TWENTY - EIGHTH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



NEW LEGISLATOR PRE-SESSION ORIENTATION JANUARY 9 - 11, 2013

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

(Casual day, no cameras, no press)

Location: Terry Miller Legislative Office Building, 5th & Main Street, 1st Floor, Room 104

(Please be prompt – show up early we will have coffee, snacks)

10:00 – 11:00 AM HANDS ON – COMPUTERS, BASIS, VOIP PHONES, iPADS &

BLACKBERRYS

CURT CLOTHIER, IS MANAGER

TINA STRONG, PROCUREMENT OFFICER

11:00 - NOON TOUR OF FOUR LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS - Terry Miller

Legislative Office Building, Legislative Finance Building, Capitol and

Thomas Stewart Legislative Office Building - meet staff

NOON - 1:25 PM LUNCH HOSTED BY JUNEAU DELEGATION (Sen. Dennis Egan, Rep.

Cathy Muñoz & Rep. Beth Kerttula) at the Juneau Douglas City Museum,

114 W. 4th Street (next to the Capitol)

Location: Terry Miller Legislative Office Building, 5th & Main Street, 1st Floor, Room 104

1:30 – 4:30 PM LEGISLATIVE ETHICS LAW

Ethics Training for 2013, Standards of Conduct, Disclosure Statements, Gifts, Complaints, Campaigning, Reporting Deadlines, Advisory Opinions, etc. JOYCE ANDERSON, ETHICS COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR,

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013

(Casual day, cameras with consent of presenter)

PRESENTATIONS BY VETERAN LEGISLATORS & OTHERS

Location: House Finance Committee Room, Capitol, Room 519

9:00 – 11:00 AM AVOIDING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES – EQUAL

EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

STEVE KOTEFF, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVOCATE

MEXICAN LUNCH WITH AGENCY MANAGERS & LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEYS

Location: Terry Miller Legislative Office Building, 3rd Floor

Location: House Finance Committee Room, Capitol, Room 519

1:30 – 2:30 PM CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES, COMMUNICATION WITH THE

COMMITTEE & OTHER HELPFUL HINTS

Running an effective committee meeting, records of the committee, public

testimony, working with staff, prioritizing bills, helpful hints, etc.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAIR-ELECT REP. MIKE HAWKER

3:00 – 4:00 PM MOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

Run through a mock committee meeting, testifying, sample folders,

teleconferencing demonstration, committee secretary, timeliness, etc.

HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP PEGGY WILSON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013

(Business attire)

Location: House Majority Caucus Room, Capitol, Room 208

8:30 – 9:00 AM **LEADERSHIP AND PROTOCOL**

Leadership's responsibilities, duties and powers; requests to be excused from

floor sessions and meeting schedule; protocol; etc.

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT JOHN COGHILL, JR. HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT LANCE PRUITT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 (continued)

Location: House Majority Caucus Room, Capitol, Room 208

9:00 – 10:00 AM PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, MASON'S MANUAL,

UNIFORM RULES

SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT CHARLIE HUGGINS

SPEAKER MIKE CHENAULT

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT JOHN COGHILL, JR. HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT LANCE PRUITT SENATE RULES CHAIR-ELECT LESIL MCGUIRE

HOUSE RULES CHAIR CRAIG JOHNSON

DOUG GARDNER, LEGAL DIRECTOR & PARLIAMENTARIAN

Location: House Chambers, Capitol, 2nd Floor

10:00 – 11:00 AM HOUSE MOCK FLOOR SESSION & VOTING MACHINE

DEMONSTRATION

SPEAKER MIKE CHENAULT

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT LANCE PRUITT

HOUSE RULES CHAIR CRAIG JOHNSON

SUZI LOWELL, CHIEF CLERK SGT-AT-ARMS & PAGES

Mock floor session with script on a bill, discuss other procedures,

demonstration of voting machine, run through swearing-in

Location: Senate Chambers, Capitol, 2nd Floor

10:00 – 11:00 AM SENATE MOCK FLOOR SESSION & VOTING MACHINE

DEMONSTRATION

SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT CHARLIE HUGGINS

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT JOHN COGHILL, JR.

LIZ CLARK, ACTING SENATE SECRETARY

SGT-AT-ARMS & PAGES

Mock floor session with script on a bill, discuss other procedures,

demonstration of voting machine, run through swearing-in

Location: House Majority Caucus Room, Capitol, Room 208

11:00 – 11:30 AM DEBRIEFING IN SPEAKER'S OFFICE FOR HOUSE MEMBERS

SPEAKER MIKE CHENAULT

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT LANCE PRUITT

HOUSE RULES CHAIR CRAIG JOHNSON

Away from cameras, ask questions about procedures and mock floor session

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 (continued)

Location: Senate President's Office, Capitol, Room 111

11:00 – 11:30 AM DEBRIEFING IN SENATE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT CHARLIE HUGGINS

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER-ELECT JOHN COGHILL, JR.

SENATE RULES CHAIR-ELECT LESIL MCGUIRE

Away from cameras, ask questions about procedures and mock floor session

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN - Lounge will have sandwiches & soup for purchase

Location: Senate Finance Committee Room, Capitol, Room 532

1:00 - 2:30 PM APPROPRIATION PROCESS

Appropriation process, budget books, explanation of detailed budget forms,

subcommittee assignments and fiscal notes, etc.

SENATE FINANCE CO-CHAIR-ELECT PETE KELLY

HOUSE FINANCE CO-CHAIR-ELECT ALAN AUSTERMAN

2:30 – 3:30 PM RULES, LOUNGE, UNIFORM RULES, FLOOR DECORUM

Responsibilities of Rules offices, computers, furniture & equipment, staffing, scheduling of bills, absences, Lounge, designated smoking areas, Uniform

Rules, floor decorum, etc.

SENATE RULES CHAIR-ELECT LESIL MCGUIRE

HOUSE RULES CHAIR CRAIG JOHNSON

Location: Terry Miller Legislative Office Building, Gymnasium, 2nd Floor

WELCOMING RECEPTION

4:30 – 6:30 PM WELCOMING RECEPTION

VETERAN LEGISLATORS, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, OFFICE OF

THE LT. GOVERNOR, COMMISSIONERS, DEPUTY

COMMISSIONERS, LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AND COURT SYSTEM OFFICIALS ARE INVITED TO MEET WITH NEW AND RETURNING LEGISLATORS

A PRESENTATION BY SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT HUGGINS AND SPEAKER CHENAULT WILL OCCUR AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15PM INTRODUCING THEIR NEW MEMBERS

SPOUSE AND FAMILY PROGRAM

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

Baranof Hotel, Gold Room Restaurant, 127 N. Franklin Street

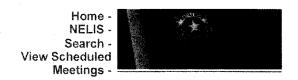
11:30AM – 1:30PM LUNCH AT THE BARANOF HOTEL FOR SPOUSES, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AND FAMILY OF NEW AND VETERAN MEMBERS

HOSTED BY BECKY HUGGINS (SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT CHARLIE HUGGINS) AND NANCY JOHNSON (REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG JOHNSON)

(Note: This lunch is for family, not legislative staff)

Please RSVP to the Executive Director's Office 465-3800





New Legislator Orientation and Training: 2012-2013

New Legislator Orientation is designed to instruct new legislators in legislative processes and offer insight into working with various participants.

2012-2013 S	chedule
11-28-2012	
11-29-2012	
11-30-2012	-
12-6-2012	•••
12-13-2012	
1-14-2013	
1-15-2013	
1-16-2013	
1-17-2013	
4-1-2013	
5-8-2013	

2012-2013 Schedule

Phase I Orientation - November 28, 29, and 30 to be held in Carson City

Phase II Issue Briefs – December 6 and December 13 to be videoconferenced among Carson City, Elko, and Las Vegas

Phase III Academy – January 14, 15, 16, and 17 to be held in Carson City

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast—Room 3100

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Welcome—Room 3100

Senate and Assembly Leadership

10:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Overview of the Legislative Counsel Bureau—Room 3100

- Rick Combs, Director
- Roger Wilkerson, Chief, Administrative Division

 Paul V. Townsend, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division

 Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division

 Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division

 Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division

 Donald O. Williams, Research Director, Research Division

10:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Legislator Compensation, Benefits, and Travel—Room 3100

 Chuck Mahoney, Chief Accountant, Accounting Unit, Administrative Division

11:15 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Tour of the Legislative Building

11:45 a.m.—Noon

Break

Noon—1:45 p.m.

