



WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE NETWORK NEWS



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From the President

As fall slips into colder weather and our schedules become more chaotic than we ever thought possible, I invite you to pause to reflect on the opportunities stretching out before you. Women legislators, by nature, view things differently than men, problem solve in more creative ways and are more passionate about different sets of issues. These differences are a plus for our constituents.



*Delegate
Carol Petzold,
Maryland*

The Women's Legislative Network of NCSL strives to promote participation, empowerment and leadership of women legislators so that we can be more effective in our states. With that in mind, the Network sponsored 11 events at the 2004 NCSL annual meeting in Salt Lake City in July, and we have exciting plans for the Fall Forum in Savannah, Georgia, December 7-10. Representative Nancy Detert (Fla.), vice-president of the Network, is the hard-working program chair. She and her committee are fired up to provide training in those areas most helpful to elected women.

The Network Alliance—which includes association, foundation and corporate individuals—helps the Network with consultation and financial support. Together we are considering bringing female corporate leaders together with female legislators to share skills, methods and problem solving techniques at a future NCSL meeting. NCSL is designing a set of tapes especially for women on being effective legislators. The Network will cooperate fully in this endeavor to produce a useful tool for use at home without travel costs.

How can the Network serve you? Let me know your ideas! Send an email to carol_petzold@house.state.md.us or write to me at 14113 Chadwick Lane, Rockville MD 20853.

Carol S. Petzold

Events at NCSL Fall Forum

*December 7-10, 2004
in Savannah, Georgia*

Wednesday, December 8

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Women's Legislative Network Executive Board Meeting

All are welcome

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

State Election Results: Forecasting the Impact on State Legislatures

This session will take an in-depth look at the new political landscape at the state level. Who controls legislatures? What demographic shifts—including those related to women legislators—did the November election bring to legislatures? There will also be an overview of initiatives that passed and what they could mean for legislative sessions.

(Cosponsored by the NCSL Redistricting and Elections Committee and the Women's Legislative Network)

To view an updated agenda, please visit <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/2004FallForum.htm>.

Congratulations New Executive Board Members!

- Delegate Carol Petzold, Maryland, Network President.
- Representative Nancy Detert, Florida, Network Vice President.
- Senator Dori Connor, Delaware, Eastern Regional Member.
- Representative Kathy Hawken, North Dakota, Midwestern Regional Member.
- Representative Danice Picraux, New Mexico, Western Regional Member.
- Representative Lynn Smith, Georgia, Southern Regional Member.
- Representative Nan Grogan Orrock, Georgia, Southern Regional Member.
- Representative Sheryl Allen, Utah, At-Large Member.

For the full list of Executive Board Members, see page 9.

To Update You . . .

The Network hosted several events at the **NCSL Annual Meeting** in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 19-23, 2004. A brochure detailing the schedule of events was designed, printed and distributed to all women legislators prior to the meeting. To learn more about these sessions and to access selected Power Point presentations, please visit our Web site: <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/AMevents2004.htm>.

At the **Network Executive Board Meeting**, held July 19, the Programming Committee reported on Network activities since the last board meeting in December 2003. Senator Sorenson unveiled the new Network Brochure, which will be used for outreach and fundraising efforts. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of new board members and Advisory Council members for election at the annual business meeting. The Network Alliance reported on the year's fundraising activities. Finally, several new Network projects were discussed, including a CD-ROM for women legislators and a motivational video about women in legislative leadership.

The **Alliance Meeting** on July 20 was facilitated by Alliance Chair Karen Smith of Procter & Gamble. Alliance members reviewed current sponsorship levels and discussed possibilities for future programming collaborations.

The Network cosponsored a luncheon session—**Fighting the War Against Trafficking of Women and Girls: The Role of State Legislatures**—on July 19 with the Center for Women Policy Studies and WiLL/WAND. Louis DeBaca of the U.S. Department of Justice spoke about steps that state legislatures can take to address this issue.

