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Note from the President

Dear Colleagues,

As my year as President of the Women's Legislative Network of NCSL comes to a close in July, I want to share a few thoughts with you.



The Network is a valuable resource not only to all women legislators, but other groups as well. We exist to promote the participation, empowerment and leadership of women legislators. Yet, there is untapped potential for the Network. I encourage you to get involved by serving on the Executive Board, the Advisory Council or simply by attending our events. It is only by receiving input from women legislators that we can strengthen and broaden our programming.

Our **Alliance** members—our private sector partners—have been a tremendous source of support. On behalf of the Network Executive Board, I would like to thank them not only for their financial contributions, but also for their attendance at meetings and communication throughout the year. Karen Smith, Network Alliance Chair, has been particularly helpful as she has served on Network committees, assisting us with programming and planning. I encourage other members of the private sector to become Alliance members, and to get involved in our exciting programming.

Our **WINGS** partners are another important asset. WINGS is an interactive network of national organizations that serve women leaders in a variety of capacities. These organizations collaborate and share resources in order to empower legislative women throughout the nation (see page 3).

Attending Network events at NCSL meetings is a great way to get involved. Mark your calendars... **NCSL's Annual Meeting** will take place July 19-23, 2004, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Network has planned many events throughout the week, and I invite you to join us.

I have enjoyed serving as Network President and look forward to seeing you at future Network activities.

Best wishes,

Liane Sorenson

Liane Sorenson
Senate Minority Whip, Delaware
President, Women's Legislative Network of NCSL



Monday, July 19

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Network Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Advisory Council meeting

Tuesday, July 20

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Alliance meeting

Wednesday, July 21

7:30 am - 9:00 am

"Bridging the Cultures of Business and Poverty" (Breakfast session cosponsored with the Human Services & Welfare Committee and the NCSL/Annie E. Casey Strengthening Families & Neighborhoods Project)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

"Finding Financial Footing: How Legislators Can Help Women Find Financial Success" (Luncheon session will include the Annual Network Business Meeting and elections)

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

"Are Women Well? Success Stories For Policymakers Working To Improve Women's Health" (Joint Session with NCSL's Cancer, Chronic Disease, HIV/AIDS/STDs and Maternal and Child Health Projects)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Reception

Thursday, July 22

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion (Joint event with Women In Government)

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

"Women Leading Legislatures"

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

"Different Problems, Different Needs: Women In the Criminal Justice System"

*For up-to-date information, visit www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/AMagenda04.htm.

Network Preliminary Agenda at the NCSL Annual Meeting*

To Update You . . .

Network events at NCSL's Fall Forum

The Network hosted several events at the NCSL Fall Forum in Washington, D.C., December 9-12, 2003. A flyer listing the Network schedule of events was designed, printed and distributed.

- The **Alliance meeting** was facilitated by Network Alliance Chair, Karen Smith of Procter & Gamble. Discussion focused on increasing communication and collaboration between women legislators and the Network Alliance members. Current sponsorship levels were reviewed, and attendees provided recommendations for changes and additions.
- The Network hosted a lovely **reception**, thanks to sponsors Magazine Publishers of America and Procter & Gamble.



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- The **Network Executive Board meeting** was held on Friday, December 12. The programming committee reported on recent Network events and plans for future meetings. Noting that a full year had passed, the board discussed the Network's successful transition from an ancillary program to a full part of the NCSL Foundation for State Legislatures. Board members also discussed Network budget and staffing issues. Finally, the Network Alliance reported to the board. The board appreciates the support and contributions of Alliance members.



Sheryl Allen

The Network and the NCSL/Annie E. Casey Partnership to Strengthen Families and Neighborhoods cosponsored a session entitled "How Can State Legislators Help Low-Income Women and Their Families Achieve Economic Success?" Network Advisory Council member and Utah Representative *Sheryl Allen* presided over the session. The session featured experts in the field—*Anne Mosle*, president of the Washington

Area Women's Foundation and *Bonnie Howard*, senior associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation.



Anne Mosle



Bonnie Howard

For more information about the Washington Area Women's Foundation, visit: <http://www.wawf.org/>.

For more information about the Annie E. Casey Foundation, visit: <http://www.aecf.org/>.

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Congratulations New Advisory Council Members!

