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

Orientation Session One
YOUR ROLE in THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE

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

Wyoming Legislature
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

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**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

**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

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