A July 21 session titled "**Bridging the Cultures of Business and Poverty**" featured speakers Mr. Fred Keller, CEO, Cascade Engineering, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Dr. Ruby Payne, Founder and CEO of aha! Process Inc., Highlands, Texas. The session provided information about how poverty and economic cultures influence an individual's ability to succeed or fail in the workplace. Georgia Representative Nan Grogan Orrock moderated the session, which was cosponsored by the NCSL/Annie E. Casey Partnership on Strengthening Families and Neighborhoods, the NCSL Women's Legislative Network and the NCSL Human Services and Welfare Committee and NCSL's Labor and Workforce Development Committee.

At the Network luncheon and business meeting on July 21, Shamaya Gilo of the Winds of Change Foundation spoke on "**The Economic Engine: Advancing Women in the Economy.**" Ms. Gilo presented an overview of the Foundation's recent research about women's economic strengths and challenges, which was conducted through interviews, surveys and focus groups. To learn more about the Winds of Change Foundation, visit www.windsofchange.org. The session also included the election of the 2004-2005 Executive Board. (See page 9 for a list of board members.)



*Senator Liane Sorenson
and Delegate Carol
Petzold*

The Wednesday session "**Are Women Well? Success Stories for Policymakers Working to Improve Women's Health**" included presentations by Dr. Wanda Jones of the Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, Dr. Vivian Dickerson, President of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Helene Kent, a consultant specializing in public health issues.



The Network hosted a **Reception** for all interested Annual Meeting attendees the evening of July 21. The Network was honored by a surprise visit from NCSL's new vice president, Texas state Senator Leticia Van de Putte. Thank you to the American Medical Association for sponsoring this event.



*Senator Leticia Van
de Putte and
Maryland Delegate
Adrienne Mandel*



*Utah Governor
Olene Walker*

On July 22, the Network and Women in Government sponsored a **breakfast** at the Utah Governor's Mansion. More than 100 women legislators gathered to meet with Governor Olene Walker, who spoke about her experiences in state government and the history of the mansion.

Dr. Cindy Simon Rosenthal, director of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma, moderated a July 22 session, "**Women Leading Legislatures.**" A panel—composed of Senator Carolyn Allen of Arizona, Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones of Maryland, Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen of Kansas, House Majority Leader Danice Picraux of New Mexico, and Senate Minority Whip Liane Sorenson of Delaware—discussed the participation of women in their legislatures, how they moved into leadership,

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New Information about Women Legislators

The Women's Legislative Network collaborated with Dr. Cindy Simon Rosenthal, a professor at the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma, to survey all women legislators about their motivations for service and their experiences in mentoring and leadership. Information from the survey was used to develop questions for a panel of legislators at the 2004 Annual Meeting session "Women Leading Legislatures."

Women's Inclusion

One of the survey questions asked, "Previous research has shown that women legislators believe that they are less likely than the men to be included in leadership consultations on important

decisions. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following causes for that belief?"

Most respondents (83.9 percent) agree that there are too few women legislators. At least 75 percent of respondents agree that there are not enough women in leadership, that some men forget to include women, and that some men discount women's advice. About half of respondents agree that some women are too focused on women's issues, while fewer (34.5 percent) agree that some women are less willing to compromise.

While Democratic women are more likely to agree that women are too few in number in legislatures or that men neglect to include women, Republican women are more likely to perceive that women contribute to their own exclusion from leadership by being too focused on women's issues. Gender makeup in legislatures and women in leadership make a difference: when more women serve in a legislature, women legislators are less likely to feel excluded.

Mentoring and its Impact

Mentorship can impact career progress and productivity. Compared to earlier research, women legislators in this survey report greater ease in finding mentors inside the legislature. All of the respondents reported finding a significant mentor outside their immediate family support network. Leaders and committee chairs report significantly more mentor relationships than rank-and-file women. Most respondents have a female mentor in or outside the legislature; but only one in 10 finds a woman leader as mentor.

Overall, women legislators perceive the lack of female mentors has a negative impact on their inclusion in leadership decisions (53.5 percent), progress up the leadership ladder (48.1 percent), and productivity in passing legislation (40.3 percent).

