



WOTM Dress Code

Effective June 1, 2009



Message from Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson, June 2009

Business Dress

In accordance with the WOTM General Law change effective June 1, 2009, section 64, f. states “The elected Officers shall conform to business dress attire for all meetings and special meetings.” Business dress refers to a dress, skirt and blouse/sweater/blazer, slacks and blouse/sweater/blazer, or pants suit. No denim. A “moose” collared shirt (i.e. campaign shirt) would also be acceptable. You may wear open toed shoes or “dress” sandals if you so choose. Capri *suits* would also be acceptable. Officers, keep in mind, you are a representative of the Women of the Moose. You should present yourself and represent your Chapter with pride and dignity. Use good judgment to show courtesy to our co-workers – be presentable and approachable. When in doubt, don’t wear it!

To expand further...

The following excerpt is from Wikipedia.com:

The New York Times definition:

"In general, business casual means dressing professionally, looking relaxed yet neat and pulled together."^[3]

An employment counselling office at an American university defines business casual dress as a middle ground between business formal wear and street wear.^[4] The following are examples of appropriate workplace apparel from some organizations with a business-casual dress code:¹

For women: A reasonable length skirt (not mini-skirt) or full-length pants of a non-jeans material combined with a top (such as a dress shirt, polo, blazer or sweater set) is considered acceptable. An informal dress with appropriate skirt length is also acceptable.

Unacceptable: gym clothes, rumpled or ripped clothing, (micro) miniskirts, shorts, underwear as outerwear, inappropriately revealing attire such as bare midriffs, and flip-flops.^[3]

Additional Comments from Grand Chancellor McPherson:

“Business dress does not necessarily mean what you wear to work.”

- The dress code applies to Elected Officers, not all co-workers in attendance at the meeting.
- Open toed shoes are permissible.
 - Decorative thong sandals, kitten heels and slides are appropriate.
 - Rubber, thong flip-flops, beach/bathing shoes are not permissible.



- Gym shoes and crocks are discouraged.
 - Be considerate of others – an Officer with a condition requiring her to wear comfortable shoes for orthopedic reasons should not be ridiculed.

- Hosiery is not required during a Chapter meeting.
 - Hosiery is required when wearing the cap and gown.
 - College of Regent or Star Recorder matriculants must also wear hosiery when being conferred with the degree.



- Capri suits are permissible – no denim.
 - “Dressy” capris with a moose collared shirt would also be acceptable.



- Denim is not permissible.
- “Polo/golf” shirts are appropriate.
 - Inappropriate attire includes tank tops; halter-tops; midriff tops; shirts with potentially offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, or slogans and shirts which reveal excessive cleavage.



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