Senate Lunch—Office of the Secretary of the

Senate

David Byerman, Secretary of the Senate

Assembly Lunch—Office of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly

 Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly

1:45 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Individual Legislator Activities—First Floor

Foyer, Legislative Building

5:30 p.m.

Group Dinner (bus leaves at this time)

Thursday, November 29, 2012

7:45 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

Breakfast—Room 3100

8:30 a.m.—8:45 a.m.

Break

8:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Legislative Counsel Bureau: Presentations

from Divisions-Room 4100

Legal Division: The Legislature's Lawyer

Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel

Audit Division: Assessing Performance

 Paul V. Townsend, Legislative Auditor Handout

Break

Fiscal Analysis Division: Preparing the Budget and Forecasting Revenue

- Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
- Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst

Research Division

- Donald O. Williams, Research Director
 - Research Analysts: Linking Research to Policy Handout
 - Research Library and Research Publications: Preserving the Record Handout
 - Constituent Services Unit: Serving Your Constituents Handout

11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 p.m.—1:45 p.m.

Luncheon—Old Assembly Chamber

Table Topic:

What I Know Now That I Wish I Had Known

Then

Roundtable Discussion with Returning

Legislators

Program:

Remembering Citizen Legislators: The Nevada Legislature Oral History Project Dana R. Bennett, Ph.D., Bennett Historical

Research Services

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Individual Legislator Activities

(4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.)

Optional Tour of Carson City

5:00 p.m.

Dinner (individual responsibility)

Friday, November 30, 2012

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

Breakfast—Room 3100

Invited Guests from the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

8:30 a.m.— 8:45 a.m.

Break

8:45 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Ethics Basic Training—Room 4100

• Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division

Handout

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Annual Filings of Contribution and Expense

Reports—Room 4100

Office of the Secretary of State

Nicole Lamboley, Chief Deputy

Secretary of State

Scott Gilles, Deputy Secretary for

Elections

10:00 a.m.—10:15

a.m..

Break

10:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Introduction to the Legislature's Website and

Electronic Legislative Tools—Room 4100

• Teresa Wilt, Assistant Librarian,

Research Library

11:15 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Safety and Security Procedures—Room 4100

Bob Milby, Chief, Legislative Police

11:45 a.m.—Noon

Review and Preview of Issue Briefings and

Academy—Room 4100

Rick Combs, Director, LCB

Noon—1:30 p.m.

Luncheon—Room 3100

Informal Discussion: Organizing Your

Legislative Office for Session

Returning Legislators and Staff

1:30 p.m.

Individual Legislator Activities (by

appointment)

Presession Orientation Program for New Legislators 2012

Briefings on Selected Policy Issues

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Location: Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Las Vegas, Nevada; videoconferenced to Room 3137, Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada; and Great Basin College, Room 124, Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, Nevada.

9:00 a.m.—Public Employees: Benefits and Retirement

At this two-part briefing, legislators will receive information about the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Public Employees' Benefits Program.

The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a tax-qualified defined benefit plan that provides retirement and disability benefits to State and local government employees in Nevada, including nonprofessional staff of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Legislature oversees PERS, but the day-to-day operations are handled by an independent board and its executive officer and staff. The Legislative Retirement System and the Judicial Retirement System are also within PERS. Both nationally and in Nevada, state legislatures and local governments are grappling with the issues associated with unfunded liabilities. The economic recession, baby boomers reaching retirement age, shrinking State and local government workforces, and more stringent accounting rules are some of the challenges currently faced by PERS.

The Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) is the entity that offers health and other insurance benefits to State employees and employees of local governments who voluntarily elect to participate in the Program. In addition to providing insurance benefits to active State and participating local government employees, the Program also makes insurance available to non-Medicare-eligible retirees. In 2010, the PEBP Board took action to move Medicare-eligible retirees (generally those 65 years of age and older) to an Individual Market Medicare Exchange for the 2012 plan year—making Nevada the first state to do so. The Legislature oversees PEBP, but the day-to-day operations are handled by an independent board and its executive director and staff. State revenue constraints and budget issues are challenges for PEBP, along with continuing increases in the cost of health care and implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. In the current biennium, in order to address a budget shortfall, the Board increased deductibles and gave active employees a subsidy on their monthly premiums in the form of a contribution to a Health Savings Account.

Presenters: James R. Wells, Executive Officer, PEBP; Dana K. Bilyeu, Executive Officer, PERS; and Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) **Presenters' Biographies** | **Handouts**

10:30 a.m.—Health and Human Services

In this session, legislators will briefly review major health and human services topics, including an update on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (federal health care reforms); Medicaid and Nevada Check Up; caseload growth for certain supportive services; funding hospitals for the care of indigent patients; juvenile justice system reforms; and county assessments for certain human services that were approved by the 2011 Legislature. Legislators will also receive information concerning the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) reorganization plans.

Presenters: Michael J. Willden, Director, DHHS; Jane Gruner, Deputy Director, DHHS; Amber Howell, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, DHHS; Marsheilah D. Lyons, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB; and Kirsten Bugenig, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB Presenters' Biographies | Handouts

1.40 p.m.—Leononne Development and Tourism

At this briefing, legislators will learn about efforts to expand Nevada businesses and attract new enterprise to the State. The session will cover the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development, regional development authorities, and partners in such key areas as education and workforce development. Legislators will learn about recent efforts in the development of Nevada's economy in seven key industry sectors, as well as accomplishments in global business development. Legislators will also be briefed on strengths, weaknesses, and current issues in the economic development environment.

The second portion of this session will include a presentation highlighting Nevada's efforts to promote tourism in the State. Legislators will learn about key issues impacting the State's Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, the primary functions of the Division of Tourism, and potential tourism related issues that may arise during the 2013 Legislative Session. Also included will be a brief overview of the Nevada Governor's Conference on Tourism, which was held in Sparks, Nevada, on December 4 and 5, 2012. Finally, Legislators will learn about interagency efforts to coordinate tourism and economic development activities.

Presenters: Doug van Aman, Regional Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development; Claudia Vecchio, Director, Nevada's Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs; Michael J. Stewart, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB; and Kelly Richard, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB Presenters' Biographies | Handouts

3:15 p.m.—Judiciary

During this session, legislators will receive an overview of the wide range of subjects that typically fall within the scope of the Judiciary committees. These topics include the corrections system; the court system; crimes and punishments; criminal procedure; domestic violence; family law; juvenile justice; and sex offenders as well as business and corporate law, gaming, and property rights. Legislators will also receive focused briefings on the statutory Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, common-interest communities (i.e., homeowners' associations) and Nevada's court system, and will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss topics of interest.

Presenters: John McCormick, Court Services Supervisor, Nevada Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts; Gail Anderson, Administrator, Real Estate Division, Department of Business and Industry; Dave Ziegler, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB; Nicolas Anthony, Senior Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB; and Melinda Martini, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB **Presenters' Biographies** | Handouts

Presession Orientation Program for New Legislators 2012

Briefings on Selected Policy Issues

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Location: Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Room 3137, Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada; and videoconferenced to Great Basin College, Room 124, Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, Nevada.

9:00 a.m.—Education: Public K-12

As a topic, public education draws a significant amount of attention during the legislative session in both the policy committees and the budget committees. Legislative staff will provide a brief overview of key features of the elementary-secondary policy and program report. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will then provide a briefing about K-12 education in Nevada, including issues involving governance, school district personnel, graduation rates, selected state rankings, and state-funded categorical programs.