The data from the survey is still being analyzed, and a full report will be presented by the Women's Legislative Network in the future. It will be available on the Network Web site and as a printed report.

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www.ncsl.org/wln

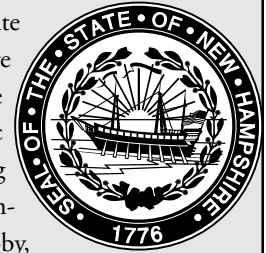
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and whether mentoring has played a role in their careers, among other topics.

A session entitled "Different Problems, Different Needs: Women in the Criminal Justice System" took place Thursday afternoon. The session was moderated by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles, former Women's Legislative Network President, who discussed legislation in her home state of Washington that addresses female offenders. Dr. Barbara Owen, a professor at California State University in Fresno, gave a presentation entitled "Gender Responsive Strategies: Research, Practice and Guiding Principles for Women Offenders." She discussed ways state legislators can be sure to address the fundamental differences between men and women when designing a corrections program. Ellen Kirschbaum of the Arizona Department of Corrections discussed specific programs that Arizona has implemented to focus on female offenders.

Advisory Council Corner



Moving from the private advocacy community to the New Hampshire State Legislature, it became increasingly clear to me that compelling women's issues were neither on the legislative agenda nor clearly articulated in the public arena. The absence of policy research and educational resources with which to analyze public policy proposals and develop best practices or policy recommendations concerning women's issues was resulting in detrimental and misinformed public decision-

making about matters impacting the lives of NH women and their families. The board of the Women's Lobby, a 501(c)(4) organization that I had served on recognized this problem and worked to support the creation of the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute, a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase equity and women's involvement in decision making in New Hampshire using research, policy development and education of the public to further our mission. I am delighted to announce that our first data-driven research project, studying the economic status of working women in New Hampshire, is nearing completion. Some of the results are startling. We are developing a research and education model that could be used in New Hampshire and other states and would be happy to share our findings with others once the report is released this winter.

—Representative Marjorie Smith, New Hampshire

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Alliance members are a vital part of the Network. We value our Alliance members and appreciate the support they provide to women legislators through the Network.

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Note from the Alliance Chair

Dear Alliance Members,



Karen Smith

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Women's Legislative Network. Through the collaboration of the Network Executive Board and the Alliance, the Network sponsored 11 events at the NCSL Annual Meeting this past July. The meeting was a smashing success, as legislators, legislative staff and members of the private sector from across the country came together to learn, share experiences and forge new connections. It was wonderful to see so many women legislators and Alliance members in attendance!

We welcome your participation at NCSL meetings. Please share any ideas you have for future Network planning. Many thanks to Jackie Clark, Public Affairs Manager for Hallmark Cards Inc. and a longtime Alliance member, for serving on the Network Programming Committee. She is exploring the possibility of holding joint leadership training for women legislators and women from the corporate world. We look forward to hearing your thoughts about this and other projects.

Plans for activities during the NCSL Fall Forum are still being finalized. Please keep in touch if you are able to attend the meeting and would like to participate.

With the help of the Alliance, the Network will continue to grow and further its mission—promoting the participation, empowerment and leadership of women legislators.

Karen Smith

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Network Alliance Chair
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Sharing Our Views

Sharing Our Views provides an opportunity for some of our most dedicated Alliance members to express their perspectives. If you would like to see your company's viewpoint included in the next edition, contact Leah Oliver at (303) 856-1486 or leah.oliver@ncsl.org

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ExxonMobil, the world's premier energy company, has operated for more than 120 years, and today is conducting business in almost 200 countries and territories on six continents.

To help meet its energy needs, the U.S. should conserve energy and responsibly develop its own resources. State legislators will play an important role in addressing the U.S. energy challenges, including:

- *Siting of energy infrastructure.* State permits are critical to developing new energy facilities—such as liquefied natural gas plants and pipelines. States that resist the temptation to adopt a “not in my backyard” mentality by allowing responsible development are taking meaningful steps toward ensuring access to plentiful, reliable and affordable energy.

