
WOMEN'S STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL of UTAH



NOMINEES FOR BIENNIUM 2013-2015

PRESIDENT (R)



Kari Malkovich graduated with a BA in Communications/Public Relations from BYU. She served on the Board of the Public Relations Society of America, and as the Leadership Conference Coordinator for the Governor's Initiative on Families Today (GIFT). Active for twenty-five years with the Utah PTA she served six times as President of local chapters. She was a member of the Nebo School District Strategic Planning Committee and served as co-chair of the Intermountain Health Care (IHC) Community Outreach Council for South Utah County. She served as South Utah County chair for Utah's Promise, and chair of the City of Woodland Hills Planning Commission. She has served as Director of Natural Resources, Energy, Environment, and Agriculture for WSLC, Pres. Elect of WSLC and as Pres. WSLC's Utah County Affiliate. Kari is the mother of six and the grandmother of three.

PRESIDENT-ELECT (D)



Shauna Scott-Bellacomo has served as Vernal Pres. of Business & Professional Women, Utah State Pres. of BPW, State Pres. of Utah Women's Foundation, State Pres. of Utah Women's Lobby, Pres. of SL Council of Women, Legislative Chair for SL County Women's Democratic Caucus, Board member of Democratic Healthcare Caucus, and BPW Woman of the Year. She has served as WSLC Chair of the H&HS Committee, and as Director, Business and Labor Committee. She has advocated for women's rights from attending sessions of congress in Washington D. C. to lobbying at the Utah State Capitol. She is a frequent guest on the KSL radio program, A Woman's View, to discuss current national and local legislation affecting women. She is also known as the "red purse lady" advocating Equal Pay for Women and highlighting National Pay Inequity Day. Shauna works as an Information Specialist/Pro at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City each year. She is employed with the State of Utah as an Account Specialist (UI Tax Laws) and is also a Disability Advocate. She is married to Kevin McGeeney and has two grown sons.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT (R)



Skip Reese graduated from the University of Utah, where she also completed post-graduate work. She has served as an instructor and administrator at the Utah School for the Deaf, Parent/Infant Program. She has also served on the Ogden School District's Political Action Committee, the Ogden City Pioneer Days Parade Committee, Christmas Village Committee and the Head Start Health Advisory Board. Skip has

been active in the Women's Legislative Council of Weber County, serving as Vice-president and President, and has been a WSLC delegate since 2009.



Mary Stromness was born and raised in Salt Lake City. She graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in Economics and Statistics. She and her husband, Richard, raised a family of six children. When her youngest child was in kindergarten, Mary returned to the U of U, eventually earning a Master's degree and a doctorate in Education. She very much enjoyed being a math teacher. A woman of many talents, Mary also enjoyed working in her husband's heavy construction business until he passed away. Mary joined WSLC in 1977. She has served there in many elected, as well as appointed, positions since that time.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT (R) (Utah County Affiliate)



Judy Keller is a Utah native whose father, Ralph A. Sheffield, represented Salt Lake City in the state House of Representatives for 14 years. Judy has a BA degree in Secondary (English) Education from the University of Utah. She is on the board of the Utah Country Republican Women and has been a member of the WSLC for 5 years. Her service there has included Co-Chair of the Education Committee, Co-Chair of the Natural Resources/Energy Committee, Corresponding Secretary, and Chaplain. She is a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and has served on the Curriculum Committee for the Alpine School district. She has been a teacher of youth & children in her church community for over 30 years. Judy & Ivan Keller and their ten children are known for their family bluegrass band, which has represented the United States in many parts of the world.

RECORDING SECRETARY (D)



Louella Ash worked as a secretary in the Real Estate Division of Walker Bank before she married and had a family. She returned to work at a small family business when her youngest child was in kindergarten, working full time for the next two years. She has continued to work part time for 21 years and finally retired three years ago. She is an excellent typist, and only wishes she could play the piano as well as she types! She also enjoys working with people. One of her favorite pastimes is reading, both modern fare and the classics. She has her own recorder and transcriber, and feels very capable of handling the responsibilities of WSLC Recording Secretary.



