

Date: March 8, 2011  
Subject: Michigan BPW State Officers  
From: Nominations Chair Ila J. Smith

Ladies, it is that time of year again when, just like spring, we begin thinking about new beginnings and that is true of BPW organizations all across our state.

My own BPW discussed next year's leaders at our February meeting and it was so exciting to hear several members indicate they would be willing to take a leadership role in the coming year. There is so much potential among all our organizations, however, in my experience many are hesitant because they fear they lack the skills and sometimes it looks overwhelming to them.

But just let me quote President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who, at the tip of World War II said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." And that is so true. So here's the deal: below are the opportunities open for our state BPW leadership roles, and a short synopsis of their requirements.

I would add a reminder: since the break out from national Michigan BPW has reorganized in to a sleeker more manageable organization including the way the leadership communicates – the use of on-line and teleconferencing has taken a huge bite out of the time commitment.

**President-elect:** Mary Lenardson

To be eligible for the office of **President**, a candidate must: a) be in good standing; b) be employed; and c) officially and publicly support the state legislative platform.

To be eligible for all other offices, a candidate must be: a) in good standing; and b) officially and publicly support the state legislative platform.

**Vice President:** office open;

**Secretary:** office open;

**Treasurer:** 1 candidate at this time: Gwen Lorenc.

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