- *Clean air.* During the next three years, states will implement sweeping air-quality programs required by the federal Clean Air Act. As with improvements seen during the last three decades, plans to meet the new standards, reduce interstate transport pollution, and improve visibility in our national parks can help clean the air and improve public health. These benefits also can have potential costs. State legislatures have a key role in ensuring an appropriate balance between desirable public objectives and real-world implementation. Clean air and a strong economy are both important goals, and to accomplish both requires sound public policy.

States play an important role in energy development, which creates revenue and jobs and also provides reliable and affordable energy supplies that are necessary for our nation's economy.

The ABCs of Stroke Prevention

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is a major risk factor for stroke, but according to a national survey conducted by the not-for-profit Alliance for Aging Research, 80 percent of people polled were not aware of this fact. Moreover, 6 out of 10 were unaware that appropriate treatment may help prevent AF-related strokes.

In AF, the two upper chambers of the heart (the atria) quiver instead of contracting effectively. When this happens, blood in these chambers can pool and clot. If a piece of the blood clot breaks off, travels to an artery in the brain, and becomes lodged, it may cause a stroke.

To understand the relationship between AF and stroke, remember the ABCs: AF can cause Blood to Clot

Common AF symptoms include palpitations, shortness of breath, dizziness, fainting, weakness or chest pain. However, there may be no symptoms at all.

A Web site, www.afadvisor.org, developed by AstraZeneca, a team of medical experts, and a patient advocate, provides information on AF symptoms, causes and risks, to help patients better understand their condition. The site includes information about treatment options that may help decrease their risk of stroke. AF patients and their caregivers can also call (888) 541-7008 to request free brochures about AF, in English or Spanish.

“Awareness of AF and related treatments represent an important step in preventing strokes in patients with AF,” said Dr. Amir K. Jaffer, Medical Director of the IMPACT Center and the Anticoagulation Clinic at The Cleveland Clinic and member of the AFAdvisor.org editorial board.

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Our Latest Breakthrough: Pfizer Helpful Answers

The measure of a company is not just in its financial performance, but also in how it meets broader societal challenges. Expanding access to medicines for America's uninsured is one such challenge.



There are existing programs to help, but they are not always easy to use. That's why Pfizer has launched Helpful Answers, a single toll free number - 1-866-706-2400- with live operators to help people in need find the program that works best for them.

From discovering and developing breakthrough medicines, to helping ensure access for all, Pfizer is committed to doing our part.

Grassroots Vital to Domestic Violence Issue

The Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation has funded women's shelters in every state this year, through 100 \$15,000 grants. The Foundation grants support the basics—paying utilities, installing a security system or supplementing the salaries of overworked staff. Other Foundation grants support shelters whose innovative programs might have nationwide impact.



Many in the Mary Kay independent sales force throughout the nation not only contribute to the Foundation, but also volunteer their time, donating products from their personal inventory and serving on the boards of local women's shelters in their communities.

"That," says Board Member Ryan Rogers, who is the grandson of Company founder Mary Kay Ash, "would make my grandmother the happiest of all. She always believed that each of us could give back in our own communities and make a difference—regardless of how much money we could afford to give." For more information about the Foundation, visit www.mkacf.org

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Check It Out!

Madam President: The Extraordinary, True (and Evolving) Story of Women in Politics



Written by Catherine Thimmesh, Illustrated by Douglas B. Jones. Houghton Mifflin Children's Books, 2004. \$17.

This captivating book illuminates the bravery and tenacity of the women who have come before us. With an engaging narrative, fascinating quotes, and elegant illustrations, it not only shows how far women have come but also reveals the many unsung roles women have played in political history. Step by step, these capable ladies have paved the way for our young leaders of tomorrow. They have enabled and empowered us to ask today: Well, why not the presidency? Sure to be fascinating reading for any young people you know.

New York State Assemblymember Susan John announces new pilot project to help children in Monroe County

Working with numerous community partners, New York State Assemblymember Susan John announced a new program that will help working families access child care assistance. The Facilitated Child Care Enrollment Pilot Program, a \$2.5 million project, is designed for at-risk working families in Monroe County who have been excluded from affordable quality daycare. The program will allow working families who earn between 140 percent and 275 percent of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for child care subsidies.



