

Immigrant Women: Then and NOW

Minnesota NOW Annual State Conference
 Saturday, April 19, 2008
 AmericInn, 526 Western Avenue, Fergus Falls



Conference Schedule

<p>8:30 am Registration</p> <p>8:30 am Silent Auction Bidding Begins</p> <p>9:00 am Welcome and Opening Plenary</p> <p>10:00 am Keynote Address: A History of Immigration in Otter Tail County Melissa Hermes, Otter Tail County Historical Society Education Coordinator, will present the history of immigration into the Otter Tail County area, with a special emphasis on women immigrants, including Native Americans who were pushed out of lands further east by Europeans and other tribes. The current exhibit at OTCHS is "We Chose Otter Tail County." This year's annual writing contest for Women's History Month is "She Chose Otter Tail County," in which the writers will research, or interview someone with direct knowledge of, a woman who immigrated to Otter Tail County.</p> <p>11:15 am Break / Silent Auction Bidding</p> <p>11:30 am Presentation of Awards</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch</p> <p>12:30 pm Legislative Update (<i>during lunch</i>) What's Happening at the Capitol?</p>	<p>1:00 pm Keynote Address: Immigrants in a Small Community Joan Jarvis Ellison is a freelance writer, holds a graduate degree in biophysical sciences, and works with the immigrant community in Pelican Rapids. A local immigrant woman will accompany her for a presentation based on her book, "Faces of Change," which documents the changes in a small rural Minnesota community, the people who have come there from all around the world to live and work, and where the student population speaks eleven languages. A photo exhibit of the same title will be on display. Her book will be available for purchase and signing.</p> <p>2:00 pm Break / Silent Auction Bidding</p> <p>At-large Delegate Meeting (At-large members meet to elect State Board delegates/alternates)</p> <p>2:15 pm Last chance for Silent Auction Bidding!</p> <p>2:30 pm Afternoon Plenary</p> <p>3:45 pm Announcements / Silent Auction Winners</p> <p>4:00 pm Adjourn</p>
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Minnesota NOW 2008 State Conference Registration Form

Name	
Address	
City	State Zip
Email	Phone
Member Status (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of _____ Chapter <input type="checkbox"/> At-large member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member
<p>Do not mail your registration after April 3. If you cannot pre-register, please come anyway and register at the door. Please note that you can still reserve a lunch by contacting Nancy at 218-736-5121 (evenings) or email nalsop@viking.lib.mn.us by April 14. After April 14, lunch cannot be guaranteed. Call MN NOW at (651) 222-1605 by April 11 if you need special arrangements due to hearing, sight, or mobility, have special dietary needs, need a conference scholarship, or need transportation to the conference.</p>	
<p>Conference Registration Fees:</p> <p>\$ _____ Current NOW members, \$35</p> <p>\$ _____ Non-member (or lapsed) registration, \$50 (includes 1-year membership)</p> <p>\$ _____ Pre-registered non-member students & senior citizens, \$15</p> <p>\$ _____ Current NOW members—limited income (pay what you can)</p> <p>\$ _____ Speakers only program (10 am–2 pm), \$25 (bring your lunch or order a box lunch below for \$10)</p> <p>\$ _____ Donation to help sponsor another participant</p> <p>\$ _____ Box lunch, \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you prefer Vegetarian option</p> <p>\$ _____ Total Enclosed. (Make checks payable to Minnesota NOW)</p>	

DUE TO ALLERGIES, WE REQUEST THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM WEARING PERFUME OR SCENTED LOTION AT THE CONFERENCE.

Mail completed registration form and payment to:
 MN NOW, 550 Rice St. #102, St. Paul, MN 55103

Check here if you are willing to provide transportation for others in your area.

Minnesota NOW Elections

Elections for the officers of Minnesota NOW will be held during the conference. All positions are up for election, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Legislative Coordinator.

All officers are elected to one-year terms. Only members in good standing in National NOW for not less than one year and in Minnesota NOW for not less than three months prior to the conference are eligible to hold these offices.

