

Future Trends

A Newsletter by the Minnesota Futurists Chapter of the WORLD FUTURE SOCIETY, an Association for the Study of Alternative Futures

Minnesota Futurists Hold Annual Meeting New Officers Elected and Programs Introduced

By Brenda Miller, Chapter
Secretary

New officers were elected to the Minnesota Futurists during the annual meeting on June 22, 2002. By unanimous vote, Brenda Miller became Vice President, replacing Dick Saunders who resigned his post because he will soon be relocating out of State, and Melissa Gray took over Brenda Miller's position as Secretary. Our Board of Directors also includes Mark Symchych who became Treasurer last year, and Bruce Glasrud who has another year remaining in his position as President.

President Glasrud thanked Dick Saunders for all his efforts as Vice President, for his work on directing the financial SIGs, and for coordinating the memorial service of Lynn Woodward, an involved member of our chapter who died last year.

During the President's Annual Report, Glasrud cheered the Chapter for showing forward motion and for taking great leaps this past year. He also unveiled exciting new chapter developments. In the fall, the chapter will launch the Earl C. Joseph Future Thought Leadership Award and Scholarship Program. The program will help leaders who want to produce new, paradigm-shifting ideas and create a "better future."

Also, the Minnesota legislature and Governor Ventura voted to allocate funds to pay for building the Metropolitan State University Library, which will include a special section on Future Studies with a reading collection of more than 1,500 materials already donated by the Minnesota Futurists. Members are encouraged to contribute additional books to the Future Studies section by sending them to Earl Joseph, who will get them to the library.

The chapter is going to produce a CD/video on Futurist Forecasting. Some SIG meetings have already been videotaped for this purpose.

The upcoming year promises to be even more exciting. Members have been presenting SIG topics that stimulate lively participation at our Saturday meetings. If you are not a regular participant at the meetings, there's no better time to reconnect, and if you haven't yet done so, renew your membership subscription.

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See **Schedule of Meetings** on page 2 and visit our web site <http://www.mnfuturists.org>

The Minnesota Futurists holds **4 meetings per month**, sends out the *Future Trends* newsletter, and publishes the international refereed journal, *Futurics*.

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Editor's Note: I appreciate the recent emails of articles for inclusion in upcoming issues of **Future Trends**, and solicit members to email more articles to Joanne Norris jnorris@autodata.com

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FUTURE FUNNY FUTURES

By Brian K Toren, Futurist
and Past President of MN
Futurists

The following are a few seeds for thought that have been bioneurologically re-engineered from older and wiser seeds. Some are original.

- A future in time saves mine.
- There's nothing like a bad forecast come true to make you wish that life had a fast-forward button.
- Always make a forecast early in the spring. If it doesn't come true, you haven't wasted a whole year.
- A forecast a day keeps the past away.
- The past is an obsolete future.
- A Delphi survey group forecasts realities based on their own certainties as a group.
- Yesterday was the last day of the first of my life.
- Pasts are for the meek, the strong require a future.

(more in future issues)

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July, August, September 2002

Special Interest Group Meetings

- July 6, 2002** Futures Course: **Business Forecasting**
- July 13, 2002** Investment SIG, Topic: **Investing Alternatives**
- July 20, 2002** Science/Technology SIG, Topic: **Creativity Science**
- July 27, 2002** Management/Societal SIG, Topic: **Project 2030**

- Aug 3, 2002** Futures Course: **Unintended Consequences**
- Aug 17, 2002** Investment SIG, Topic: **Silicon Valley's Fifth Wave**
- Aug 24, 2002** Science/Technology SIG, Topic: **Spintronics (Spin Transistors)**
- Aug 31, 2002** Management/Societal SIG, Topic: **Leadership & Management Futures**

- Sept 7, 2002** Futures Course: **Societal Development**
- Sept 14, 2002** Investment SIG, Topic: **Key Stock Growth Factors**
- Sept 21, 2002** Science/Technology SIG, Topic: **Aging Research Advances**
- Sept 28, 2002** Management/Societal SIG, Topic: **Distance Learning Up-Date**

NOTE: All SIGS meet at home of Earl C. Joseph
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