

Message:

The WAA Board meeting schedule for July 14th was cancelled due to lack of attendance. The next meeting is set for Saturday, September 15th at Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Road, Oshkosh. We hope to see you and/or a representative from every local as we will be holding the election for the 2013 WAA officers! At this time, the office of President is open for nominations, as well as any of the other offices. The current nominees for the other positions are: Vice President-Sherrie Dorn, current VP (Southern WI Landlords Association, Racine); Secretary-Adele Vogel, current Secretary (Waukesha Area Apartment Association); and Treasurer-Casey Swetland, current Treasurer (Kenosha Landlord Association). Please RSVP to the WAA office, kristy@waaonline.org or [920-230-9221](tel:920-230-9221), with your lunch selection no later than Monday, September 10th. Lunch choices are Robbins soup, salad, and baked potato bar, a prime rib sandwich, or a tuna salad croissant. Sandwiches are served with your choice of french fries or fresh fruit. Cost is \$12 and includes coffee, tea, milk, or soda. Even if you are not planning on having lunch, please RSVP to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Help us make this a great meeting with a great turnout . . . mark your calendar today for Saturday, Sept. 15th!!!!

Dear WRHLC and WAA Members,

Senate Elect New President, President Pro Tempore; Seats New Members

On Tuesday, new State Senate Majority Leader Mark Miller, D-Monona, introduced new Sen. John Lehman, D-Racine, while Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, introduced new Sen. Jerry Petrowski, R-Marathon. Both got standing ovations from members on both sides of the aisle. Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley then administered the oath of office to both men, who had already been sworn in during ceremonies in their home districts. Lehman and Petrowski then signed the Senate book listing all of its members. It's the second time for Lehman to sign it. He won the 21st SD in 2006 before losing it in the 2010 elections.

The Senate then elected Fred Risser of Madison and Tim Carpenter of Milwaukee as president and president pro tempore, respectively. Bradley administered the oath of office to both as they assumed the offices and signed the Senate book. Risser thanked Bradley for administering the oath and Senator Mike Ellis of Neenah for his 17 months as president in one of "most interesting times" in Senate history. He also thanked the now minority party for the smooth transition of power.

Miller Calls on Republicans to Help Pass Job Bills; Fitzgerald Predicts GOP Return to Majority
New Majority Leader Mark Miller on Tuesday called on Republicans to join Senate Democrats in passing bills to put people back to work, complaining the Governor's priorities have put Wisconsin at the back of the pack for job creation.

Miller, D-Monona, laid out four proposals: transferring \$10 million to a program to train workers for jobs

that employers currently can't fill, directing WHEDA to dedicate its efforts to communities with the highest unemployment, accelerating public works projects such as water and sewage upgrades, and expand grants to encourage the creation of small business. "These are the kinds of job creation policies that are noncontroversial and will work," Miller said.

Miller also invited members to join him for dinner Tuesday night as a way to reacquaint themselves and move forward.

Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, also addressed the chamber in his new role, ticking off a list of GOP accomplishments while in the majority and predicting Republicans will again have the majority in the Senate after the fall elections. Occasionally interrupted by objections from the gallery, Fitzgerald said Republicans fixed a \$3.6 billion budget deficit without raising taxes or massive layoffs of public workers, property taxes went down for the first time in 12 years and the state's business ranking is improving. "I am confident that the voters will recognize this in November," Fitzgerald said, adding he looks forward to working with the minority but also to "capturing the majority again in November."

Senator Miller Announces Democratic Committee Assignments

Madison – Senate Majority Leader Mark Miller Tuesday announced the standing and joint committee chair and vice chair assignments for Democrats. (NOTE: The names and jurisdictional areas of the committees has also been changed.) They are as follows:

Statutory Committees:

Joint Committee on Finance – Co-Chair: Senator Lena Taylor, Vice-Chair: Senator Dave Hansen, Members: Senator Bob Jauch, Senator John Lehman, Senator Jennifer Shilling, and Senator Chris Larson

Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules – Co-Chair: Senator Chris Larson

Joint Committee on Legislative Council – Co-Chair: Senator Fred Risser

Joint Committee on Audit – Co-Chair: Senator Kathleen Vinehout

Joint Survey on Tax Exemptions – Co-Chair: Senator Jon Erpenbach

Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems – Co-Chair: Senator Dave Hansen

Joint Committee on Criminal Penalties – Senator Spencer Coggs

Joint Committee on Information Technology – Senator Tim Carpenter

Senate Standing Committees:

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Elections and UW System – Chair: Vinehout, Vice-Chair: Erpenbach

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Biotechnology –
Chair: Lassa, Vice-Chair: Carpenter

Senate Committee on Education and Corrections – Chair: Lehman, Vice-Chair: King

Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Tourism – Chair: Holperin, Vice-Chair: Wirch

Senate Committee Health, Revenue, Tax Fairness and Insurance – Chair: Erpenbach, Vice-Chair:
Carpenter

Senate Committee on Job Training, Technical Colleges and Workforce Development – Chair: King, Vice-
Chair: Lassa

Senate Committee on Job Creation, Energy and Utilities and Rural Affairs – Chair: Shilling, Vice-Chair:
Hansen

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations – Chair: Risser, Vice-Chair: Taylor