Presenters: James W. Guthrie, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction; Pepper Sturm, Chief Deputy Research Director, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) **Presenters' Biographies** | **Handouts**

10:30 a.m.—Education: Higher Education

Higher education is increasingly viewed as a key factor in a state's overall health. College graduates provide the expertise that drives economic development, while they also tend to be less dependent on the social safety net. Legislative staff will provide a brief overview of higher education in Nevada. The Chancellor will then provide a briefing about the Nevada System of Higher Education, including structure and governance, strategic initiatives, and proposed changes to the State funding formula.

Presenters: Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education; Todd Butterworth, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB **Presenters'** Biographies | Handouts

1:15—Taxes

An overview of the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Taxation with respect to State and local taxation will be provided during this session. Legislators will also receive information on the Economic Forum's Forecast of General Fund Revenues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015, approved by the Forum on November 30, 2012, with the focus on the State's major General Fund revenue sources. Legislators will learn about the tax changes approved by the 2011 Legislature (set to sunset in 2013), and their relation to the Economic Forum's Forecast for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Presenters: Christopher G. Nielsen, Executive Director, Department of Taxation; Russell J. Guindon, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB; Michael Nakamoto, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB; Joe Reel, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB **Presenters' Biographies** | **Handouts**

2:45—Transportation

In this session, the Departments of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Transportation (NDOT) will provide a brief overview of their Departments and review current transportation issues. Meet the new Director of DMV and his staff, as they discuss self-service kiosks, web-based service improvements, veteran's exemptions, the Nevada Live program, the fair share initiative, and the new off-highway vehicle program. Presenters from NDOT will discuss the Department's legislative outreach plan, toll roads, public-private partnerships, road relinquishments, transportation's role in economic development, the construction manager at risk (CMAR) program, federal funding update, and safety initiatives including the Zero Fatalities campaign.

Presenters: Troy L. Dillard, Director, DMV; Nancy Wojcik, Administrator, Field Services Division, DMV; Deborah Cook, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, DMV; Rudy Malfabon, Director, NDOT; Bill Hoffman, Deputy Director, NDOT; Jered McDonald, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB; and Jennifer Ruedy, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB Presenters' Biographies | Handouts

Monday, January 14, 2013

Breakfast—Welcome and Preview—Room 3100

• Rick Combs, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)

8:45 a.m.—9:00 a.m. B

Break

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.—8:45 a.m.

Public Policy and the Legislature—Room 4100

• Larry Gerston, Ph.D., San Jose State

University Handout

11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Break

Luncheon and Panel Discussion: Being an

Effective Legislator—Room 3100

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

 Former Speaker of the Assembly Barbara E. Buckley

• Former Senator Randolph J. Townsend

1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Negotiation and Consensus Building—Room 2144

 David Landis, Former Nebraska State Senator Handout

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Breakfast—Room 3100

8:30 a.m.—8:45 a.m. **Break** 8:45 a.m.—9:00 a.m. 120-Day Calendar—Room 4100 Rick Combs, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. The Paper Chase: How a Bill Becomes a Law, Process and Content—Room 4100 • Rick Combs, Director, LCB Research Division, LCB Susan Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst Handout Michael Stewart, Chief Principal Research Analyst Handout 10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m. **Break** 10:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Beyond Google: Quality Research for Policy Decisions—Room 4100 Research Division, LCB • H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Deputy Research Handout 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program: Practical Advice on Legislating—Room 4100 Returning Legislators and Former Legislators 1:00 p.m.—1:15 p.m. Break 1:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Budget Process and Revenue Forecasts— Room 4100 Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Handout Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst • Russell J. Guindon, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst 2:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Fiscal Notes—Room 4100 Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Michael Nakamoto, Deputy Fiscal Analyst Handout 2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m. Break 2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Working with Constituents—Room 4100—

Room 4100

Research Division, LCB

- Paul Mouritsen, Manager, Constituent Services Unit (CSU)
- Beverly Mobley, Assistant Manager, CSU
- Kay Graves, Research Analyst, CSU Handout

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Working with the Media—Room 4100

- Robert D. Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Broadcasters Association
- Barry Smith, Executive Director, Nevada Press Association

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Working with Lobbyists—Room 4100

- Michael Hillerby, Director of Legislative Affairs, Kaempfer Crowell Renshaw Groanauer & Fiorentino
- Randy Robison, Director of State Legislative Affairs, CenturyLink

4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Announcements

5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Reception, Plaza Event Center 211 East Ninth Street, Carson City

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Breakfast—Foyer, State Printing Office—301

South Stewart Street

8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

NELIS Training for New Legislators—Training

Room, State Printing Office

 Information Technology Services Unit Staff, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

*Time Management—Room 1214

 Introduction—Senator Kelvin Atkinson, 2012-2013 Chair, Council of State Governments-West

 Kevin Stacey, TrainRight Inc., WESTRAIN Speakers Bureau, Council of State Governments-West Handout

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

Lunch (Individual Responsibility)

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

*Acting Ethically in the Legislative

Environment—Room 1214

 Introduction—Senator Debbie Smith. 2012-2013 Vice President, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

 Peggy Kerns, Director, Center for Ethics in Government, NCSL Handouts

6:00 p.m.

State of the State Address—Assembly

Chamber

Governor Brian Sandoval

Thursday, January 17, 2013

8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

Breakfast—Room 3100

Mock Committee Hearings and Mock Floor Sessions—Part I

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Assembly Rules and Procedures—Assembly

Chamber

Assembly Mock Committee Hearings—Room

4100

Mock Floor Session—Assembly Chamber

• Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the

Assembly

Invited Returning Legislators

10:00 a.m.—12:00

noon

Senate Rules and Procedures—Senate

Chamber

Senate Mock Committee Hearings—Room

1214

Mock Floor Session—Senate Chamber

David Byerman, Secretary of the Senate

Invited Returning Legislators

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Senate Caucus Room Assembly Caucus Room

Mock Committee Hearings and Mock Floor Session—Part II

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Assembly Mock Committee Hearings—Room

Mock Floor Session—Assembly Chamber

• Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the

Assembly

^{*} open to all legislators

• Invited Returning Legislators

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Senate Mock Committee Hearings—Room 1214

- David Byerman, Secretary of the Senate
- Invited Returning Legislators

New Legislator Mid-Session Orientation Breakfast

Monday, April 1, 2013 Room 3161, Legislative Building 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Welcome

Donald O. Williams, Research Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)

Amendments

Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel, LCB Handout

Exempt Bills and Referrals to Senate Finance or Assembly Ways and Means

Rick Combs, Director, LCB Handout

Working Your Bills in the Second House

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly

First House Deadlines

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB

Future Training

Carol Stonefield, Managing Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB

Conference Committees and End of Session Training Committee Chairs and New Legislators

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Room 1214, Legislative Building 7:00 a.m.

Welcome and Overview

Marjorie Paslov-Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)

Review of *Procedures for Conference Committees* and Role of Legal Counsel

Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel, LCB

Role of Committee Policy Analysts in Conference Committees

Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB Michael J. Stewart, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB

Role of the Front Desk in Conference Committees

David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Vetoes and Special Sessions

Bradley A. Wilkinson, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Eileen G. O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Veto Handout | Special Session Handout

Post-Session Research Division Publications

Michelle L. Van Geel, Administrator of Publications and Technical Services, Research Division, LCB

Closing Comments

Carol M. Stonefield, Managing Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB

2010-2011 New Legislator Orientation

Research Division Home

If you have any questions about the Research Division's web pages, please **contact** us. Last updated 5/8/2013

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LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION **Under Constitution and Statute** FIRST DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

9:00 a.m. Freshmen legislators meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the following topics:

- Legislative Council services to legislators (15 minutes)
- Division of powers and duties among the three branches of government Responsibilities of the legislative branch (20 minutes)
- Legislative branch structure Committees, officers, employees (10 minutes)

10:00 a.m. Affiliated organizations

12. Adoption of temporary rules

13. Selection of seats

- Council of State Governments (10 minutes)
- Midwest Council of State Governments (10 minutes)
- National Conference of State Legislatures (15 minutes)
- Midwestern Higher Education Commission (20 minutes)
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (15 minutes)
- Education Commission of the States (15 minutes)