The following new Advisory Council members were confirmed by the Network Executive Board at the recent board meeting:

- Honorable Carole Green (R), State Representative, Florida
- Honorable Marie St. Fleur (D), State Representative, Massachusetts
- Honorable Trudi Schmidt (D), State Senator, Montana
- Honorable Margaret Carter (D), State Senator, Oregon

GET INVOLVED!

The Network Nominating Committee is accepting applications for Executive Board positions and Advisory Council positions (see page 5 for current list of Advisory Council members). To apply for a position, fill out the enclosed application form or visit the Network Web site (www.ncsl.org/wln) to download a copy. Network Executive Board vacancies include:

- 1 President position (Democrat)
- 1 Vice President position (Republican)
- 1 Eastern Regional position (Republican)
- 1 Midwestern Regional position (Republican)
- 1 At-Large position (Republican)

Network Vice President Named One of Maryland's Top 100 Women

Delegate Carol Petzold, along with other members of the Maryland General Assembly (Delegate Marilyn R. Goldwater, Delegate Adrienne A. Jones, Senator Delores Goodwin Kelley, Senator Gloria G. Lawlah, Delegate Adrienne A. Mandel and Senator Ida G. Ruben), was named one of Maryland's top 100 women. Established



Carol Petzold

in 1996 by *The Daily Record*, this annual award program recognizes 100 of Maryland's leading women. Maryland's Top 100 Women was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of professional women who reside or work in Maryland and to provide the business community with a resource for selecting candidates to fill a management position or corporate board seat. For more information, visit: <http://www.mddailyrecord.com/top100w/>.

WINGS (Women in Informal Networking Groups)

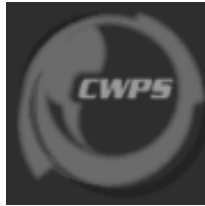
WINGS is an interactive network of national organizations that serve women leaders in a variety of capacities. These organizations have joined to share information and resources and to work together on leadership, education, training and development in order to empower legislative women throughout the 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/>)

CWPS Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators

The Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS) will host the 2004 Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators July 10-15 in Washington, D.C. A bipartisan group of state legislators who share a commitment to women's human rights will participate in the CWPS' Contract with Women of the USA State Legislators Initiative. The Institute's curriculum will address family planning, reproductive rights and health, HIV/AIDS prevention and access to care, ending violence against women and girls, combating sexual trafficking of women and girls, ensuring equal educational and employment rights and opportunities, and expanding women's political participation and leadership. For more information, visit <http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org/> or call (202) 872-1770.



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www.ncsl.org/wln

Swedish Delegation Visit

(Submitted by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles)

As part of her ongoing efforts to increase dialogue and involve women in government worldwide, Women's Legislative Network immediate past president and board member and Washington state Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles recently hosted a delegation of Swedish women who have been elected to local and national elected offices or who are civic and business leaders at the state Capitol in Olympia, Washington. The visit was part of a week-long visit to Seattle by the delegation as an international exchange with the University of Washington's Center for Women and Democracy. Senator Kohl-Welles co-led a delegation of women affiliated with the Center—academicians, physicians, attorneys, business and civic leaders—to Sweden and the Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) last May.

Led by Anna Lilliehook, a member of the Swedish Parliament, the delegation was welcomed on the Senate floor by Senator Kohl-Welles and Secretary of the Senate Milt Doumit. After introductions and a conversation about how Washington State government works, the Swedish delegation was given a tour of the Capitol campus.

The visit ended with a luncheon held in honor of the delegation. The luncheon, hosted by Senator Kohl-Welles, President Pro-Tem Shirley Winsley, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen and Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, was held in the stately Chief Justice's Reception Room in the Temple of Justice. Several women legislators, Supreme Court justices, and other statewide officeholders discussed women in politics and government and the similarities and differences between Swedish and American political systems.

Thanks to the Network Programming Committee

The Network Programming Committee, made up of members of the Network Executive Board, provides the vision and direction for Network events at NCSL meetings. The 2003-2004 Programming Committee includes Delegate Carol Petzold (Committee Chair), Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Senator Liane Sorenson, Senator Connie Stokes, Representative Velma Veloria and Karen Smith (Alliance Chair). Through their hard work and dedication, the Network events successfully occur at each major NCSL meeting.

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More about the Network Executive Board is available at www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/officers.htm.