Jean Davies describes herself as a writer. She loves words, so reading and writing are high on her list of favorite activities. She has written children's stories, a non-fiction book, and lots of articles. She has worked for major aerospace companies in Salt Lake and also Beverly Hills, California. She has worked at the offices of Sperry Rand, Northrup and Litton, also Gillette, PaperMate and eBay. At each place of employment, she would gravitate to writing, analyzing, engineering newsletters, creating operational tools, and editing and rewriting manuals. Along the way, she earned a BS in Management from the University of California and a MF in Professional Writing from USC. She enjoys WSLC, and stays

busy in retirement as Recording Secretary for PEO Chapter, a philanthropic organization.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (R)



Jessica Christopher graduated from Southern Utah University with degrees in Political Science and German. Her background includes work with the Utah Republican Party and various local and statewide political campaigns. She previously served as a senior advisor to Senator Bennett working on Social Security, health care, and housing issues. She joined Senator Lee's staff in 2011 as his casework Director. She is a Registered Parliamentarian and is currently serving as WSLC Treasurer.



Corabelle Crossley has been a member of WSLC since 1952. Her service there has included Historian and Director of both the Business/Labor and the Judiciary/Law Enforcement Committees. She has also served on the Physical Arrangements, Auditing, and Nominating committees. Originally from Montana, Corabelle has a nursing degree and was on staff at LDS Hospital as an obstetrics nurse. In addition to WSLC, she is active in the Women's Republican Club of SLC, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a long-time member of the Murray Women's Club, she was awarded their Woman of the Year award.

TREASURER (D)



Kathie Greeno was born in Seattle, Washington and raised in Boulder, Colorado. She attended the University of Colorado. In 1978, she and her family moved from California to Bountiful, Utah. In 2004 she retired from South Davis Community Hospital, where she worked for 17 years as the Administrative Assistant & Secretary to the Board of Directors. She is a member of the University of Utah Women's Club and The Assistance League of Salt Lake City. She is a member of the Democratic Women's Club. She has also served as Treasurer on the Executive Committee of WSLC during a previous biennium.



Shannon Huff Jacobs retired as Murray City Council Exec. Director in 2007, and has been an active member of WSLC for the past four years. She has served on the WSLC Executive Committee as Corresponding Secretary for the past two years. In addition, she has served as president, secretary and treasurer for many organizations and non-profit corporations. She has served on an auditing committee for treasurers' records, and understands how essential accurate financial record keeping is to an organization. She has helped create budgets for both her employer and various organizations for over 25 years.

HISTORIAN (R)



Carol Harley has been a member of the Women's Legislative Council of Weber County for approximately 14 years and has served in the capacity of four-year and two-year Director, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Timekeepers Chair, and Recording Secretary. She was President of the Weber County affiliate for four years. She has served on the board of several other organizations, and currently sits on the board of the Catholic

Woman's League, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, The Church Women United of the Greater Ogden Area, and the state steering committee for Church Women United.



Shirley Nielsen has been a member of the Weber County Affiliate of WSLC for nearly 40 years and has twice served as President there. She now serves the Weber County Affiliate as Treasurer. She has also served on the WSLC board under Pres. Suzanne Larsen, and currently serves on the WSLC board as Timekeepers Chair. She served as Pres. of the Women's Auxiliary to the state & local Association of the Utah Certified Public Accountants. Ogden City Schools Credit Union employed Shirley for 25 years. She married her high school sweetheart, is the mother of five, grandmother of 21 and great-grandmother of 14.