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1:00 p.	m. Senate and House convene in respective c	hami	bers
	Order	of B	usiness
1.	Senate Call to order by the Lieutenant Governor	1.	House Call to order by Representative David Drovdal (See NDCC Section 54-03-04)
2.	Prayer by Pastor, Bismarck	2.	Prayer by Pastor, Bismarck
3.	Certification of members by Secretary of State	3.	Certification of members by Secretary of State
4.	Roll call	4.	Roll call
5.	Justice Dale Sandstrom administers Oath of Office to newly elected members	5.	Justice Carol Ronning Kapsner administers Oath of Office to newly elected members
6.	Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - Jay E. Buringrud, Legal Services Division Director, Legislative Council	6.	Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - Jim W. Smith, Director, Legislative Council
1:45 p.	m. Recess		
2:00 p.	 Caucuses of respective parties for discussion Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room House Minority - Prairie Room 		organizational matters in assigned rooms:
2:20 p.	m. Senate and House reconvene		
7.	Senate Election of Secretary of the Senate	7.	House Election of Chief Clerk of the House
8.	Election of Journal Reporter	8.	Election of Journal Reporter
9.	Election of Sergeant-at-Arms	9.	Election of Sergeant-at-Arms
10.	Lieutenant Governor administers Oath of Office to Secretary of the Senate, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms	10.	Former Speaker administers Oath of Office to Chief Clerk of the House, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms
11.	Election of President Pro Tempore	11.	Election of Speaker and administration of Oath of Office by former Speaker

12. Adoption of temporary rules

13. Selection of seats

- 14. Appointment of procedural committees:
 - a. Temporary committee to inform Governor and House that Senate is organized (3)
 - b. Committee on Committees (8)
 - c. Delayed Bills (5)
 - d. Committee Rooms (3)
 - e. Employment (5)
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- 15. Committee and administrative announcements
 - a. Each legislator must meet with photographer for taking official photograph before adjournment.
 - Returning legislators assigned notebook computers can sign up for training courses scheduled for Tuesday. Signup lists at Legislative Council reception desk.
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday
- 3:15 p.m. Meeting of Rules and Employment Committees of each house in announced committee rooms

 Meeting of Senate Committee on Committees and House Committee on Committees

 Meeting of any other committee at the call of the chairman as announced prior to recess
- 3:15 p.m. Computer distribution and training session for new legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is two hours in length and is limited to 10 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, review of policies governing computer use, and training on software applications used by legislators, including LAWS. Tablet computer training for new legislators will be held separately after adjournment.

SECOND DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

9:00 a.m. Reconvene in respective chambers

Prayer by chaplain

Senate - Pastor _____, ____, Bismarck
House - Chaplain _____, Bismarck

Roll call and announcements

9:10 a.m. **Joint Session - House Chamber**

Report of findings and recommendations of committees by the Chairman of the Legislative Management and the Director of the Legislative Council

Presentation by Representative Lawrence R. Klemin, North Dakota Commission on Uniform State Laws, regarding uniform state laws

10:15 a.m. Recess

10:30 a.m. Freshmen legislators meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations and a question and answer session on the legislative process:

- Explanation of legislative rules (15 minutes)
- Explanation of daily routine of the House and Senate Floor procedures, orders of business, "carrying" bills (15 minutes)
- Explanation of procedure bill follows to become law Introduction, hearings, amendment, crossover, conference committee, final passage, presentation to Governor (15 minutes)
- Prefiling of bills (5 minutes)
- 10:30 a.m. Computer training session for returning legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is 90 minutes in length and is limited to 40 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training includes a refresher on the new laptop/tablet computers and LAWS, e-mail quota and archive, and remote desktop support.
- 10:30 a.m. Tablet computer training for returning legislators in the Harvest Room. The session will be 90 minutes in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. This training is similar to the original tablet computer training provided to legislators when they received their tablet computer.

1:15 p.m. Senate and House reconvene in respective chambers

Senate Legislative Ethics Session

- 1. President announces that discussion will be of joint rules on legislative ethics
- 2. Presentation on legislative ethics and laws and rules governing the activities and conduct of public officials - Jay E. Buringrud, Legal Services Division Director, Legislative Council
- 3. Remarks on legislative ethics Majority Leader
- 4. Remarks on legislative ethics Minority Leader

House Legislative Ethics Session

- 1. Speaker announces that discussion will be of joint rules on legislative ethics
- 2. Presentation on legislative ethics and laws and rules governing the activities and conduct of public officials - Jim W. Smith, Director, Legislative Council
- 3. Remarks on legislative ethics Majority Leader
- 4. Remarks on legislative ethics Minority Leader

2:15 p.m. Adjournment until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday

Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of legislative rules amendments:

Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room House Minority - Prairie Room

Meetings of committees at call of the chairmen

- Legislators not otherwise occupied meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the 2:45 p.m. purpose and use of legislative documents:
 - Bills, resolutions, amendments (committee reports), Session Laws, and North Dakota Century Code (20 minutes)
 - Calendars, journals, bill status reports, fiscal notes (10 minutes)
 - Budget status reports and executive budget report (10 minutes)
 - · Committee minutes, Legislative Management reports Legislative Council's library and records (10 minutes)
- Computer training session for returning legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is 2:45 p.m. 90 minutes in length and is limited to 40 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training includes a refresher on the new laptop/tablet computers and LAWS, e-mail quota and archive, and remote desktop support.
- 2:45 p.m. Tablet computer training for returning legislators in the Harvest Room. The session will be 90 minutes in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. This training is similar to the original tablet computer training provided to legislators when they received their tablet computer.

THIRD DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

8:30 a.m. Call to order in respective chambers Prayer by chaplain Senate - Chaplain _____, ____, . Bismarck House - Pastor _____, ____, Bismarck Roll call Recess 8:40 a.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of committee assignments: Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room House Minority - Prairie Room 9:10 a.m. Reconvene Committee reports (including announcements of standing committee appointments) Selection and administration of oath of any officer not selected on Tuesday Adoption of permanent rules All other unfinished business **Announcements** 9:40 a.m. Recess

9:55 a.m. Reconvene in House chamber 10:00 a.m. Joint Session - House Chamber

Presentation by the Governor of the executive budget and revenue proposals

10:45 a.m. Adjourn

11:00 a.m. Budget Section convenes in Senate chamber

12:00 noon Computer distribution and training session for new legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is two hours in length and is limited to 10 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, review of policies governing computer use, and training on software applications used by legislators, including LAWS. Tablet computer training for new legislators will be held separately after adjournment.

12:00 noon Tablet computer distribution/training for new and returning legislators in the Harvest Room. The session will be two hours in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative

Council reception desk.

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2:30 p.m. Tablet computer distribution/training for new and returning legislators in the Harvest Room. The session will be two hours in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk.

NOTE: The Budget Section will meet in the Senate chamber to receive detailed information regarding the executive budget and conduct other business on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. All legislators named to the Appropriations Committees, the Majority and Minority Leaders and their assistants, and the Speaker of the House serve on the Budget Section. Other legislators also may attend the Budget Section meeting.

Tentative Agenda

COMPUTER TRAINING SESSIONS FOR LEGISLATORS

Monday, December 3

9:00 -10:30 a.m. Computer training session for returning legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is limited to 40 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training includes a refresher on the new laptop/tablet computers and the Legislator's Automated Work Station (LAWS) system, e-mail quota and archive, and remote desktop support.

3:15 -5:15 p.m. Computer distribution and training session for new legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is two hours in length and is limited to 10 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, review of policies governing computer use, and training on software applications used by legislators, including the LAWS system. Tablet computer training for new legislators will be held separately after adjournment.

Tuesday, December 4

10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon Computer training session for returning legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is limited to 40 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training includes a refresher on the new laptop/tablet computers and the LAWS system, e-mail quota and archive, and remote desktop support.

10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon Tablet computer training for returning legislators in the Harvest Room. The session is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. This training is similar to the original tablet computer training provided to legislators when they received their tablet computer.