The goal of the program is to improve working families' access to child care assistance through a process that is more user-friendly and efficient. In addition, it will extend access for subsidized care to moderate income families to particularly serve those who are generally much less likely to receive child care assistance compared to very low-income families. As chair of the Labor Committee, Susan John has seized on this issue because many working families have voiced so much concern about access to affordable child care. Assemblymember Susan John is a member of the Women's Legislative Network Board of Directors.

NCSL News...

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program Extended through March 31, 2005

On September 30, 2004, the president signed H.R. 5149 into law as P.L. 108-308, a six-month extension of TANF and related programs. This marks the eighth extension since authorization for TANF was originally set to expire September 30, 2002. The law extends TANF and related programs—including TANF supplemental grants, the Child Care and Development Fund, transitional medical assistance under Medicaid, abstinence education and the contingency fund—through March 31, 2005. This is a “clean” extension; it does not contain policy changes. Funding is maintained at existing levels. The law also continues the authority for states that currently have child welfare waivers to continue their waiver activities. Welfare reform reauthorization now becomes an issue for the next Congress in 2005.

For more information, contact Sheri Steisel (sheri.steisel@ncsl.org) or Lee Posey (lee.posey@ncsl.org), or call NCSL's D.C. office at (202) 624-5400. For additional materials on the TANF reauthorization process, go to: <http://www.ncsl.org/statefed/humserv/fedhumserv.htm>

New from NCSL

NCSL announces a new CD project that is part of the continuing *How to Be an Effective Legislator* Series. *How to Be an Effective Legislative Leader* will be released soon.



YOU ARE INVITED to join NCSL's Child Care and Early Education Network!

NCSL recently introduced the Child Care and Early Education Network to assist legislators and legislative staff in their efforts to improve the early learning of young children, and your participation is valuable to the network's success. The network is designed to allow NCSL to share new research and innovative policy options with legislatures and to provide direct communication with policymakers who want to learn more or expand their capacity for leadership in this area. Network contacts will be invited to provide feedback on important early childhood issues in states.

If you would like to join the network, please contact Mariquita Lucero at (303) 364-7700 or mari.lucero@ncsl.org. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the network, please contact Steffanie Clothier, program manager, at (303) 364-7700 or steffanie.clothier@ncsl.org.

Opportunity for Assistance from NCSL

NCSL and The Urban Institute recently collaborated to publish a new series of briefs on *Legislating for Results*. The 16 briefs outline ways for legislators to assess whether programs are doing what they're intended. In 2004, the Annie E. Casey Foundation will support technical assistance in a limited number of legislatures that are interested in learning more about using the briefs. Members of the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee and the North Dakota Government Performance and Accountability Committee took advantage of this training in 2003.

If you are interested, contact Judy Zelio at (303) 856-1568 or judy.zelio@ncsl.org.

Upcoming NCSL Meetings

Please visit our Web site for information about Network Events at the following meetings: <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/calendar.htm>.

Fall Forum	Spring Forum	NCSL Annual Meeting
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available at [www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/
officers2004-2005.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/officers2004-2005.htm).**

2004-2005 Women's Legislative Network Advisory Council

State/ Jurisdiction	Advisory Board Member
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Ga.	Vacant
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Mont.	Vacant

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Mont.	Senator Trudi Schmidt (D)
Neb.	Senator Vickie McDonald (Nebraska's legislature
Neb.	Senator DiAnna R. Schimek is unicameral)
Nev.	Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall (D)
Nev.	Vacant
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N.D.	Vacant
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Tenn.	Representative Beth Halteman Harwell (R)
Texas	Representative Rugh McClendon (D)
<i>Texas</i>	<i>Representative Linda Harper-Brown (R)</i>
Utah	Vacant
Utah	Representative Karen W. Morgan (D)
Vt.	Vacant
Vt.	Vacant
Va.	Senator Yvonne B. Miller (D)
Va.	Senator Patricia S. Ticer (D)
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Wash.	Senate President Pro Tem Shirley Winsley (R)
W.Va.	Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischer (D)
W.Va.	Senator Donna J. Boley (R)
Wis.	Representative Johnnie Morris-Tatum (D)
Wis.	Vacant
Wyo.	Representative Ann Robinson (D)
Wyo.	Senator Irene Devin (R)

Names in italic are legislators who have been nominated to serve on the Network Advisory Council but who have not yet been confirmed by the Network Executive Board.

