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Study Committee Wrap-Ups

Executive Committee

WSLC Pres: Sylvia Rickard
WSLC Pres: Elect Kari Malkovich

Date: Sept. 21, 2011

The first meeting of the 2011-2013 Biennium was held in the newly restored Kimball Home at This Is The Place State Park. General Session I consisted of a Dedication Ceremony held outside in view of the five trees planted in honor of WSLC's five most recent Past Presidents.

PROGRAM TOPIC: Perspectives from The House

Speakers: Rep. Rebecca Lockhart (R) – *House Speaker; Dist. 64; Utah County (south-central)*
Rep. David Litvack (D) – *House Minority Leader; Dist. 26; SL County (central SLC; part of W.V. City)*

Date: Oct. 26, 2011

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: Tolerance – The Bare Minimum

Speaker: Linda Walton APR CEO; The Walton Group

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: Approach to Issues – Agreeable Disagreement

Speakers: Jim Dabakis – *State Chair; Utah Democratic Party*
Dave Hansen – *Former State Chair; Utah Republican Party*

Date: March 14, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC: 2012 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Speakers: Stan Rasmussen – *Dir. of Public Affairs; Southerland Institute*
Sen. Ross. I Romero (D) Dist. 7; *Salt Lake County (S.L. east bench); Minority Leader*

National/State Issues

Advisor: Sylvia Rickard – *WSLC President*
State Issues: Suzanne Merrill – *WSLC Past President*

Date: Jan. 18, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC: Health Care – The 2012 Legislative Session: Looking Ahead

Speaker: Kimberly Myers – *Community Engagement Director; Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP)*

Date: Jan. 25, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC: Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Requiring the Federal Gov't. to Get Permission From the States Before Raising the Debt Ceiling

Speakers: Rep. Bradley M. Daw (R) Dist. 60, Utah County (Orem)
Gayle Ruzicka – Executive Director; Utah Eagle Forum

***Business/Labor/Public Utilities & Technology/
Workforce Services/Community & Economic Development***

Director: Shauna Scott Bellacomo

Date: Feb. 29, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: SB117 Gov. Records Access and Management Act Amendments

Speakers: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble (R) Dist. 16; Utah County (Provo)
Linda Petersen – Utah Media Coalition

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: HB108 Internet Gambling

Speakers: Rep. Stephen Sandstrom (R) Dist. 58; Utah County (Orem)
Rep. Mark Wheatley (D) Dist. 35; Salt Lake County (Murray)

PROGRAM TOPIC 3: SB138 Health Insurance Mandate Accountability Amendments

Speakers: Kelly Atkinson – Exec. Dir. of Utah Health Insurance Association
Sen. Benjamin McAdams (D) Dist. 2; Minority Caucus Mgr.; Salt Lake County (SLC/S. SLC/WVC)

Education

Director: Chris Bray
Chair: Donna Murphy

Date: Feb. 1, 2012

***PROGRAM TOPIC 1: SB32 Breast Cancer Prevention Amendments;
Health Care Legislation Update***

Speakers: Judy Hillman – CEO, Utah Health Policy Project
Sen. Karen Mayne (D) – Dist. 5, Salt Lake County (West Valley)

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: SB119 Alcoholic Beverage Control Act Sampling Amendments

Speakers: Sen. Ross Romero (D) – District 7, Salt Lake County (S.L. east bench); sponsor, SB119
David Valentine – Intern/representative for Sen. John Valentine (R) District 14, Utah County

Date: Feb. 8, 2012

Before the General Session opened, WSLC Executive Board member Hilarie Orman presented a PowerPoint tutorial for the membership regarding the WSLC website and the new WSLC facebook page. The official WSLC website has been updated, and Hilarie guided us through many of its user-friendly features.

