



GENERAL SESSION

March 9, 2011

Program Topic: *Introductory Speeches by Nominees for 2011-2013 WSLC Biennium*

Directors (2) – Chris Bray, Carol Jenson, Stacey Hutching, Karmen Sanone

Historian – Beverly Lund, Marla Ramey

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Recording Secretary – Elissa Foutz

2nd Vice-President – Donna Murphy, Bette Voorhees

President-Elect – Janice Gerritsen, Kari Malkovich

President – Sylvia Rickard

(Voting polls remained open for two hours. WSLC Members cast votes to elect new officers.)

General Session 11

Program Topic: *Human Trafficking*

Presented by: Judiciary/Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice/
Political Subdivisions, Revenue & Taxation/
Transportation/Government Operations

Director: Tibby Milne

Co-Chairs: Junko Shimizu & Marilyn Larsen

Speaker: Les Derewonko – Special Agent; Dept. of Homeland Security
(DHS) Investigations

Mr. Derewonko said human trafficking has become an enormously profitable international enterprise. The distinction between smuggling and trafficking is important in understanding these crimes. Smuggling is illegally transporting objects, goods, or persons. Trafficking is transporting human beings specifically for various forms of usage or labor.

Even though smuggling may involve violence, it does not rise to the level of trafficking unless force, fraud and coercion are involved. Human

trafficking is always an exploitation-based crime. Its victims are usually women and/or children who are kept in bondage for their services.

The DHS coordinates many of its efforts within the Blue Campaign, which is organized around the "three Ps" of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000: *Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution*. The campaign name references the global anti-human trafficking symbols of the Blue Heart and the Blue Blindfold, as well as the "Thin Blue Line" of law enforcement.

To report suspected human trafficking, call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (347-2423). To contact the Utah Human Trafficking Task Force, call 1-877-NO-SLVRY (667-5879). Or visit the website

www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking for more information.

Reported by Pam Grange

March 16

Luncheon w/ Legislative Wrap-Up and Installation of WSLC Officers

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss offered brief remarks on the 2011 legislative session, highlighting both its strengths and its difficulties.

Kitty Kaplan, WSLC Immediate Past President, installed WSLC Officers for the 2011-2013 Biennium.

President:	Sylvia Rickard
President-Elect:	Kari Malkovich
1st Vice-President:	Bette Voorhees
2nd Vice-President:	Skip Reese
Recording Secretary:	Carol Harley
Corresponding Secretary:	Shannon Huff Jacobs
Treasurer:	Margot Thompson
Historian:	Marla Ramey
Director:	Stacey Hutchings
Director:	Chris Bray

Darlene Hutchison, outgoing WSLC President, presented the President's Report for 2009-2011.

President's Report

I feel privileged to have been asked to fill the term of Jan Bennett, who was unable to serve as President-Elect and then as President. I appreciate all the kind counsel and patience given by so many Past Presidents and long-time members who have a great institutional memory. Their support and advice has been invaluable.

After inauguration, I was informed my first responsibility was to select a particular color for printed materials, which would differentiate our board from previous ones. I thought this a little frivolous, but soon realized how helpful this little decision would be in keeping track of this biennium's documents and activities.

The first document was a complete listing of the elected officers and parliamentarian, with names, addresses, phone and e-mail. This information proved extremely valuable in our communications. Full contact information continued to be gathered on all remaining board members until the board was fully staffed. The bright lime green color certainly became easy to spot!

From the beginning, I felt the Council would benefit from a strong team effort. WSLC bylaws state which officers should be on the Executive Board, but don't indicate it is restricted to only those. I felt we needed to build a board that would work together and feel ownership for the Council as a whole. Therefore, I

determined that all elected officers and the Parliamentarian would be considered the Executive Board and the Appointments Committee.

Next, we had to have a consistent meeting place. Tibby Milne offered the use of the large meeting room at the office of Utah Crime Prevention headquarters for our Executive meetings. We held our first Executive Board meeting in June and thoroughly went over the Board Standing rules, made changes where needed, and presented them at our full board meeting for approval. The Executive Board approved names for the appointed board members and provided additional names. They also considered changes for bylaws.

Our second meeting was with the full board. Goals were discussed and problems considered. Policy books were handed out to all board members. A calendar was presented and approved. The Executive Board also approved the printing of high-quality nameplates (badges) for members. The idea was presented at the board meeting and received full board approval. The badges have proved quite helpful in establishing the recognizable presence of Women's State Legislative Council as our members attend legislative hearings and other meetings.

