



Professional Dimensions Membership Overview

Formed in 1978 by three Milwaukee businesswomen, Professional Dimensions has grown from its original goal of providing a network of support and communication among other business and professional women to become the largest women's membership organization dedicated to the leadership and professional advancement of women in the state of Wisconsin. Current membership is almost 400 women who strive to make Professional Dimensions an organization that supports all dimensions of a woman's life.

Mission: To provide women opportunities to grow their authentic selves, develop their respective work disciplines and networks, expand their personal reach for the good of the community and create an inclusive space for members to flourish.

Vision: Professional Dimensions will be the go-to organization for women who want a lot and give even more.

Four Tenets of Professional Dimensions

- **Leadership** --- Inspire and empower professional women leaders to reach their full potential.
- **Networking**--- Create an environment which connects and engages members in meaningful relationships for personal, business and professional growth.
- **Diversity** --- Build a membership that reflects our community and develop inclusive experiences for professional women.
- **Community** --- Strengthen our community by leveraging our cumulative power and resources to effectively create positive change.

Cornerstone Programs of Professional Dimensions

Meetings and other networking events: Meetings are typically held twice a month, September through June and rotate between lunch and dinner meetings to allow our members' schedule flexibility. Unless indicated otherwise, the meetings are held at the Wisconsin Club, 900 West Wisconsin Ave.

PD Charitable Fund/Community Service: As the conduit for PD community service projects, the PD Charitable Fund, a tax-exempt 501(c) 3 foundation, has donated over \$1 million in the Milwaukee community since its formation in 1985. The focus of the Charitable Fund support is the "economic self-sufficiency of women and girls." This has been accomplished by targeting philanthropy to one not-for-profit organization for a two-year period in order to have a sustainable impact.

Sacagawea Awards: Professional Dimensions has been presenting the Sacagawea Award to two outstanding women leaders in the Milwaukee community each year since 1982. The award recipients are chosen for their significant career and community accomplishments, embodiment of the trail blazing spirit of Sacagawea, and are honored at an annual event held in March/April each year.

Race Relations Initiative: Through its Community Affairs leadership, Professional Dimensions is committed to racial justice and its *Conversation Circles* bring together women of all ethnic backgrounds to discuss issues important to our community, women's leadership growth and to breaking down barriers in our community.

Membership Costs

Membership is by invitation and focuses on "women who inspire" through their personal and professional experience and talents. Financial commitment includes:

- New Members: \$500 (\$100 administrative fee + annual dues)
- Annual dues: \$400
- Early bird discount of 10% offered on renewal invoices paid during September/October
- Meeting expenses: average cost - \$35 (lunch) - \$40 (dinner)

Expectations of Membership

- Participate by attending programs, joining a committee, belonging to special interest group, and providing feedback on benefits and services.
- Support the work of the Charitable Fund through your time, talent and treasure.
- Encourage others to join the organization
- Remain in good standing. Update your web profile as necessary; provide a photo for your profile
- Be a mentor or mentee to other members in the organization

Member Benefits

- Member Directory – ready access to nearly 400 members
- Regular communication updates including bi-monthly newsletter with timely information that can be used in your work and personal life
- Full-time staff to assist you in your networking, outreach and other needs.
- Program opportunities for professional development, community awareness and networking
- Being part of a dynamic, nimble organization dedicated to women who embody all the aspects of leadership.



Prospective Candidate for Membership in Professional Dimensions

Membership is by invitation and focuses on "women who inspire" through their personal and professional experience and talents. Potential members must be engaged in professional work, whether or not for compensation, and must demonstrate an interest in professional growth. Community involvement is looked upon favorably.

The Recruitment Committee strives to strengthen the diversity and leadership of the organization and to maintain a broad spectrum of occupations. Target populations include non-traditional or under-represented occupations, executive women in a company or organization, women of color, younger women with leadership promise, and other community leaders.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Please send the following items along with this form:

- Resume, biography or LinkedIn profile
- One paragraph on your interest in membership
- If you already know PD members and wish to share those connections, please provide name and nature of relationship *i.e. Jane Smith, we serve on a board together.*

Email to: Kate Venne, Recruitment Committee Chair at kate_venne@bradycorp.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PD office at (414) 374-3570.