Wyoming Legislature
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Orientation Session Four
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
EDUCATION FUNDING
REVENUE and BUDGET ISSUES

Thursday, January 6, 2011
House of Representatives Chamber
Wyoming State Capitol
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Welcome Back
8:00am  Meet and Greet Fellow Legislators
All Legislator Faculty
  Icebreaker over coffee and pastries

Welcome to the Club
8:15am  Your Challenge Now
Pete Simpson, former Wyoming Legislator

State Government Organization
8:45am  Organization of the Judicial Branch
Justice Barton Voigt, Wyoming Supreme Court
Joann Odendahl, Supreme Court Administrator
  Supreme Court
  District courts
  Circuit courts

9:15am  Working with State Agencies
Welcome from Governor Matt Mead

9:30am  Organization of the Executive Branch
Dave, Gruver, LSO Assistant Director for Legal Services
  Cabinet-level agencies
  Separate operating agencies
  Boards and commissions
  Quasi-governmental entities
  Elected officials

9:45am  Break

10:00am  State Tax Structure
Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration
Matt Sackett, Research Manager

K-12 Education Issues
10:30am  Understanding the Legislator’s Role in Education
Dave Nelson, School Finance Manager
Josh Anderson and Matt Willmarth, LSO
  Assessment/accountability
  K-12 School Finance
  School Foundation Program Account, CapCon Account, Fiscal Profile
  Capital Construction

12:00pm  Lunch

1:30pm  Understanding Education (continued from morning)

Show Me the Money
2:30pm  State Revenue Overview
Bill Mai, LSO Budget and Fiscal Section Manager
  State revenue overview
  Fund types and investment

3:30pm  Break

3:45pm  Historical Revenue and Expenditures
  Revenues vs. appropriations
  Standard budget vs. revenue
  Major expenditure categories

5:00 p.m.  Questions and Adjournment
  Reminder to review rules “homework”