We also presented the budget, which was the same as for 2009-2011. After memberships were in, we made an adjusted budget. The adjusted Board Standing Rules were adopted. The board also determined that the two major problems facing the Council were membership and public relations. With that in mind, the board approved the updating and printing of a promotional handout developed several years ago. With these preparations behind us, we felt confident we were on our way.

The agenda and assignments were made for our first general membership meeting in September. A major concern was the unpredictability of a meeting place for our general membership meetings. The auditorium is now under the jurisdiction of the Preservation Board, and they were interested in having it become a moneymaking venue, or at the least covering all janitorial costs.

It was a time of frustration. After turning in our year's request for the auditorium in June, we discovered in December it would not be available. We tried every avenue to get a schedule and finally, after a personal and, I might add, emotional call to Senator Waddoups, we had the auditorium assured. However, we were told if any state agency wanted it we would be bumped, even though we had agreed to meet the room charges and other stipulations. These included encouraging our members to support the cafeteria, inasmuch as we were not serving food at our meetings. In the end, we reached a comfortable working arrangement with the Preservation office, which included using the Copper Room as an alternate.

Letters, and our newly printed brochure, were sent to all legislators. Letters of invitation to join, along with our brochures, were also sent to organizations that had either once been members, or who would benefit from membership. Brochures were also made available to Council members to share with those they felt would benefit from this introduction. After all state and national elections, letters of congratulations were sent to the Governor, legislators and national offices.

At our first meeting in the fall, our chaplain asked for volunteers to provide the Pledge of Allegiance and inspirational thoughts for the year. This proved very successful. In addition, the Directors met and assumed responsibilities for the legislative study sessions a year in advance. We accommodated any needed changes, but all in all, our year was prepared well in advance.

Our corresponding secretary had the difficult ongoing task of inputting and keeping current on her computer all e-mail addresses for the Executive Board, full board, council membership, legislators, and other government officials. We wanted to include all delegate organizations but found it too difficult to maintain the current names of presidents. Instead, we relied on the delegates themselves to keep their respective organizations informed. We were especially anxious that the Bulletin reach as many people as possible, and that our web site be current and linked to other organizations.

Probably the highlight of our meetings occurred as we celebrated the Council's ninety-year birthday. We invited all living Past Presidents to be our guests, and it was fantastic to hear of their struggles and achievements. The Council provided a lunch for all delegates and a printed historical memento with bios and pictures of all Past Presidents. In addition, an article regarding the Council was printed in the Salt Lake Tribune.

During this biennium, we noted with sadness the passing of long time member Luella Finlinson, Past President Evelyn Vernon, and board member Millie Ashby.

Prior to our second year we had a planning meeting and invited Rep. Becky Edwards to join us as we set some directions for our final year. We examined concerns regarding membership, organization, meetings, and our relationship with the Legislature. In a sense, we looked at where we were and where we wanted to be - our problems and solutions. One area we felt we needed to emphasize was being more visible and pro-active.

This year the Council approved three Resolutions in support of: Recycling of Electronic Waste, State Board of Education, and Protection of Children Riding in Motor Vehicles. The Resolutions were prepared by the study committees, passed unanimously by the Board of Directors and general membership, and forwarded to our legislators.

And FINALLY, we were able to accomplish a holdover assignment – the planting of President's Trees. Through the constant efforts of Irene Wiesenberg five trees honoring Past Presidents are planted in a special grove at This Is The Place State Park, and will be dedicated this fall. This has been an ongoing project from the past four Boards. Good job Irene!

As we look over the two years we served, we feel we have accomplished our goals of:

- (1) Developing a close working team
- (2) Making the Council more recognizable to the public, government leaders, and community organizations
- (3) Presenting well-organized study sessions on national and state issues of interest to the Council membership.
- (4) Increasing membership.
- (5) Being fiscally responsible.
- (6) Studying all policy handbooks for relevance and updates.
- (7) Keeping our web site updated.
- (8) Assuring the Bulletin distribution to legislators and members.
- (9) Securing consistent meeting places for Board meetings and General Membership meetings.
- (10) Being pro-active in sending Resolutions to the Legislature.
- (11) Arranging for a special grove of trees at This Is The Place State Park honoring WSLC Past Presidents.

The 2009-2011 Board of Directors for the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah is appreciative of the opportunity to serve. We feel we have fulfilled the trust given to us by the members.

Darlene C. Hutchison, President

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