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Ark.	Vacant
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La.	Representative Kay Kellogg Katz
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Md.	Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
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Mich.	Representative Barbara Vanderveen
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Minn.	Representative Kathy Tingelstad
Miss.	Vacant
Miss.	Senator Alice Harden
Mo.	Vacant
Mo.	Representative Kathlyn Fares
Mont.	Vacant

State/ Jurisdiction	Advisory Board Member
Mont.	Senator Trudi Schmidt
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Neb.	Senator DiAnna R. Schimek is unicameral)
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Nev.	Vacant
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Vt.	Vacant
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Wash.	Senator Shirley Winsley
W.Va.	Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischauer
W.Va.	Senator Donna J. Boley
Wis.	Representative Johnnie Morris-Tatum
Wis.	Vacant
Wyo.	Representative Ann Robinson
Wyo.	Vacant

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/AdvBoard03.htm>.

Advisory Council Corner

Spotlight on Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen, Kansas



Senator Lana Oleen, a former Network President and current Network Advisory Council member, was recently named to the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education. The commission studies the most effective ways state and federal policymakers can work to improve educational performance. A teacher, Oleen is pleased to have been chosen for the commission. "By using what we learn about accountability systems, we can help policymakers and educators recognize and reward performance. Setting objectives and measuring performance is fundamental to accountability. But the point is not simply to monitor performance, but to improve it," she says. The commission's final report is expected by the end of the year. More information about the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education is available at: <http://www.sheeo.org/account/comm-home.htm>.

Senator Oleen is in her fourth term in the state Senate, and has served as Majority Leader since 2000. In addition, Senator Oleen currently serves as chair of the NCSL Standing Committees and is an ex-officio member of NCSL's Executive Committee.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Alliance members

Network 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. See the Alliance ad in the May edition of *State Legislatures* magazine!

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Note from Alliance Chair

Dear Alliance members:



The Women's Legislative Network provides the ideal environment for making new connections and revisiting familiar ones. Having served as Alliance Chair for nearly a year, I have witnessed the growth and changes in the Network Alliance (that is, the corporate membership that supports the Network). The Network Executive Board and Alliance members have worked together to make our Alliance partnership more vibrant and mutually beneficial, and I am pleased with our progress.

A perfect opportunity to get more involved in the Network is coming up! NCSL's Annual Meeting will be held July 19-23, 2004 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Network will host a number of exciting events at the meeting, and Network members want Alliance members to attend and take part in these activities.

I encourage each Alliance member to continue to share their opinions on programming and Alliance involvement. To that end, we will hold a meeting of the Network Alliance on Tuesday, July 20 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. I hope you will plan to attend so that we can discuss progress that's been made as well as ideas for the coming year.

Thank you for your support of the Network. I look forward to seeing you in Utah. If you have ideas for the Annual Meeting, please pass them along.

Karen Smith

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Network Alliance Chair
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Sharing Our Views

Sharing Our Views, a new addition to the *Network News*, 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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States and seniors will begin to witness the impact of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) with the availability of the Discount Card Program in June. State officials and legislators have a great deal of thinking and decision making to do in order to ensure that seniors and states benefit fully from this new component of Medicare. Below are some questions that states may need to answer prior to January 2006 when the full benefit becomes available.

- What is required of your state to address the administrative responsibility in verifying eligibility, conducting asset tests, etc.?
- How will your state ensure the complete enrollment of dual eligibles into Medicare Prescription Drug Plans by January 1, 2006?
- How will your state ensure enrollment into Medicare Part D for Medicaid beneficiaries participating in managed care or waiver programs? Should managed care contracts and/or waiver programs be altered?
- Have your state laws been changed to make your State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) the secondary payer to Medicare?
 - All SPAP expenditures for seniors up to 135% FPL can be shifted to Medicare with no loss of benefits if state law is amended.
 - Failure to alter the SPAP will allow individuals to use the state funds even where Medicare would otherwise be obligated to pay.
- What additional services or wrap-around coverage does your state want to provide?
- Once the Medicaid duals are enrolled in MMA, how will the pharmacy needs of the other Medicaid beneficiaries be managed in the future?

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors; NCSL does not endorse the views on this page.