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Wednesday, December 5

12:00 noon -2:00 p.m. Computer distribution and training session for new legislators in the Roughrider Room. The session is limited to 10 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, review of policies governing computer use, and training on software applications used by legislators, including the LAWS system. Tablet computer training for new legislators will be held separately after adjournment.

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AGENDA NEW LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION UTAH LEGISLATURE

Session One Monday, December 3, 2012 7:30 a.m. Room C445 State Capitol

Approx Times

7:30 a.m. Registration / Continental Breakfast

Moderators for today's program: Senator Stuart Adams and Representative Don Ipson

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions of Newly-elected Legislators and Spouses
 - *President-elect Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Senate
 - *Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, Utah House of Representatives
- 8:15 a.m. Leadership Perspectives on Serving in the Utah Legislature
 - · President-elect Wayne Niederhauser, Utah Senate
 - Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, Utah House of Representatives
- 9:00 a.m. Introduction of Directors and Key Staff
 - Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director, OLRGC
 - Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel, OLRGC
 - Mr. Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, LFA
 - Mr. John Schaff, Auditor General, LAG
 - Ms. Sandy Tenney, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
 - Mr. Joe Pyrah, Chief Deputy of the House of Representatives
 - Ms. Leslie McLean, Secretary of the Senate
 - Mr. Ric Cantrell, Chief of Staff, Utah Senate
 - Ms. Janice Gadd, Supervisor, Legislative Printing and Bill Room.
- 9:30 a.m. Legislative Intern Program
 - Mr. Jerry Howe, Managing Policy Analyst, OLGRC
 - Mr. Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst, OLRGC
 - Q&A regarding Intern Program
- **10:10 a.m. Break** (Spouses move to Senate Majority Caucus Room for Spouses' Program located just east of the Senate Main office on the Third Floor of the Capitol.)

10:20 a.m. Legislative Ethics

- Mr. John L. Fellows, General Consel, OLRGC
- Ms. Emily Brown, Associate General Counsel, OLRGC
 - Legislative Ethics
 - Legislative Campaign Finance
 - Requirements Governing Lobbying Activities

11:10 a.m. Budget, Tax, and Federal Funding Issues

• Mr. Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

12:00 noon Lunch (Capitol Board Room - room 240)

Enjoy lunch networking with newly-elected members of both Chambers.

1:00 p.m. Funding: Fiscal Notes and the Appropriations Process (Rm C445)

- Mr. Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 - Executive Appropriations Committee
 - Role of Appropriations Subcommittees
 - Fiscal Note Process
 - Appropriations Requests

2:00 p.m. Step-by-Step Process of Preparing a Bill / How a Bill Becomes Law

- Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director, OLRGC
- Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel, OLRGC

2:45 p.m. Committee Procedures, Rules, & Motions-Mock Committee Meeting

- Mr. Jerry Howe, Managing Policy Analyst, OLRGC
- Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel, OLRGC

4:30 p.m. Tour of the Capitol (optional)

Speaker Becky Lockhart will lead a 30-minute tour of the State Capitol. She is a trained Capitol docent.

Those interested in taking the tour, meet in C445 no later than 4:30 p.m.

HOUSE AGENDA NEW LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION UTAH LEGISLATURE

Session Two Thursday, January 10, 2013 8:00a.m. Room C445 State Capitol

Approx Times

8:00 a.m. Registration / Continental Breakfast (Room C445)

8:10 a.m. Welcome

*President-elect Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Senate

Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, Utah House of Representatives

8:30 a.m. What I Wish I Had Known (Room C445)

3 current / re-elected Senators (two - long-serving; one - end of first term)

3 current / re-elected Representatives

(Two - long-serving; one - end of first term)

To be assigned by President and Speaker.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Working with Legislative Staff

Locations: Room C445 - Standing Committees

Room C450 - Appropriations Subcommittees

- Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director, OLRGC Standing Committee Staffs
- Mr. Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst Appropriations Comm. Staffs
- Legislative Staff Teams

Legislators will meet and be briefed by the staff of standing and appropriations committees on which they will serve.

11:30 a.m. Overview of Legislative Audit Process (Room C445)

Mr. John Schaff, Legislative Auditor General

11:45 a.m. Lunch (Capitol Board Room - room 240)

15 minute remarks: Senate & House Majority Leaders 15 minute remarks: Senate & House Minority Leaders

1:00 p.m. Internal Procedures (House Chamber)

Internal Procedures training will include training from the Chief Clerk on: compensation, benefits (insurance and retirement); Chamber rules and protocol, and a demonstration of the voting system and microphones.

- Ms. Sandy Tenney, Chief Clerk
- Mr. Joe Pyrah, Chief Deputy of the House
- Ms. Kathy Jackson, House Administrative Assistant
- Ms. Emily Bergeson, Majority Leadership Admin. Assistant
- Ms. Jen Jankowski, Minority Caucus Admin, Assistant
- House IT Staff

2:00 p.m. House Computer Training (Room C415)

Components of the computer training will include laptop use agreement, bill browser, email, passwords, network logon, internet, intranet, instant messaging, security issues, legislative website, and more.

House IT staff

4:15 p.m. Introduction to Legislative Technology (Room C415)

- Mr. Doug Farr, Cell Phone Specialist, OLRGC
- Mr. Chris Calcut, Legislative Information Technology, OLRGC

5:00 p.m. Wrap-up Remarks (Room C415)

Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, UT House of Representatives

3:00pm

Break

A photographer will be in the Basement Conference Refreshments available in House Break Room Room to take your official legislative portrait

Reflections: Small Group Role Playing 3:15pm

Break out into small groups to consider sample ethics dilemmas and report back to full group

Role of the Individual Legislator: Practical Advice

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

Senator Chris Rothnss, Moderator

Senator Ogden Driskill

Representative John Eklund

Representative Norine Kasperik

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4:30pm

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Wyoming Legislature



WYOMING LEGISLATURE Orientation Session One YOUR ROLE in the

House of Representatives Chamber Thursday, December 13, 2012 Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

Welcome and Introductions

Meet and Greet Fellow Legislators	All I amin Inton Danile.
8:00am	

All Legislator Faculty

- Refreshments available in House Break Room
- Overview of the purpose of orientation
- Making yourself comfortable
- Icebreaker

Welcome to The Wyoming Legislature

Keynote: Your Challenge Now

Pete Simpson, Former Wyoming Legislator

Welcome to the Club 9:30am Senator Tony Ross

Representative Tom Lubnau

Senator Chris Rothfuss

Representative Mary Throne

Transition from campaigning to governing

Break 10:00am

- Refreshments available in House Break Room
- A photographer will be here to take your official portrait in Basement Conference Room

Putting the Wyoming Legislature in Context 10:15am

Kae Warnock, National Conference of State Legislatures

How Wyoming's Legislature compares to other states

Organization of the Wyoming Legislature 10:30am

Representative Tom Lubnau Senator Tony Ross

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

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk Patricia Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Organization of the session staff

Time to Get Your Bearings

Tour of Capitol and Orientation to Capitol Complex

Senator Tony Ross

Wendy Madsen and Anthony Sara, LSO Representative Tom Lubnau

- Tour of Chambers and committee rooms
- Tour of Legislative Service Office facilities
- Location of agencies in the Capitol Complex
- Herschler parking garage

Lunch 12:00pm

- Local restaurant ideas
- A photographer will be here to take your official portrait in Basement Conference Room

Role of the Individual Legislator: Ethical Decisions

Personal Conduct

Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration

- Wyoming's ethics and conflict of interest laws
- Management Council's anti-discrimination policy

Reflections: Being Ethical in Today's Legislature 2:00pm

Natalie Wood, National Conference of State Legislatures Peggy Kerns, National Conference of State Legislatures Representative Tom Lubnau

Representative Mary Throne

Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration

- Why ethics matters
- Context for a citizen legislature
- Using values to guide decision making
 - Reflections video discussion

External Research and Professional

Development Services and Resources

Organizations to which the Wyoming Legislature Belongs Representative Rosie Berger, 2012 CSG-West Chair

and NCSL Executive Committee Member

Services of the National Conference of State Legislatures 3:15pm

Kae Warnock, National Conference of State Legislatures

Services Provided by Council of State Governments 3:45pm

Rich Lindsey, Council of State Governments

Resources Available from the Wyoming State Library

4:00pm

Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Library

State documents

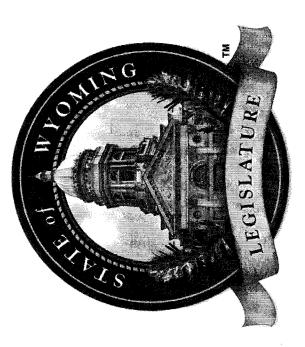
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and EXTERNAL RELATIONS RESOURCES to HELP YOU Orientation Session Two

House of Representatives Chambers Friday, December 14, 2012 Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

Overview of Previous Day

Questions and Thoughts from Previous Day

All Legislator Faculty

- Refreshments available in House Break Room
- Icebreaker

Promoting the Wyoming Legislature Externally

Keynote: The Legislative Branch—It Works!

