



**March 19, 2014**

**STUDY COMMITTEE WRAP-UPS**

**State/National Issues**

Co-Chairs: Sylvia Rickard and Suzanne Merrill

**Date: Sept. 24, 2013**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Perspectives on State Issues**

Speakers: Sen. Todd Weiler (R) Dist. 23 Davis, Salt Lake Counties

Sen. Patricia Jones (D) Minority Asst. Whip; Dist. 4 Salt Lake County

Robert Spendlove – Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Herbert

Co-Chairs: Melanie Bowen & Kathryn Rowley

**Date: Oct. 23, 2013**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Perspectives on State Issues**

Speakers: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) – U.S. Senator for Utah

Frank Pignanelli – Attorney, lobbyist and political adviser; former Minority Leader,  
Utah House of Representatives

Emily Ellsworth – Constituent Affairs Mngr. for U.S. Congressman Chris Stewart (R)

Chair: Kari Malkovich

**Date: Jan. 22, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah – The Best Managed State**

Speaker: Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah's Primary/Caucus Convention System**

Speakers: Taylor Morgan – Exec. Dir., Count My Vote

Sheryl Allen (R) – former Rep. for Dist. 19

James Humphrey – Spokesman, Protect our Neighborhood Elections

Josie Valdez (D) – Vice-Chair, Utah Democratic Party

Dana Layton (R) – Dist. 60, Utah County (Orem)

Chair: Kari Malkovich

**Date: March 12, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: What You Need to Know about Legislation, Marijuana, and Medicine**

Speakers: Jennifer May – Citizen/Parent Advocate for Medical Alespia

Annette Maughan – Board of Directors, Epilepsy Assoc. of Utah

JoAnn Petrie – BYU Psychology Dept; Substance Use Disorder Counselor  
Brad Daw – Chair, Policy Task Force, SMART Utah County Coalition  
Julianna Ogden – Nationally Certified Health Specialist and concerned citizen  
Laura Warburton – Volunteer Lobbyist

**NOTE:** A Resolution in favor of the Governor's Health Utah Medicaid Expansion Plan was put forward by the *Health & Human Services Committee*. **The Resolution was amended and passed.**

Co-Chairs: Shauna Scott-Bellacomo and Kari Malkovich

**Date: March 19, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: 2014 Utah State Legislative Session Wrap-Up**

Speakers: Sen. Luz Robles (D) Dist. 1 Salt Lake County; Minority Caucus Manager  
House Speaker Becky Lockhart (R) Dist. 64 (Utah County south-central)

## **Business/Labor/Public Utilities & Technology/ Workforce Services/Community & Economic Development**

Director: Tamara Atkin

Co-Chairs: Brandy Farmer and Suzanne Mulet

**Date: Feb. 26, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Deferred Deposit (Payday) Lenders**

Speakers: Rep. Larry Wiley (D) Dist. 31 Salt Lake County (West Valley)  
sponsor, HB46 Deferred Deposit Lending and Forum Requirements  
sponsor, HB47 Deferred Deposit Loan Amendments

(unable to attend)

Rep. James Dunnigan (R) Dist. 39 Salt Lake County;  
sponsor, HB127 Consumer Lending Amendments

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah Fuel Taxes**

Speakers: Rep. Jacob Anderegg (R) Dist. 6 Utah County;  
sponsor, HB258 Municipal Business Licensing Amendments

Rep. Marie Poulson (D) Dist. 46 Salt Lake County

Sen. Jim Dabakis (D) Dist. 2 Salt Lake County;

sponsor, SB182 Motor Fuel Tax Revisions

(Unable to Attend)

Sen. John Valentine (R) Dist. 14 Utah County;  
sponsor, SB60 Fuel Excise Tax Amendments

