

West River Estate & Financial Planning Council

President's Welcome Letter

Overview

Dear Current, Past, and Prospective Members,

On behalf of the West River Estate & Financial Planning Council Executive Committee, I invite you to join or renew your membership for the upcoming program year. Our council remains committed to providing high-quality educational programming while strengthening professional relationships among estate planning professionals throughout the Black Hills region.

Our Mission

WREFPC brings together accountants, attorneys, financial advisors, insurance professionals, nonprofit organizations, and trust officers who share a commitment to thoughtful and effective estate planning. Our seminar series provides a valuable forum to stay current on industry developments, exchange ideas with colleagues, and strengthen professional relationships within our community.

Program Year

For the upcoming program year, our luncheon seminars will again be held at the Journey Museum in Rapid City, with catering provided by Fork Real Cafe. We have assembled an excellent lineup of speakers presenting on timely topics relevant to estate planning and financial professionals. I encourage you to review the enclosed program brochure and share it with colleagues who may benefit from participating. We will also host two social events during the year to encourage additional networking among members.

Annual Dues

Membership includes admission and lunch for all seminars, participation in social events, and benefits provided through the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils. Members may bring one complimentary guest during the 2026 season.

- Individual Membership: \$300
- Corporate Membership: \$1,600 (includes up to six individuals from the same organization)
- Additional Corporate Participants: \$250 per person

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Organizations are also invited to support the council through program sponsorships. Sponsors receive recognition at each presentation and on our website while helping ensure WREFPC can continue providing high-quality programming at a reasonable cost. The annual sponsorship fee is \$400. There are also opportunities to sponsor our two social events.

2026 Kickoff

Please join us for our kickoff social on Wednesday, May 20 from 3:30–5:30 PM at Block 5 (Hyatt). This informal gathering is a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues before the seminar series begins.

Conclusion

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their time and dedication in organizing this year's program and extend special appreciation to Executive Coordinator Tanya Antijunti for her continued work supporting the council.

I look forward to seeing you at our first seminar on Wednesday, May 27 at 11:00 AM, and I appreciate your continued support of the West River Estate & Financial Planning Council.

Sincerely,



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President

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