Business Dress

In accordance with the WOTM General Laws May 1, 2021, section 59, f. states “The elected Officers shall conform to business dress attire for all meetings and special ceremonies.” Business dress refers to a dress, skirt and blouse/sweater/blazer, pants/capris and blouse/sweater/blazer, or suit. Non-distressed, preferably solid colored denim, “dressy” denim is permitted. 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. 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 members – be presentable and approachable. When in doubt, don’t wear it!

To expand further…

According to Oxford’s English Dictionary/Oxford Languages, business casual dress is defined as, “relating to or denoting a style of clothing that is less formal than traditional business wear, but is still intended to give a professional and business-like impression: a middle ground between business formal wear and street wear. The following are examples of appropriate workplace apparel from some organizations with a business-casual dress code:

For women: A reasonable length skirt (not mini-skirt), pants, capris or “dressy” jeans 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, miniskirts, shorts, underwear as outerwear, inappropriately revealing attire such as bare midriffs or excessive cleavage, shirts with potentially offensive words and beach/bath type flip-flops.
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.
  - Athletic slides, thong flip-flops, beach/bathing shoes are not permissible.
- Gym shoes and crocs 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.
- Capris with a moose collared shirt would also be acceptable.
- “Dressy Denim” is permitted. Distressed, frayed or stained is 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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