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: SB31 Classroom Size Amendments

Speakers: Sen. Karen W. Morgan (D) Dist. 8; Salt Lake County (Cottonwood Heights); Minority Whip; sponsor, SB31

Rep. Bradley M. Daw (R) Dist. 60; Utah County (Orem)

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: SB54 Publication of Education Fund Revenue

Speakers: Sen. Benjamin M. McAdams (D) Dist. 2; Salt Lake County (SL/S, SLC/WVC); Minority Caucus Mgr.; sponsor, SB54
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard (R) Dist. 25; Cache, Rich Counties; Exec. Appropriations Co-Chair

Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment

Director: Hilarie Orman
Co-Chairs: Sandra Peel

Date: Feb. 15, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: SB21 Changes to Environmental Quality Boards

Speakers: David Bird, Esq. – Govt. Relations & Natural Resources Attorney
Steve Erickson – Utah Audubon Council
Amanda Smith – Exec. Dir., Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality
Rep. Joel Briscoe (D) Dist. 25, SL & Summit Counties (SL east bench & western Summit County)

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: HB209 Utah Sovereign Lands

Speakers: Rep. Fred Cox (R) District 32, Salt Lake County (West Valley); sponsor, HB209 Utah Lands Protection Act
Rep. Brian King (D) District 28, Salt Lake County (East Bench/SLC); Minority Asst. Whip

PROGRAM TOPIC 3: HB33 Hours for Use of Fireworks

Speakers: Rep. James Dunnigan (R) Dist. 39 Salt Lake County (Taylorsville); sponsor, HB33
Tyson Watson – Olympus Fireworks (*unable to attend*)

PROGRAM TOPIC 4: HB86 Trespass on Private Property

Speaker: Rep. Joel Briscoe (D) Dist. 25, SL & Summit Counties (SL east bench & western Summit County)

Health & Human Services/Retirement & Independent Entities

Director: Rebecca Reese
Chair: Jean Madsen

Date: March 7, 2012

Utah State Democratic Party Chair Jim Dabakis and Juilie Dole, Salt Lake County Republican Party Chair, stopped by to remind WSLC membership to attend their neighborhood caucus meetings. Democrat caucuses will be Tues., March 13, 7 pm. Locations may be found online at utahdemocrats.org. Republican caucuses will be Thurs., March 15, 7pm. Locations may be found online at utgop.org.

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: HB55 Health Care Associated Infections

Speakers: Rep. Jack Draxler (R) Dist. 3; Cache County
Rep. Lee B. Perry (R) Dist. 2; Box Elder, Cache Counties

PROGRAM TOPIC 2: HB247 Cost Sharing for Smokers Enrolled in Medicaid

Speaker: Rep Paul Ray (R) Dist. 13; Davis County (Clinton, Sunset, West Point, Clearfield)

PROGRAM TOPIC 3: SB263 Education Requirements for Nursing Licensure Amendments

Speakers: Sen. Gene Davis (D) Dist. 3; Salt Lake County
Michelle Swift – RN, JD

**Judiciary/Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice/
Political Subdivisions, revenue & Taxation/
Transportation/Government Operations**

Director: Tibby Milne
Chair: Marilyn Larsen

Date: Feb. 22, 2012

PROGRAM TOPIC 1: Utah's New Tobacco Issues

Speakers: Michael Siler – American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
Rep. Bradley G. Last (R) Dist 71, Eastern Washington County; sponsor, HB245
Amendment of Definition of Smoking in Utah Indoor Clean Air Act
Rep. Paul Ray (R) Dist 13, Davis County (Clinton, Sunset, West Point, Clearfield);
sponsor, HB95 Retail Sale of Tobacco Products

**PROGRAM TOPIC 2: Utah's Seismic Vulnerability (Earthquake Readiness)
And**

Utah Drivers' Vulnerability (Texting)

Speakers: Rep. Larry B. Wiley (D) Dist. 31, Salt Lake County (Sugarhouse); sponsor, HB279 Utah
Seismic Hazard Inventory
Roger Evans – Chair, Utah Seismic Safety Commission
Sen. Lye W. Hillyard (R) Dist. 25, Cache, Rich Counties; sponsor, SB98 Amendments to
Prohibition on Using a Handheld Wireless Communication Device while
Operating a Vehicle

The Education Committee presented Resolutions to WSLC membership in support of
SB119 Resolution on Alcoholic beverage Control Act Sampling Amendments **(Resolution Passed)**
SB32 Breast Cancer Prevention Amendments **(Resolution Passed)**

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