## **Education**

Director: Chris Bray

Co-Chairs: Donna Murphy and Laurel Price

**Date: Feb. 5, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Education Bills on the Horizon**

Speakers: Sen. Karen Mayne (D) Dist. 5 Salt Lake County (West Valley);  
sponsor, SB98 Para-educator Funding

Rep. Angela Romero (D) Dist. 26, Salt Lake County;  
sponsor, HB286 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention;  
sponsor, (as yet unnumbered) Professional Development in Public Schools  
Rep. Greg Hughes (R) Dist. 51 Salt Lake County;  
sponsor HB96 Utah School Readiness Initiative  
Rep. Brad Last (R) Dist. 71 Iron, Washington Counties –  
summary of SB98, HB286, HB96

**NOTE:** A Resolution on Particle Pollution, also known as Particulate Matter (PM) was put forward by the *Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment Committee*. **The Resolution failed.**

## **Energy/Natural Resources/Agriculture & Environment**

Director: JoAnn Neilson

Co-Chairs: Gay Lynn Bennion and Amelia Powers

**Date: Jan. 29, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Potentially Endangered Species – The Sage Grouse**

Speakers: Alan Clark – Director, Watershed Program, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources  
Jay Martini – Sage Grouse Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Kevin Carter – Director, State Institutional Trust Land Administration (SITLA)  
Larry Crist – Field Supervisor, Utah Field Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah's Troublesome Air Quality**

Speakers: Bryce Bird – Dir., Utah Division of Air Quality  
Ingrid Griffiee – V.P., Utah Moms for Clean Air

**Date: March 5, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: SB211 Water Rights Amendments**

Speakers: (unable to attend)  
Sen. Margaret Dayton (R) Dist. 10 Utah County (Provo/Orem);  
sponsor SB211 Water Rights Amendments  
(speaking for the senator)  
Jay Winters – Intern to Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Kent Jones – State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights

**PROGRAM TOPIC: HB37 Public Water Access Act**

Speakers: Rep. Dixon Pitcher (R) Dist. 10 Weber County;  
sponsor, HB37 Public Water Access Act  
Rep. Mike McKell (R) Dist. 66 Utah County

## **Health & Human Services/Retirement & Independent Entities**

Director: Kitty Kaplan

Co-Chairs: Christy Kane and Marci Curren

**Date: Feb. 12, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: H&HS Bill on the Horizon –  
SB12 Age Limit for Tobacco and related Products**

Speakers: Kevin E. Nelson – M.D., Ph.D., M.S.C.I., Pediatric Hospitalist,  
Primary Children’s Hospital  
Rep. Tim Cosgrove (D) Minority Whip, Dist. 44, Salt Lake County

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Medicaid Expansion**

Speakers: Rep. Marie Poulson (D) Dist. 46, Salt Lake County  
Sen. Allen Christensen (R) Dist. 2, Salt Lake County  
RyLee Curtis – Medicaid Policy Analyst, Utah Health Policy Project  
Stuart Monson – Legislative Liaison, Sutherland Institute

**Judiciary/Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice/  
Political Subdivisions, revenue & Taxation/  
Transportation/Government Operations**

Director: Hilarie Orman  
Chair: Sheryl Ginsburg

**Date: Feb. 19, 2014**

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Utah House Special Investigative Committee**

Speakers: Rep. Jennifer Seelig (D) Dist. 23, Salt Lake County; Special Investigation Committee  
sponsor, HB90 Women in the Economy Commission  
Rep. James Dunnigan (R) Dist. 39, Salt Lake County; Special Investigation Committee

**PROGRAM TOPIC: Campaign Finance Reform**

Speakers: Rep. Brian King (D) Dist. 28, Salt Lake, Summit Counties;  
sponsor, HB297 Campaign Finance Amendments

**NOTE:** WSLC was pleased to welcome an unexpected guest speaker at the conclusion of its weekly General Session. In the State Capitol Building on other business, **U.S. Sen. Mike Lee** stepped into the meeting to address WSLC membership.

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