Karl Kurtz, Trust for Representative Democracy, NCSL

Services Provided by the Legislative Service Office

Legal Services

Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

Budget/Fiscal Services

Don Richards, Budget and Fiscal Manager

School Finance Services

Dave Nelson, School Finance Manager

Program Evaluation

Gerry Hoppmann, Program Evaluation Manager

General Research Services

Matt Sackett, General Research Manager

Computer Services

Jamie Schaub, Information Technology Section Manager

Public Outreach Services

Wendy Madsen, Legislative Information Officer

10:15am

Refreshments available in House Break Room

- Take your portrait in Basement Conference Room
- Official legislative pins available for purchase

Services Available from Interns and Aides

Different types of interns and aides Lavonda Kopsa, Intern Coordinator

- Types of duties appropriate for interns and aides
 - Role of LSO in supervising interns and aides
 - - Honorary Page Program in the House

Helping You Manage Your Legislative Life

A Little Bit of Housekeeping

Dan Pauli, LSO Director

Kathy Barrett, LSO Fiscal Officer

Peggy Nighswonger, Secretary of State's Office Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Lunch 11:45am

(If weather is bad, inside Rotunda, East staircase) Freshman Class photograph—Capitol Steps

Take your official portrait in the Basement

Conference Room

Working with External Entities

Roundtable: Working With the Media

Senator Chris Rothfuss

Representative Kermit Brown Representative Mary Throne

Wendy Madsen, Legislative Information Officer Robert Geha, KGWN News Channel 5 Joan Barron, Casper Star-Tribune

 Management Council Media Policy Amy Richards, Townsquare Media

Roundtable: Working With Lobbyists 2:00pm

Senator Ross

Jody Levin, Capitol Club Officer Representative Lubnau

Greg Schaefer, Capitol Club Officer Mike Moser, Capitol Club Officer

- Types of lobbyists
- The role and services of lobbyists
- Information about the Capitol Club

Break with Governor Mead in Governor's Formal Offlice New members will be welcomed to the Capitol by Governor Mead in the Governor's Formal Office Honorable Governor Matthew Mead

2:30pm Bill Drafting

Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

- Requesting a bill draft
- From request to numbered bill
 - Confidentiality of bill drafts

3:00pm Bill Processing

Debie Child, Bill Processing Supervisor

Procedural issues related to bill drafting

3:15pm Break

Refreshments available in House Break Room

3:30pm Fiscal Notes

Dean Temte, Senior Fiscal Analyst

- Non-administrative fiscal impact
 - Administrative fiscal impact

Roundtable: Strategies to Get Your Bill Pass

4:00pm

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Representative Tom Lubrio

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Tips to get the bill through committee

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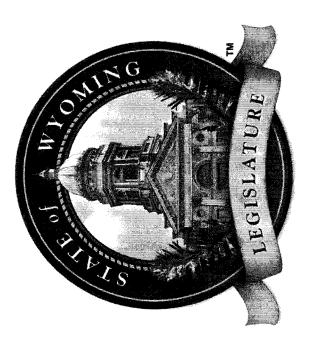
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- What to expect in January
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- Information about swearing-in ceremon

Questions and Adjournment

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Wyoming Legislature NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



Orientation Session Three STRUCTURE of the LAW and BILL DRAFTING PROCEDURES

Saturday, December 15, 2012
House of Representatives Chamber
Wyoming State Capitol
Cheyenne, Wyoming

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012

Overview of Previous Day

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All Legislator Faculty

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Committee Topics for Upcoming Session

Legislation Being Considered by Committees

Joint Judiciary Committee

Lily Sharpe, Staff Attorney

(Note: budget process will be covered in January) Joint Appropriations Committee Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

 Joint Revenue Committee Josh Anderson, Staff Attorney

and Select Water Committee Process Joint Agriculture Committee Josh Anderson, Staff Attorney

 Joint Travel Committee Lynda Cook, Staff Attorney Joint Corporations Committee Lynda Cook, Staff Attorney Joint Transportation Committee lan Shaw, Staff Attorney

 Joint Minerals Committee Matt Obrecht, Staff Attorney

 Joint Labor Committee Jerry Laska, Staff Attorney

(Note: The work of various education committees Joint Education Committee will be covered in January)

9:45am

Break

Refreshments available in House Break Room

Structure of the Law

Introduction and Overview

Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

Federal Constitution and Federal Statutes

Act of Admission

Wyoming Constitution and Wyoming Statutes

Codified and Non-Codified Law

Federal and State Agency Rules

Case Law

Navigating Bills, Session Laws and Statutes

Understanding Legislation, Session Laws, and Statutes

Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

How to read and understand the structure of bills

How to read and understand structure of session laws

How to read and understand the structure of statutes

Legislative Where's Waldo 11:30am

Small group breakouts to find provisions in session

laws and statutes

Lunch 12:00pm

Bill Drafting and Approval

A Partnership Between Legislators and Drafters

Senator Tony Ross

Representative Tom Lubnau Senator Phil Nicholas

Senator Chris Rothfuss

Role of drafters and role of legislators

Tips to communicate your vision to drafters

Importance of review of draft

Statutory Construction Issues

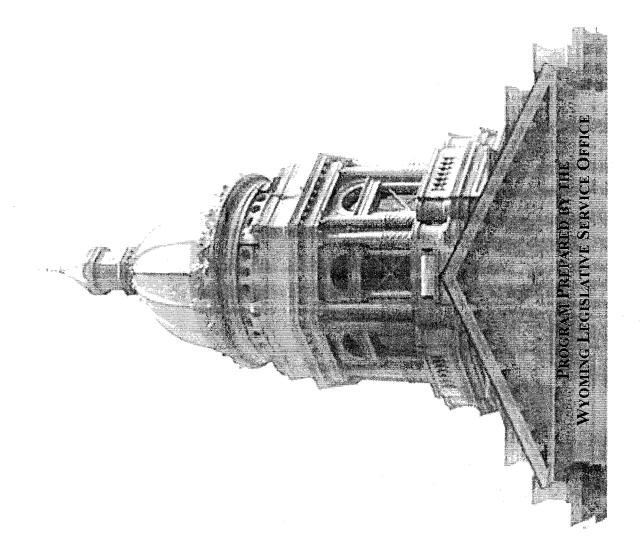
 Constitutional provisions related to bill drafting Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

Wyoming Legislature NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



Orientation Session Four GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION EDUCATION FUNDING REVENUE and BUDGET ISSUES

Thursday, January 3, 2013 House of Representatives Chamber Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming



THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

Legislative Laptop Distribution

Distribution of Legislative Laptops

LSO Information Technology Staff

- How to log on to your laptop
 - Overview of your laptop
- How to log on to Outlook on your laptop

Organization of the Judicial and Executive Branch

Organization of the Judicial Branch

Joann Odendahl, Supreme Court Administrator Justice Barton Voigt, Wyoming Supreme Court

