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STUDY COMMITTEE WRAP-UPS

State/National Issues

Co-Chairs: Sylvia Rickard and Suzanne Merrill

Date: Sept. 24, 2013

PROGRAM TOPIC: Perspectives on State Issues

Speakers: Sen. Todd Weiler (R) Dist. 23 Davis, Salt Lake Counties

Sen. Patricia Jones (D) Minority Asst. Whip; Dist. 4 Salt Lake County

Robert Spendlove – Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Herbert

Co-Chairs: Melanie Bowen & Kathryn Rowley

Date: Oct. 23, 2013

PROGRAM TOPIC: Perspectives on State Issues

Speakers: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) – U.S. Senator for Utah

Frank Pignanelli – Attorney, lobbyist and political adviser; former Minority Leader,
Utah House of Representatives

Emily Ellsworth – Constituent Affairs Mngr. for U.S. Congressman Chris Stewart (R)

Chair: Kari Malkovich

Date: Jan. 22, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah – The Best Managed State

Speaker: Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox

PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah's Primary/Caucus Convention System

Speakers: Taylor Morgan – Exec. Dir., Count My Vote

Sheryl Allen (R) – former Rep. for Dist. 19

James Humphrey – Spokesman, Protect our Neighborhood Elections

Josie Valdez (D) – Vice-Chair, Utah Democratic Party

Dana Layton (R) – Dist. 60, Utah County (Orem)

Chair: Kari Malkovich

Date: March 12, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: What You Need to Know about Legislation, Marijuana, and Medicine

Speakers: Jennifer May – Citizen/Parent Advocate for Medical Alesia

Annette Maughan – Board of Directors, Epilepsy Assoc. of Utah

JoAnn Petrie – BYU Psychology Dept; Substance Use Disorder Counselor
Brad Daw – Chair, Policy Task Force, SMART Utah County Coalition
Julianna Ogden – Nationally Certified Health Specialist and concerned citizen
Laura Warburton – Volunteer Lobbyist

NOTE: A Resolution in favor of the Governor's Health Utah Medicaid Expansion Plan was put forward by the *Health & Human Services Committee*. **The Resolution was amended and passed.**

Co-Chairs: Shauna Scott-Bellacomo and Kari Malkovich

Date: March 19, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Legislative Wrap-Up 2014

Speakers: Sen. Luz Robles (D) Dist. 1 Salt Lake County; Minority Caucus Manager
House Speaker Becky Lockhart (R) Dist. 64 (Utah County south-central)

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

Director: Tamara Atkin

Co-Chairs: Brandy Farmer and Suzanne Mulet

Date: Feb. 26, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Deferred Deposit (Payday) Lenders

Speakers: Rep. Larry Wiley (D) Dist. 31 Salt Lake County (West Valley)
sponsor, HB46 Deferred Deposit Lending and Forum Requirements
sponsor, HB47 Deferred Deposit Loan Amendments

(unable to attend)

Rep. James Dunnigan (R) Dist. 39 Salt Lake County;
sponsor, HB127 Consumer Lending Amendments

PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah Fuel Taxes

Speakers: Rep. Jacob Anderegg (R) Dist. 6 Utah County;
sponsor, HB258 Municipal Business Licensing Amendments

Rep. Marie Poulson (D) Dist. 46 Salt Lake County

Sen. Jim Dabakis (D) Dist. 2 Salt Lake County;

sponsor, SB182 Motor Fuel Tax Revisions

(Unable to Attend)

Sen. John Valentine (R) Dist. 14 Utah County;
sponsor, SB60 Fuel Excise Tax Amendments

Education

Director: Chris Bray

Co-Chairs: Donna Murphy and Laurel Price

Date: Feb. 5, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Education Bills on the Horizon

Speakers: Sen. Karen Mayne (D) Dist. 5 Salt Lake County (West Valley);
sponsor, SB98 Para-educator Funding

Rep. Angela Romero (D) Dist. 26, Salt Lake County;
sponsor, HB286 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention;
sponsor, (as yet unnumbered) Professional Development in Public Schools
Rep. Greg Hughes (R) Dist. 51 Salt Lake County;
sponsor HB96 Utah School Readiness Initiative
Rep. Brad Last (R) Dist. 71 Iron, Washington Counties –
summary of HB298, HB286, HB96

NOTE: A Resolution on Particle Pollution, also known as Particulate Matter (PM) was put forward by the *Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment Committee*. **The Resolution failed.**

Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment

Director: JoAnn Neilson

Co-Chairs: Gay Lynn Bennion and Amelia Powers

Date: Jan. 29, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Potentially Endangered Species – The Sage Grouse

Speakers: Alan Clark – Director, Watershed Program, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources
Jay Martini – Sage Grouse Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Kevin Carter – Director, State Institutional Trust Land Administration (SITLA)
Larry Crist – Field Supervisor, Utah Field Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah's Troublesome Air Quality

Speakers: Bryce Bird – Dir., Utah Division of Air Quality
Ingrid Griffie – V.P., Utah Moms for Clean Air

Date: March 5, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: SB211 Water Rights Amendments

Speakers: (unable to attend)
Sen. Margaret Dayton (R) Dist. 10 Utah County (Provo/Orem);
sponsor SB211 Water Rights Amendments
(speaking for the senator)
Jay Winters – Intern to Sen. Margaret Dayton
Kent Jones – State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights

PROGRAM TOPIC: HB37 Public Water Access Act

Speakers: Rep. Dixon Pitcher (R) Dist. 10 Weber County;
sponsor, HB37 Public Water Access Act
Rep. Mike McKell (R) Dist. 66 Utah County

Health & Human Services/Retirement & Independent Entities

Director: Kitty Kaplan

Co-Chairs: Christy Kane and Marci Curren

Date: Feb. 12, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: H&HS Bills on the Horizon

Speakers: Kevin E. Nelson – M.D., Ph.D., M.S.C.I., Pediatric Hospitalist,
Primary Children's Hospital
Rep. Tim Cosgrove (D) Minority Whip, Dist. 44, Salt Lake County

PROGRAM TOPIC: Medicaid Expansion

Speakers: Rep. Marie Poulson (D) Dist. 46, Salt Lake County
Sen. Allen Christensen (R) Dist. 2, Salt Lake County
RyLee Curtis – Medicaid Policy Analyst, Utah Health Policy Project
Stuart Monson – Legislative Liaison, Sutherland Institute

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

Director: Hilarie Orman
Chair: Sheryl Ginsburg

Date: Feb. 19, 2014

PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah House Special Investigative Committee

Speakers: Rep. Jennifer Seelig (D) Dist. 23, Salt Lake County; Special Investigation Committee
sponsor, HB90 Women in the Economy Commission
Rep. James Dunnigan (R) Dist. 39, Salt Lake County; Special Investigation Committee

PROGRAM TOPIC: Campaign Finance Reform

Speakers: Rep. Brian King (D) Dist. 28, Salt Lake, Summit Counties;
sponsor, HB297 Campaign Finance Amendments

NOTE: WSLC was pleased to welcome an unexpected guest speaker at the conclusion of its weekly General Session. In the State Capitol Building on other business, **U.S. Sen. Mike Lee** stepped into the meeting to address WSLC membership.

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