We need you!

The Women's Legislative Network Advisory Council has vacancies in several states. (See chart above). Advisory Council members serve as liaisons between their states and the Network. The Network advisory council strives to be politically and geographically balanced. If you are interested in serving on the advisory council or you would like to nominate a fellow legislator, please send nominations to wln-info@ncsl.org. For more information, visit the Network Advisory Council Web page: <http://www.ncsl.org/wln/AdvBoard04.htm>.

WINGS Announcements

Women in Informal Networking Groups (WINGS) is an interactive network of national organizations that serve women legislators in a variety of capacities. These organizations have joined to share information and resources and to work together on leadership, education, training and development in order to empower legislative women throughout the nation.

Participating organizations include:

- Center for American Women and Politics (<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu>)
- Center for Policy Alternatives (<http://www.stateaction.org>)
- Center for Women Policy Studies (<http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org>)
- National Order of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women)
- National Women's Political Caucus (<http://www.nwpc.org>)
- Women in Government (<http://www.womeningovernment.org>)
- Women's Legislative Network of NCSL (<http://www.ncsl.org/wln/>)

Good Housekeeping/Wyeth Awards

Good Housekeeping magazine and the Center for American Women and Politics need your help to find eight winners for the 2005 *Good Housekeeping* Award for Women in Government and the *Good Housekeeping*/Wyeth Award for Women's Health. Any woman in government is eligible. Nominees may be honored for a specific achievement or for a career that shows how women in government change lives. A selection panel will judge the nominations, with *Good Housekeeping* selecting the final winners of one award of \$25,000 and six awards of \$2,500 each. In addition, the *Good Housekeeping*/Wyeth Award for Women's Health carries an award of \$25,000 for a woman in government whose achievement advances women's health. The **deadline** for nominations is **December 6, 2004**. For nomination forms and information, visit www.cawp.rutgers.edu or call (732) 932-9384, ext. 231.

CWPS Activities

- The Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS) will sponsor its first "Women Engaging Globally" Town Hall Meeting on women in conflict and post-conflict situations with our partners, the League of Women Voters and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, on December 2, 2004, in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. CWPS will conduct four additional town hall meetings during 2005.
- Look for the CWPS Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators application in the mail in January 2005. The Institute prepares

state legislators as policy leaders on U.S. foreign policy on women's human rights issues, with a broad and engaging curriculum addressing many issues, including women's health, violence against women and girls, and educational and employment issues.

- Results of the Center's 2004 Survey on State Legislative Caucuses now are available at the CWPS Web site www.centerwomenpolicy.org. In 2005 the Center will continue efforts to help legislators examine key issues and create State Legislative Reproductive Rights Caucuses within their state legislatures.

To learn more about the Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators or CWPS activities related to reproductive health, contact Leslie R. Wolfe, President, Center for Women Policy Studies, (202) 872-1770 ext. 208, Lwolfe@centerwomenpolicy.org

Women In Government's Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign

Medical experts now understand the cause of cervical cancer, and technologies for screening, treatment and prevention. Yet, women still die from this preventable disease. Women In Government has chosen eliminating cervical cancer over the next ten years as a top priority, and has launched the Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign. The campaign seeks to enlist state legislators across the country to help improve public education about cervical cancer and human papillomavirus (HPV)—the virus that causes cervical cancer—and broaden access to the most advanced screening tests, regardless of women's socioeconomic status. To date, Women In Government's Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign has resulted in legislation and resolutions introduced in 18 states.

For more information about the Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign, contact the HPV & Cervical Cancer Policy Resource Center at (1-888) 333-0164 or resourcecenter@womeningovernment.org.

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