



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

# Chapter Chat

## Special Edition

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## 2008 FEW National Elections

Every two years, FEW elects National Officers in the following positions:

President

Executive Vice President

Vice President for Policy and Planning

Vice President for Compliance

Vice President for Congressional Relations

Vice President for Diversity

Vice President for Membership and Chapter Organization

Vice President for Training

Secretary

Treasurer

Nominations Officer

Votes are cast electronically through a ballot system by [Vote-Now.com](http://Vote-Now.com). Email election notification messages have been sent to all FEW members. The message contains a link to your official ballot, which includes candidate biographical information you can review prior to voting.

Don't forget to cast your electronic ballots by Friday, May 2!

If you have any questions, you can contact Mary Jo Winfield, x45295.



# Regional Events Report

by Jane Gabler and Mary Jo Winfield

The Great Lakes Regional Training Program was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, April 11, 2008, followed by the Great Lakes Regional Board meeting on Saturday morning.

Friday seminars included:

Career Tips and Opportunities - Eugene Schied, Assistant Commissioner, and Elaine Killoran, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Finance, US Customs and Border Protection

Women's Health Issues - Pamela Hatcher, Registered Nurse, St. Vincent Hospital

Between the Tumor and the Tomb - Kim Manning Nguyen, Author

Creating Your Retirement Plan - Blue Cross/Blue Shield Representative

Finances - Douglas Shrieve, Financial Planner, Gimbal Financial

Pursuing Positive Legislative Changes - Cecelia Davis, National FEW VP for Congressional Relations

FEW Awards - Ellen McKenzie, National FEW Awards Chair

We really enjoyed hearing the story of Author Kim Manning Nguyen, a FEW member and brain cancer survivor. It was truly inspiring and we hope that one day Kim can come to Michigan to share her story with our Chapter members!

## FEW Great Lakes Chapter Executive Board Members

President	Lisa Prokurat Franks
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Author Kim Manning Nguyen (center) with Jane and Mary Jo

## Regional Events Report Continued...

The Regional Board meeting was held on Saturday morning. Among the agenda topics were: regional finances, chapter reports, national and regional elections, and future regional training programs. Jane presented our Chapter report for the period November 2007 thru April 2008.

One of the highlights of the Saturday session was a chance for us to talk to and get a photo with Sue Webster, our current National Executive Vice President, who is a Candidate for FEW National President. Sue is just full of energy and enthusiasm for the FEW cause! For more information about Sue, visit her website at:

**[sue4few.com](http://sue4few.com)**



Sue Webster - Candidate for National President (center) with Jane and Mary Jo

The next Regional Training Program will be held in October and it will be hosted by the Hoosier Hills Chapter in Crane, Indiana. We will provide details to you when received, and encourage all chapter members to consider attending!

## National Training Program 2008

The National Training Program for FEW will be in Anaheim, California this year, July 14 through 18, 2008. You can access all the information on the website:

**[www.fewntp.org](http://www.fewntp.org)**

We encourage all those interested in attending to submit funding requests now to your management. Last year, several of our members were funded. You never know unless you ask! Remind your supervisor that the FEW NTP is recognized by the Office of Personnel Management for its training curriculum constructed around OPM core competencies, and by the Department of Defense for emphasis on quality training. The theme for the 2008 Conference is Moving On.....Moving Up!