Supreme Court

- District courts
- Circuit courts

Organization of the Executive Branch 9:15am

Dave, Gruver, Legislative Counsel

- Cabinet-level agencies
- Separate operating agencies
 - Boards and commissions
- Quasi-governmental entities
 - Elected officials

Break

Refreshments available in House Break Room

K-12 Education Issues

10:00am

Understanding the Legislator's Role in Education

Dave Nelson, School Finance Manager Tania Hytrek, Staff Attorney Matt Willmarth, School Finance Analyst

- K-12 Overview
- K-12 School Finance
- Capital Construction
- School Foundation Program Account, CapCon Account, Fiscal Profile
- Education Accountability

Lunch 11:45am

Show Me the Money

State Tax Structure

1:00pm

Mark Quiner, LSO Assistant Director for Administration

Matt Sackett, Research Manager

State Budgeting Process 1:30pm

Don Richards, LSO Budget and Fiscal Section Manager

- Legislative authority
 - **Budgeting principles**
- Governor's responsibility
- Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) role
- Budget bill process (mirror bills)
- Budget terms
- What's in and what's not

Historical Revenues and Expenditures

- Revenues vs. appropriations
- Major expenditure categories

 - Standard budget

Break 3:00pm

Refreshments available in House Break Room

State Revenue Overview 3:15pm

- Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG)
 - State revenue overview
- Reading the Goldenrod (fiscal profile)
 - Fund types and investment

2013 Supplemental Budget

- Supplemental request
- Reductions, reorganization, and exceptions

Questions and Adjournment 5:00 p.m.

Reminder to review rules "homework"

Managing Your Time and Workload During Session

Roundtable: Practical Advice on How to Juggle it All

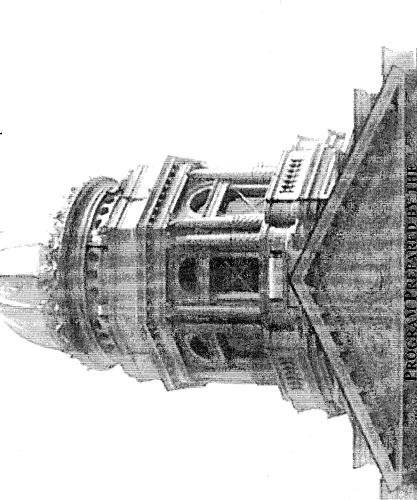
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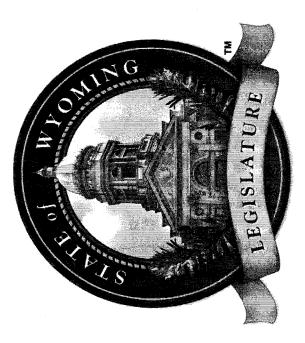
- Time management during session Getting (and staying) organized
- Managing your workload during session
 - Managing life back home
- Staying healthy when it's go-go-go
- Working with constituents during session

Questions and Actournment

Reminder to review mock session scripts and bills



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Wyoming Legislature



THE ART of LEGISLATING Orientation Session Five LEGISLATIVE RULES and PROCEDURES

House of Representatives Chamber Friday, January 4, 2013 Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013

Overview of Previous Day

Questions from Previous Day

Legislator Faculty

Refreshments available in House Break Room

Transitioning from Campaigning to Governing

The Hallmarks of Legislating

Dr. Phillip Boyle, Leading and Governing Associates

Introduction

Legislative Choices (Exercise)

Values of the Public Good (Exercise)

Break 9:45am Refreshments available in House Break Room

Hallmarks of Legislating Continued 10:00am

Policy Problems and Choices (Exercises)

Conclusions

Legislator Roundtable on Governing 11:00am

Senators Ross, Nicholas, Rothfuss

Representatives Lubnau, Brown

Lunch 11:30am

Custom, Decorum, and Tradition

Importance of Custom, Decorum, and

Tradition to the Legislative Institution

Brenda Erickson, Natl Conference of State Legislatures

A View of Legislating With and Without Decorum

Senators Ross and Rothfuss

Representatives Lubnau and Throne

Practical Advice About Custom, Decorum and Tradition Brenda Erickson, NCSL, moderator

1:45pm

Senators Ross and Rothfuss

Representatives Lubnau and Throne

Honoring the institution ... you are the institution Perspectives on the legislative institution

Promoting the work of the legislative branch

Respecting custom and tradition

Decorum in the legislative branch throughout the year

How to disagree without being disagreeable

The importance of negotiation and compromise

Relationships and consensus building

Legislative Procedures and Rules

Organization and Hierarchy of Rules and Procedures

Brenda Erickson, NCSL

Dave Gruver, Legislative Counsel

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Constitutional provisions

Statutory provisions

Legislative rules

Wyoming Manual of Legislative Procedure

Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure

Historic precedent/tradition

Break 3:00pm Refreshments available in House Break Room

In-Depth Review of Rules and Procedures 3:15pm (Senators will meet in House Break Room)

Senator Ross and Representative Lubnau

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk

Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Review of legislative rules and procedure homework

Differences in House and Senate procedures

Emergency Evacuation Procedures During Session Wendy Madsen, Legislative Information Officer

Lt. Klief Guenther, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Division O.

Types of emergencies

Where to go in an emergency Introduction of House and Senate staff responsible for emergency evacuation

Staffing Services Available During the Session

House Staff Services

Representatives Lubnau, Brown, Throne Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

- Unique procedures in House
 - House Clerical Assistants
- House staffing services Supplies available in House
 - Printers in House

Senate Staff Services

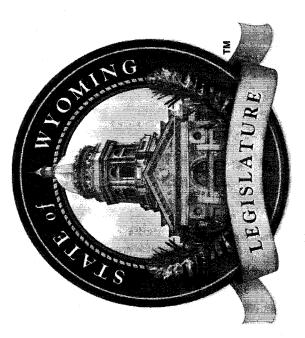
(Senators will go to Senate Chamber)

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk Senators Ross, Nicholas, Rothfuss

- Unique procedures in Senate
 - CoW procedures in Senate

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Wyoming Legislature



Orientation Session Six MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION

House of Representatives Chamber Saturday, January 5, 2013 Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013

Overview of Previous Day

Questions from Previous Day

All Legislator Faculty

Refreshments available in House Break Room

Legislative Process for Bill Enactment or Defeat 8:15am

Senator Ross

Representative Lubnau

Introduction through vetoes and veto override

Order of business

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills

Mock Introduction, First Reading, and Reference

All Legislator Faculty (See Mock Session Script)

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Move to Room 302

Standing Committee Procedures (Room 302)

Tips for Effective Committee Work Representative Pete Illoway

Senator Nicholas

Representative Throne

Protocol and decorum in meetings

Importance of working a bill

Making the public feel welcome

Standing Committee Procedures 9:30am

Representative Pete Illoway

Role of committee

Order of meeting

Mock Committee Meeting

All Legislator Faculty (See Mock Session Script) 4ll New Members (See Mock Session Script) Representative Pete Illoway

Work bills to report out of committee Testimony for and against bills

Break (Go back to House Chambers) 10:30am

Refreshments available in House Break Room

The Process of Amending Legislation (Room 302)

Amendment Processes

LSO Legal Services Staff

Process for drafting amendments

Amendment numbering process

Tracking amendments

Sponsorship of amendments

Constitutional provisions related to amendments

Lunch

Committee of the Whole (House Chambers)

Mock CoW Floor Session

All Legislator Faculty (See Mock Session Script)

All New Members (See Mock Session Script) Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk

Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Legislative faculty walk through CoW script

Use of microphones—generally

Second and Third Reading

Mock Second and Third Reading Floor Session

All Legislator Faculty (See Mock Session Script) All New Members (See Mock Session Script)

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk

Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Floor Procedure Protocols

Floor Procedures and Unusual Motions

Diana Williamson, Senate Chief Clerk Patty Benskin, House Chief Clerk

Unusual floor procedures and motions

Courtesy and protocols on the floor Guests on the floor and behind bar

Notes from Lobby

Break 3:15pm

Refreshments available in House Break Room

Social Media—What You Need to Know

All legislators who use social media (or are considering using social media) are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

Social Media Success

Natalie Wood, National Conference of State Legislatures Jon Kuhl, National Conference of State Legislatures

participation. As you are using these communication tools, learn how to communicate with constituents, and increase transparency and public Legislators are using social media to disseminate information, avoid potential pitfalls. This session will:

- Review basic social media concepts
- Describe how social media is being used
- Raise ethical tension points
- ation and enhance the institution actices that you can adopt - tools that

Computer Training

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are encouraged to attend, as wel

From Your Laptop

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5:00pm

ALL MEMBER TRAINING Wyoming Legislature



ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING INTERN MEET AND GREET COMPUTER TRAINING ETHICS TRAINING MEDIA TRAINING

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TRAINING **NEW LEADER TRAINING**

Monday, January 7, 2013 Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

New Leader Meeting (Room 302)

All majority and minority members of leadership are welcome to attend.

