

President's Corner

Show the Love: Get Involved with EWTG!



It's February and love is in the air! How about showing your love for leadership and professional development by getting involved with EWTG? The easiest way to get started is to join EWTG if you're not already a member. EWTG members enjoy so many benefits, including networking opportunities with other phenomenal women.

Your membership works best when you work your membership! I invite you to take the next step by becoming an **active** EWTG member. The best way to become active is to join a committee or executive success team (EST). Below is a short description of each committee and EST available for EWTG members (many of these are new in 2025):

- 1 **Advisory Committee:** Advises the President by acting as a sounding board, sharing professional development topics of interest, and providing input on organizational activities.
- 2 **Affiliates Committee:** Works with all affiliate chapters to help strengthen the membership and increase the visibility of the chapters.
- 3 **Communications Committee(s):** Assists with all public-facing communication content/design including the website, newsletter, and social media platforms.
- 4 **Community Service Committee:** Researches and recommends community service projects and develops partnerships with organizations of interest.
- 5 **Conference Committee(s):** Assists with all aspects of planning the annual conference including exhibits, program details, registration, evaluations, and networking.
- 6 **Education Committee:** Selects and schedules virtual and in-person educational events, activities, and speakers.
- 7 **Engagement Committee:** Assists with new member orientation, retiree engagement, and other activities to help existing members get involved.
- 8 **Finance Committee:** Prepares/submits the annual budget, reviews distributions and deposits of funds, and ensures audits/reviews are conducted annually.
- 9 **Membership Committee:** Assists with member recruitment, retention, involvement, and interaction.
- 10 **Nominating Committee:** Solicits and selects nominees for Board and Committee Chair positions.
- 11 **Operations Committee:** Provides contract oversight/project management assistance and manages updates to policies and procedures.

12 Professional Development Committee(s): Assists with professional development and mentorship including ESTs, one-on-one mentoring, and peer mentoring programs.

13 Scholarship Committee: Administers the EWTG scholarship program by researching and recommending ideas for scholarship opportunities.

14 Strategic Planning Committee: Reviews the Strategic Plan including monitoring goals and proposing changes as needed.

EST	Description	Leads
Book Club	Reads and discusses professional development and/or personal interest books.	Melissa Hildebrand
Procurement & Contracting	Discusses issues and helpful information for procurement professionals.	Tiffany Drotning
Go Anyway Brunch Bunch	Meets at various brunch locations around Austin and surrounding areas for social and professional development.	Kim Wiggins
EWTG & Leadership Women	Provides an opportunity to explore both organizations, network, and learn from each other.	Audrey Seaborn & Chad McDermott
Project Management	Focused on project management professionals or aspiring project management professionals.	Dr. Gerald Engberg
Shooting Stars	Focused on new managers/leaders or aspiring managers/leaders.	Wendy Phillips
Pizza My Heart	Meets at various pizza locations around Austin and surrounding areas for social and professional development.	Sarah Mack

If you're interested in joining a committee or EST, send an email to communications@ewtg.org.

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