To Update You . . . *continued from page 2*

Forum for Newly Elected Women State Legislators

The Network cosponsored the third national Forum for Newly Elected Women State Legislators with the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C., November 19-22, 2003. About 40 state legislators attended the informative, valuable event. The Network contributed to the meeting by recommending faculty and legislators, sending letters to newly elected women and to legislative leaders, posting information about the meeting on our Web site, and providing staff support at the meeting. Network board members and NCSL staff also served as faculty at the meeting. Maryland Delegate Carol Petzold, Network vice president, led efforts to plan a Network Dine Around, which went very well. *Thanks to our friends at CAWP for all the work that went into making the meeting a success!*



More information about the Center for American Women and Politics is available at: <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu>.

Luncheon for Colorado Women State Legislators

The Network hosted a luncheon in honor of Colorado women state legislators in conjunction with NCSL's Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. Washington State Senator and Network past president Jeanne Kohl-Welles presided at the event. Nearly 40 people attended, including Colorado women legislators, NCSL Executive Committee members and Alliance members. Many thanks to our luncheon sponsors:



Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Sen. Angela Monson



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NCSL Spring Forum

The Network hosted two events at NCSL's Spring Forum on Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Washington, D.C. Delaware state Senator and Network President Liane Sorenson presided at the events.

- On Thursday morning, the Network hosted a joint workshop with NCSL's Legislative Effectiveness and State Government Committee, entitled "**Leadership Skills: Resolving Conflicts.**" The session was facilitated by Dr. Myrna Bair, a former state legislator who currently serves as policy advisor at the Institute for Public Administration and director of the Women's Leadership Development Program—both at the University of Delaware. Workshop attendees used the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) to assess and identify their preferred styles of dealing with conflict. Participants learned about different styles of conflict resolution and examined several conflict scenarios common to legislators and legislative staff.



Bair and Sorenson

- The workshop was followed by a luncheon program, "**How Women Leaders Today Can Pave the Way for Leaders of Tomorrow.**" Delaware State Senator and Network President Liane Sorenson presided over the session. Debbie Walsh, director, Center for American Women in Politics, provided the keynote presentation. Women in leadership are a small but mighty group. Currently, 22 percent of state legislators are women. Forty-one women



Debbie Walsh

in 27 states hold positions of legislative leadership. Although women represent a strong minority within state legislatures, they still have not achieved equal representation. This luncheon session provided an overview of the characteristics of women state legislators today and provided ideas for encouraging future women leaders to run for office.

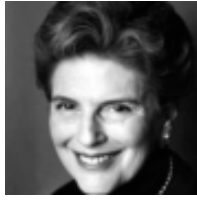


Idaho Rep. Bonnie Douglas and Alliance member Buffy Debraux-Watts of the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence.

The session summary is available at www.ncsl.org/programs/wln/sfevents.htm.

CHECK IT OUT!

• A new book by Marie Wilson, cofounder of the White House Project, entitled *Closing The Leadership Gap: Why Women Can and Must Help Run the World*, calls women to leadership across all sectors. Wilson argues that, even though our nation



sits on a world spinning with crises, from corporate greed to terrorism to fragile economies—we have barely begun to use our most critical natural resource—women. More information about the book is available at: <http://www.closingtheleadershipgap.com/>. More information about the White House Project is available at: <http://www.thewhitehouseproject.org/>.

• *Capitol Women: Texas Female Legislators (1923-1999)*, by Nancy Baker Jones and Ruthe Winegarten, documents many of the women who have made a difference in establishing an equal role for women in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate. The book illustrates how these women have improved the legislative climate and used the legislative process to improve the lives of their constituents.



• *Women and American Politics: New Questions, New Directions*, edited by Susan J. Carroll, presents a research agenda, developed by leading scholars of American politics, that suggests directions that could fruitfully shape the study of women and American politics in the early 21st century. It contains useful reviews of existing research about various aspects of women's political participation, but the primary focus is on important research questions that pose a challenge for the next generation of scholars. More information about the book is available at: <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/Research/publist.html>.

NEW FROM NCSL



- *When Violence Hits Home: Domestic Abuse and Families*, by Stephanie Walton (Book)
- “Family Support: Strategies to Strengthen Families” (*LegisBrief*)
- “Welfare to What?” (*LegisBrief*)

To order copies of these and other NCSL publications, visit www.ncsl.org/programs/pubs/pubs.htm or call (303) 364-7700.

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.

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