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rship Meeting Senator Tony Ross

Representative Tom Lubnau

- Roles and responsibilities of members of leadership
 - Breakout with House and Senate Chief Clerks

Committee Chairman Meeting (Room 302)

ranking minority party member on each committee is also welcome to attend this Committee chairmen and vice chairmen should plan to attend this meeting. The

session

Committee Chairman Meeting

- Room 302 features
- Fiscal notes with administrative fiscal impact
- Committee handout form
- Videoconferencing services available for hearings
 - Breakout with House and Senate Chief Clerks

New Committee Chairman Training (Room 302)

The ranking minority party member on each committee is also welcome to attend New Committee chairmen and vice chairmen should plan to attend this meeting. this session.

10:00am

New Committee Chairman Training

Representative Tom Lockhart

- Role of committees in the legislative process
- Responsibilities of the committee chairman
 - Strategies for planning and preparation
- Running efficient and productive committee meetings
 - Making the public feel welcome
 - Overview of Rules of Procedure
- Q and A with returning chairmen

Hands-on Media Training (Herschler Room B63)

New legislators are strongly encouraged to attend this session and returning members are encouraged to attend, as well.

Media Training

Jon Kuhl, National Conference of State Legislatures Wendy Madsen, Legislative Information Officer

- Getting your message out
- How to succeed in media interviews
 - Key messaging
- Media protocols

Anti-Discrimination Training (Herschler Room B63)

This training session is mandatory for new and returning members.

Anti-Discrimination Training

Bill Pilger, Attorney General's Office

- Overview of Management Council Policy
 - Sexual harassment definitions
- Reporting procedures

Making Ethical Decisions (Herschler Room B63)

members do not need to attend as it is a repeat of training already provided to you. Returning members are strongly encouraged to attend this session. New

Being Ethical in Today's Legislature

Natalie Wood, National Conference of State Legislatures Mark Quiner, Assistant Director for Administration

- Wyoming's ethics and conflict of interest laws
 - Context for a citizen legislature
- Value-based ethical decision-making
 - Tips for considering difficult issues



Welcome to the Montana Legislature 2012 New Legislator Orientation

(All sessions are in the State Capitol)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 Capitol Building, Helena

Time	Event	Locations - tent.
8:00 a.m.	Hosted breakfast	3rd Floor, Fan Window
10 a.m.	Senate and House caucuses	1st (2) and 3rd (2) floors
1 p.m.	Welcome Legislative Agencies Introduction - Directors Welcome, who is conducting training, role of staff, what to expect: mentor teams Government 101	House chambers
1:30 p.m.	Introduction and Plenary session: Pay and Benefits	House chambers
3:15 p.m.	Break	3rd Floor Snack Bar
3:30 p.m.	Computer IT Services Intro - Support, Security, and IT Allowance	House chambers
4:15 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - Discussion on division roles - Who we are? How can we help you?	Home Rooms - 7 on first floor
5:30 p.m.	Dinner (and photos)	Gateway Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Time	Event	Location
6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Health Screening/Flu Shots	Room 165 (Legislative Audit Division Conference Room)
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	3rd Floor Snack Bar
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Introduction/Morning sessions (2): each session approximately 1 hour; participants attend both with presenters rotating. Questions in mentoring groups. (catch-up photos) Bill Drafting (and Mechanics) (1 hour) Rules, Decorum, Civility (1 hour)	Room 317 - classroom style/ Room 303
10:30 a.m.	Break	3rd Floor Snack Bar
10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - Meet with Mentors in small groups - staff agencies and follow-up on morning sessions (LSD, bill draft requesting, mechanics, and rules, ethics, and decorum)	1st floor Home Rooms
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Rotunda
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Introduction to "Committees" - session, interim, decorum, committee video	House chamber
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - describe role of committees and public participation (1,2,3, types of policies or agencies, help fill out committee preference forms)	1st floor Home Rooms
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break	3rd Floor Snack Bar
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	General Budget Overview Staff Resources	House chambers
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Reception	Montana Historical Society

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

Time	Event	Location
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	3rd Floor Snack Bar
8:00 a.m.	Senate, House Facilities and Staff (Plenary)	House Chamber
8:30 a.m.	Public Access & Media Relations	House Chamber
9:30 a.m.	Short break (with H/S staff and media)	House anteroom
9:45 a.m.	Improve Your Communications → Improve Your Impact Bill Graham Courtesy of CSG- West Westrain Speaker Bureau	House Chamber
11:45 a.m.	Meet in caucuses to discuss bill requests, leadership direction	1st (2) and 3rd (2) floors
12:00 noon	Adjourn	
1 to 3 p.m.	Leadership Orientation	TBD

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First Week Schedule

Please Note: This schedule is subject to change and does not include bill hearings. For a list of scheduled bill hearings, please refer to the Legislative Automated Workflow System (LAWS). A link to LAWS can be found on the legislative branch website at www.leg.mt.gov

Monday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m. - Swearing-In Ceremony for State Elected Officials - Front steps of Capitol

Monday, Jan. 7, noon – 63rd Legislative Session Convenes, Swearing-In Ceremony for Legislators – House & Senate Chambers

Tuesday, Jan 8, 8 a.m. – Law School for Legislators – House Chambers

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. - Chair of the day training for House members - House Chambers

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8 a.m. – Organizational Committee Meetings: House State Administration – Rm 455; House Taxation – Rm 152

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m. – Budget presentation by Legislative Fiscal Division staff to Joint House Appropriations and Senate Finance & Claims Committees – Rm 303

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. - Organizational Committee Meeting: Joint House FRET & Senate Energy - Rm 317 - re: proposed federal changes to how Power Marketing Administrations operate

Wednesday, Jan. 9, upon adjournment of floor sessions – Rules training for all legislators – House Chambers

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m. – Senate Max Baucus will address joint legislative session upon convening of floor sessions in joint session – House Chambers

Thursday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. - Organizational Committee Meetings: House Fish, Wildlife & Parks – Rm 152; House Local Government – Rm 172; Senate Energy – Rm 317

Friday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m. – Organizational Committee Meetings: Appropriation/Finance & Claims Subcommittees: Education – Rm 472; General Government – Rm 350; Health & Human Services – Rm 102; Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement & Justice – Rm 317A; Long-Range Planning – Rm 317B; Natural Resources & Transportation – Rm 317C

Friday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m. – Presentation of proposed legislative districting & apportionment plan presented by Justice Regnier to joint legislative session upon convening of floor sessions in joint session – House Chambers

Friday, Jan. 11, 3 p.m. – Organizational Committee Meetings: Joint House & Senate Education Committee – Common Core Informational Hearing – Rm 303; House Federal Relations, Energy & Transportation – Rm 172; House Human Services – Rm 152; Senate Natural Resources, Rm 317

Saturday, Jan. 12, upon adjournment of floor sessions - Tour of Montana State Prison & Montana Correctional Enterprises – open to all legislators - bus scheduled to leave 15 minutes after adjournment of last floor session - legislators interested in tour should contact Bob Anez, DOC, by email at banez@mt.gov no later than Jan. 11