

For more than 70 years, NFPW has provided professional development and networking in the field of communications. The organization is led by an elected board. The following is a list of NFPW past presidents:



1937	Helen Miller Malloch, founder and first president (deceased), Illinois
1938-39	Octavia Goodbar (deceased), New York
1940-41	Bertha Bless (deceased), Missouri
1942	Helen Miller Malloch (deceased), Illinois
1943-45	Gertrude Puelicher (deceased), Wisconsin
1945-47	Marie Abels (deceased), Kansas
1947-49	Catherine Dines Prosser (deceased)
1949-51	Irene R. Bedard (deceased), Minnesota
1951-53	Mattie M. Dykes (deceased), Missouri
1953-55	Helen Ankeny (deceased), Kansas
1955-57	Velma Price (deceased), Nebraska
1957-59	Mabel Temby (deceased), Wisconsin
1959-61	Helen Vanderburg (deceased), Iowa
1961-62	Roberta Martin (resigned April 1962), Arkansas
1962	Dr. Gertrude M. Hall (acting), (deceased), Illinois
1962-65	Hortense P. Myers (deceased), Indiana
1965-67	Margaret (Maggie) Magee, Oregon
1967-69	Ulrich Troubetzkoy (deceased), Virginia
1969-71	Mildred Planthold Michie (deceased), Missouri
1971-73	Louise Shaddock (deceased), Idaho
1973-75	Naomi A. Whitesell, Indiana
1975-77	Jean Wiley Huyler, Washington
1977-79	Charlotte Schexnayder, Arkansas
1979-81	Martha S. Reed (deceased), Texas
1981-83	D. J. Cline (deceased), South Dakota
1983-85	Jo Cart, Louisiana
1985-87	Lois Jacobs (deceased), Iowa
1987-89	Mary Lou Webb, Mississippi
1989-91	Rosemary Carroll, New Jersey
1991-93	Marj Carpenter, Kentucky
1993-95	Gwen White, North Carolina
1995-97	Ruth Anna, Colorado
1997-99	Linn Rounds, Wyoming
1999-01	Vivian Sadowski (deceased), Kansas
2001-03	Ella Wright of Alaska
2003-05	Donna Penticuff of Indiana
2005-07	Meg Hunt, South Carolina
2007-09	Marsha Shuler, Louisiana
2009-11	Cynthia Price, Virginia

NFPW President's Award

1982	Sarah McClendon, Washington, DC
1983	Betty Ford, Rancho Mirage, CA
1984	Allen H. Neuharth, Rochester, NY
1987	Hortense Myers, Indianapolis, IN
1988	Freedom Award to the eight high school students who wrote and edited the stories that led to the decision on censorship by the U.S. Supreme Court in Hazelwood School District et al vs. Kuhlmeier et al Missouri
1989	Helen Thomas, Washington, DC
1991	Nancy Woodhull (deceased), Alabama
1993	Charlotte Schexnayder, Arkansas
1994	Louise Shadduck , Idaho

Outstanding Affiliate President

1988	Helen Szablya, Washington
1989	Ruth H. Anna, Colorado Terry N. Dodge, Maine
1990	Judy Johnson, Nebraska
1991	Terri K. Benson, Georgia