



Hunger Solutions Minnesota Food Shelf Advisory Committee Frequently Asked Questions

Where do the members come from?

The members come from nine regions across the state of Minnesota. The regions are based on food bank service areas and they are: Northern Lakes, North Central, North Country, Great Plains, Channel One and Heartland East Metro, West Metro, Central and Southwest.

How many committee members are there?

There are a total of sixteen committee members. The number of committee members from each region is determined by the percentage of the number of area food shelves into the total number of food shelves in the state. The breakdown is as follows:

Northern Lakes	2 Representatives
North Central	2 Representatives
North Country	2 Representatives
Great Plains	1 Representative
Channel One	2 Representatives
Heartland East Metro	1 Representative
Heartland West Metro	3 Representatives
Heartland Central	1 Representative
Heartland Southwest	2 Representatives

What happens when there is an opening on the committee?

When there is an open position on the committee, that position can be filled by anyone from that region that meets the requirements of the FSAC member job description. Determining the eligibility of a potential committee member is at the discretion of the FSAC and HSM Staff. Both HSM staff and FSAC members will recruit to fill an open position and will agree on the final selection of new members.

Who can be a member of the FSAC?

Members must be committed to solving the hunger issue, be able to present the needs of food shelves, understand the role of the FSAC in relation to HSM and currently serve as a food shelf representative.

What are the requirements to be on the FSAC?

See the FSAC member job description.

How often and where does the FSAC meet?

In 2008 the FSAC will meet on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October. Meetings will take place in either St. Cloud or St. Paul and will be determined by the committee. HSM will cover the cost of committee member's mileage. Conference calls will be used when the group finds it necessary to meet outside of the scheduled meetings.

What is the attendance policy?

Without notification to staff or fellow committee members, if a committee member misses **one** meeting, a letter will be sent by the committee chair asking if the member will be able to continue to represent his/her region. There will be a 30-day deadline for the member to respond. The letter will state that if the committee person does not respond in the thirty days, recruitment will begin for his/her position on the committee.

With notification to staff or fellow committee members, if a committee member misses **two** meetings, a letter will be sent by the committee chair asking if the member will be able to continue to represent his/her region. If a third meeting is missed, the committee will vote on whether or not that member will be allowed to continue his/her participation on the committee.