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**TWIN CITIES WOMEN TAKE LEADING ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL  
FINANCIAL WOMENS' ASSOCIATION**

*Twin Cities, Minnesota* – Financial Women International Foundation is pleased to announce the appointments of several Board of Directors all residing in the Twin Cities area.

Regina Barr, President of Red Ladder, Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN was installed as FWI Vice President. She has been a member of FWI for 12 years serving in numerous leadership roles at the group, district and international levels including FWI Foundation Chair for two years. As Vice President of FWI, Regina is responsible for developing and implementing a 3-year membership and marketing plan, including re-branding and re-launching the association, as well as providing oversight for day-to-day marketing activities. "FWI has provided me with an influential network of women across North America," Barr said. "These connections have been invaluable in helping me attain both personal and professional success."

Cindy Haas, Vice President/Branch Manager of Anchor Bank, Eagan, MN has been an FWI member for 13 years and was appointed Foundation Chair. As the FWI Foundation Chair, she promotes the educational tools and resources of the Foundation to assist in the advancement of the financial services industry professionals that will benefit them individually in addition to benefiting the industry and their community at large.

Gail Mikolich, Executive Vice President and COO of Northeast Bank, Minneapolis, MN and has been an FWI member for 11 years. She was appointed secretary of the FWI, Inc. Board, and this will be her first position at the international level. When asked about her participation in FWI, Gail commented, "FWI has been a safe environment for me to practice and learn new leadership skills and allows me to bring those skills to my work environment every day. FWI has benefited both me and my organization."

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Founded in 1921 as the National Association of Bank Women, Financial Women International, Inc., (FWI) is one of the oldest individual membership organizations of women financial executives. FWI's mission is to help women in the financial services industry be successful in their careers. The FWI Foundation, which was created in 1973, serves as the educational and research arm of FWI. Committed to professional growth, the FWI Foundation plays an instrumental role in fostering educational development for those working in and with the financial services industry. For more information please visit [www.fwifoundation.org](http://www.fwifoundation.org) or [www.fwi.org](http://www.fwi.org).

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