DIRECTOR (D)



Brandy Farmer is a Domestic Violence Prevention Specialist. She has authored the annual Domestic Violence Related Death Report since 2008. Western Community Policing and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center elected her to write domestic violence curriculum for law enforcement agencies covering an eight-state area. She also directs the efforts of 2,000 volunteers. She serves on the Violence Against Women Advisory Committee for the National Association of Attorneys General. She has testified before legislative committees urging support of funding for domestic violence services, and statutes to protect victims. She has chaired the Utah Domestic Violence Council (UDVC), the Govt. Affairs Committee and Public Education Committee workgroups, and currently chairs UDVC's Diversity Work Group. She has also appeared as a Domestic Violence Prevention specialist on NBC's John Walsh Show.



Hilarie Orman earned a BS in Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and did graduate study in Computer Science at UCLA. Her professional focus has been on the design and development of software and systems that protect data and communications. Her awards include: IEEE Computer Society Gold Core Member & IEEE Computer Society Meritorious Service. She was the program manager for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and a research scientist for the Computer Science Dept. of the University of Arizona. She Chaired the IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Security and Privacy, and is the Archivist for the International Assoc. for Cryptologic Research. Hilarie has held research positions at Novell, Trusted Information Systems, the Aerospace Corp., and System Development Corp. She currently serves on the WSLC board as Director of the Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment Committee.

DIRECTOR (R)



JoAnn Neilson has spent many years in volunteer service. She has been particularly active in the PTA Association. Among the many positions she held in that organization was Utah State PTA President. She was Treasurer of Kaysville AYSO for eight years. She also served on the Governor's Commission for Women and Families. JoAnn has been politically active for the past 35 years, attending state legislative sessions for nearly 15 years. As a member of WSLC, she has served as a Recorder

and also Director of the Education Committee. She is the proud mother of seven children and 15 beautiful grandchildren.



Junko Shimizu graduated from UCLA with a BA degree in Geography. She is married to M. Tom Shimizu, former Salt Lake County Commissioner, and served with him as he presided over the Japan Central Mission for the LDS Church. She served on the Relief Society General Board from 1974 to 1984. A member of WSLC since 1987, she has served as Delegate, Timekeeper, Reporter, and Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Previous community service includes the Women's Republican Club of SLC, the Board of Directors for YWCA of SLC, Utah State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Board of Directors for Japanese American Citizens League (Mt. Olympus Chapter), Work Activity Center Board of Trustees, and Salt Lake Council of Women.

DIRECTOR (D)



Kitty Kaplan (D) has spent many years in WSLC service. She was President for the 2007-2009 biennium. She has also been First Vice-President, Director, and Co-Chair of the Business/Labor Committee. Credentials from her professional life include a BS earned in Medical Technology from West Virginia University, a Masters in Public Health from the U of U; Integrated Medical Systems, Inc., American Academy of Professional Coders, American Society of Safety Engineers, American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Kitty's community service includes the National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Community Center board, and McGillis School board. Her service on the McGillis School board earned Kitty the Visionary Award.



Donna Murphy teaches pediatric nursing at SL Community College and is active in her practice working per diem at Shriners Hospital. She was the lobbyist for Utah Nurses Assoc. during the 2005 legislative session and is currently active in UNA on the Government Relations Committee. She serves on the Wasatch Deanery Council of Catholic Women as Legislative Commissioner. She was the 2010 Woman of the Year at Saint Thomas Catholic Parish, and has received Honors in Nursing from the University of Utah. Brighton High School recognized her with the Bengal Award for Volunteer of the Year. Her political interest began when she worked on a Safe to Learn/Safe to Worship coalition in 1999. She has been a Utah State & County Democratic delegate for 6 years. She has worked on political campaigns, including those of Pres. Barack Obama, Mayor Peter Corroon, gubernatorial candidate Scott Matheson, Congressman Jim Matheson, Reps. Karen Morgan, Tim Cosgrove, Marie Poulson, and Sen. Pat Jones. She served as WSLC Director of the Health & Human Services Committee and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Education Committee.