

## Role of the Individual Legislator: Practical Advice

4:00pm

**Second Time Around Roundtable: What I Know Now That I Wish I Had Known Then ... Advice From Sophomores**

*Representative James Byrd*

*Representative Glen Moniz*

*Representative Bryan Pedersen*

- What I learned as a freshman
- What I know now that I wish I knew then
- Practical advice for freshmen

4:30pm

**Second Time Around: Small Group Breakout with Sophomores**

- Sophomores meet with freshmen in small groups to answer your questions about being the “new kid”

5:00pm

**Questions, Overview of Next Day and Adjournment**

- You can take your official legislative portrait in Basement Conference Room until 5:30pm

# *Wyoming Legislature* **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**



## *Orientation Session One* **YOUR ROLE in THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE**

Thursday, December 9, 2010  
House of Representatives Chamber  
Wyoming State Capitol  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

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# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010

## Welcome and Introductions

- 8:00am**      **Meet and Greet Fellow Legislators**  
*All Legislator Faculty*
- Overview of the purpose of orientation
  - Chamber Where's Waldo? (bathrooms, chairs, lights)

## Welcome to The Wyoming Legislature

- 8:15am**      **Governing in a Republic: The Role of Citizen Legislators**  
*Dr. Phillip Boyle, Leading and Governing Associates*  
Legislative leadership positions and roles
- Welcome and introduction—key questions
  - Governing conversations (small groups)
  - Where do you stand?
  - Values of the good life, the good society, the American creed and the American Dream
  - Who shall rule? Role and purpose of a legislature
  - Quiz Time (whole group and small groups)
  - Case example—mapping policy problems and choices
  - Leadership implications for citizen legislators

**10:15am**      **Break**

- 10:30am**      **Putting the Wyoming Legislature in Context**  
*Kae Warnock, National Conference of State Legislatures*
- How Wyoming's Legislature compares to other states

- 11:00am**      **Organization of the Wyoming Legislature**  
*Senator Jim Anderson*  
*Representative Edward Buchanan*
- Legislative leadership positions and roles
  - Role of Management Council
  - Organization of Senate and House
  - Standing committees and committee organization

- Organization of the Wyoming Legislature's Staff**  
*Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director*
- Organization of the Legislative Service Office
- Patricia Benskin, House Chief Clerk*
- Organization of the session staff

## Time to Get Your Bearings

- 11:30am**      **Tour of Capitol and Orientation to Capitol Complex**  
*Senator Jim Anderson*  
*Representative Mary Throne*  
*Wendy Madsen and Anthony Sara, LSO*
- Tour of Chambers and committee rooms
  - Tour of Legislative Service Office facilities
  - Location of agencies in the Capitol Complex
  - Herschler parking garage

- 12:00pm**      **Lunch**
- Local restaurant ideas
  - A photographer will be here to take your official portrait in Basement Conference Room

## Role of the Individual Legislator: Ethical Decisions

- 1:30pm**      **Personal Conduct**  
*Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration*
- Wyoming's ethics and conflict of interest laws
  - Management Council's anti-discrimination policy

- 2:00pm**      **Reflections: Being Ethical in Today's Legislature**  
*Representative Tom Lubnau*  
*Representative Mary Throne*  
*Wendy Madsen, Legislative Information Officer*  
*Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration*
- Why ethics matters
  - Context for a citizen legislature
  - Using values to guide decisionmaking
  - *Reflections* video discussion

- 3:00pm**      **Break**
- A photographer will be in the Basement Conference Room to take your official legislative portrait

- 3:15pm**      **Reflections: Small Group Role Playing**  
*All Legislator Faculty*
- Legislative faculty will meet with freshman in small break out groups to consider sample ethics dilemmas