Those interested in running for any of the positions may contact President Shannon Drury at the MN NOW office at 550 Rice St., #102, St. Paul, MN 55103, by calling 651-222-1605, or sending an email to mnnow@mnnow.org.

Nominating Committee

Three members are elected for one-year terms. The committee shall not endorse candidates, but instead accepts nominations. Officers and the members of the nominating committee are to be elected by the entire State Conference. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

Voting/Credentials

Any NOW member who lives in Minnesota and who has been a member for at least 30 days before the conference is allowed to vote at the State Conference. To vote, a NOW member must be credentialed, which requires either a NOW membership card, listing of your name and membership expiration date on a National NOW membership record, a canceled check payable to NOW, or written verification by a chapter or state treasurer.

Silent Auction

Minnesota NOW wants your products, services, or any other items—large or small—for its annual silent auction fund raiser! Silent Auction Item Forms are available on the state web site at www.mnnow.org. Please download and fill out a form for each item you are donating to bring or send to the conference with the item. Please contact our Silent Auction Coordinator, Ellen Eastby, at 218-998-2957 or eastofellen@hotmail.com with information about your donations or if you have any questions.

Resolutions

Resolutions are requested to be submitted in advance to the MN NOW office by **April 1**. They should be typed and include the name and telephone number of the author. Resolutions may also be submitted from the floor during the Plenary session. (Please bring copies for everyone present to read.)

At-Large State Board Members

In addition to the election of officers voted on by all Minnesota NOW members, the State Conference is also the time when at-large members (those members of MN NOW not affiliated with a chapter) elect their representatives. The following at-large elections will be held:

1. At-large state board members.
2. At-large delegates and alternates to the National Conference.

Members may be nominated and/or elected as a delegate representing the at-large members of MN NOW. The number of delegates is determined by the number of at-large members attending this election.

Conference Book

Minnesota NOW is selling advertising in the Conference Book. Submissions can be made as a camera-ready PDF (preferred) or JPG to janegeisinger@charter.net; or mailed in hard-copy form to: Jane Geisinger, 602 W Cavour Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Rates are as follows:

- \$20—Business Card (3.5" x 2")
- \$35—1/4 Page (3.5" x 4.375")
- \$65—1/2 Page (3.5" x 9.375" or 7.5" x 4.375")
- \$125—Full Page (7.5" x 10")

Ad deadline is **April 1**. For questions, call Jane at 218-739-5201.

Awards Nominations

Minnesota NOW is seeking nominations for our annual awards. The Feminist of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding NOW member. The Charlotte Streibel Long Distance Runner Award honors a lifetime of work for women's equality. Nominations should be sent before **April 1** to MN NOW President Shannon Drury at the MN NOW office at 550 Rice St. #102, St. Paul, MN 55103, or by email to mnnow@mnnow.org.

Hotel Information and Directions

AmericInn

526 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-739-3900 or 866-736-5452 (toll-free)
www.americinnfergusfalls.com
Weekend rate: \$94.90 for 2 queen beds, 1 or 2 people.

BE SURE TO MENTION YOU'RE ATTENDING THE NOW CONFERENCE!

Homes: Many Fergus Falls members have spare rooms and would love to host NOW members who will be attending the Conference but cannot or do not want to stay at the hotel. If you would like to stay at a member's home instead of at the hotel, contact Tanya Sundberg at 218-736-2606 or tdsundberg@yahoo.com

From the Twin Cities, take I-94 west about 160 miles. There are 5 Fergus exits (although the highway sign says 4 — it's wrong). Take the **4th** exit. It is **Exit 54** for Hwy 210 **WEST** and Lincoln Avenue. (Do **NOT** take the exit 57 for Hwy 210 East.). At the top of the ramp, turn right. Go one short block to the light at Western Avenue.

From Fargo/Moorhead, take I-94 east about 55 miles. Take the **2nd** Fergus exit. It is **Exit 54** by Wal-Mart for Hwy 210 West and Lincoln Avenue. At the top of the ramp, turn left, go over the freeway and one short block to the light at Western Avenue.

Turn right onto Western Avenue. AmericInn is on the left just past Burger King. Call Jane at 218-205-1151 if you get lost.

