

Rhoda Moore, Lori Haney, Cathy Hammons, Kay Shull

President's Appointments

Auditor: Laurie Staus

Bylaws: Lori Haney

Chaplain: Debbie Ulmer

Hospitality: Donna Hirner-Gardner

Programs: Joyce Grinstead/Larry Grinstead

Historian: Linda Fisher

Bell Ringing: Robin Balke, LaSondra Marsh