Senate Committee on Children and Families, Disability Rights and Housing Sustainability –
Chair: Coggs, Vice-Chair: Lehman

Senate Committee on Seniors, Public Health and Human Services – Chair: Carpenter, Vice-Chair:
Erpenbach

Senator Committee on Transportation, Public Infrastructure, Financial Institutions and Retirement
Security –
Chair: Hansen, Vice-Chair: Shilling

Senate Committee on Labor, Consumer Buying Power and Consumer Protection – Chair: Wirch, Vice-
Chair: Holperin

Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Disaster Relief and Emergency Preparedness –
Chair: Jauch, Vice-Chair: Vinehout

Walker Shakes up Staff at Jobs Agency; Zipperer to Resign from Senate

From the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 18, 2012

Gov. Scott Walker is shaking up the leadership of the state's flagship jobs agency, putting someone from his inner circle into the No. 2 job in the aftermath of a mishandled bidding process that gave the appearance of favoritism to one of the bidding companies. Ryan Murray, the governor's deputy chief of

staff, will move into the role of chief operating officer at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Murray said he could help achieve Walker's vision for economic development, noting that he had been the one to first bring the idea of creating the agency to the governor after an outside group suggested it during the 2010 campaign.

The quasi-public WEDC was formed by the governor and lawmakers in July 2011 to replace the state Department of Commerce. After its first year, the agency has received mixed reviews. Under the most reliable measure, Wisconsin created 19,551 jobs overall in 2011, lagging behind the nation and the 33,660 jobs that were created in 2010.

WEDC chief executive officer Paul Jadin will remain in his post. Mike Klonsinski, the current chief operating officer, will move into the role of chief financial officer. Eric Schroeder, the current chief financial officer, will leave.

State Sen. Rich Zipperer (R-City of Pewaukee) will give up his legislative seat to replace Murray in the governor's office. That will lead to a special election to fill his post. Murray, who is just 30 but who has held important roles for the governor for the last two years, said the Walker administration will be shuffling a few other positions in the next few weeks - a common move after an election. "One thing the recall has given the governor is a unique opportunity . . . to do a new transition in the middle of his term," Murray said.

Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca (D-Kenosha), who sits on WEDC's board, said Murray was a political aide who lacked the business experience to help run the agency charged with boosting the state's still struggling economy. He asked whether Walker had considered other applicants. "I like Ryan Murray, but he doesn't have the economic development experience needed for this job. It's a bad fit," said Barca, who previously served as the Midwest regional administrator for the federal Small Business Administration.

Bidding suspended

One problem at the WEDC that drew headlines in recent weeks involved the information technology company Skyward of Stevens Point, which was bidding on a state contract to create a student-information system for Wisconsin. The competitive bidding process had to be suspended and restarted by the Walker administration after it was discovered that the WEDC had offered Skyward tax credits if it won the contract. Skyward sells management software that's used by more than half of Wisconsin's 424 school districts, and it had been vocal about leaving the state if it didn't receive the award.

Jadin had previously said that his agency's attorney had signed off on the legality of the "soft offer." But Murray made clear that the Walker administration would not be repeating the maneuver because it had the appearance of violating the competitive bid. He said the WEDC and previously the Department of Commerce under Walker and past governors had not been sharing information with the governor's office. That could have highlighted the potential problem with the offer; Murray said that would change. A review of other past offers has not turned up any other problems so far, he said.

Murray said he would help to ensure better lines of communication between the WEDC, other agencies and the governor's office. "They've made a lot of great strides. I think they have areas for improvement, definitely communications with other state agencies. I think you saw that with Skyward. There was definitely a ball that got dropped there," he said of the WEDC. Murray said the agency would be executing a marketing plan for the state's businesses as well as seeking to implement the recommendations of a recent state audit that found the state's many other economic development programs in separate agencies still do not coordinate well with each other and with the WEDC.

Murray previously served as Walker's policy and legislative director, his deputy transition director and his 2010 campaign policy director. Before that he worked for Republican senators and had some assignments for them related to economic development. Murray is making \$103,000 a year in his current role and will make \$105,000 a year in the WEDC, Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie said.

Klonsinski makes \$109,500 a year as the chief operating officer of the WEDC and will retain that same salary in his new role as chief financial officer. Schroeder made \$97,500 as CFO.

Farrow to run for spot

Walker named Zipperer on Wednesday as his new deputy chief of staff and senior legal counsel. That move will not change the partisan composition of the Senate since Zipperer represents an overwhelmingly Republican district. He starts his job in Walker's office on Aug. 6, and his position will have to be filled by a special election. Walker has not said when it will be held, but the earliest the general election could be is Dec. 4, with a primary on Nov. 6. Zipperer will make \$107,000 a year in the position, more than double the \$49,943 he makes as a senator, but in line with past deputy chiefs of staff to governors. Immediately after the announcement, Rep. Paul Farrow (R-Village of Pewaukee), the son of former Lt. Gov. Margaret Farrow, said that he would run for Zipperer's seat, presenting himself as a strong conservative candidate.

Walker also announced his new communications director would be Jocelyn Webster, who has served as chief spokeswoman for the governor's Department of Administration. Webster made \$94,500 at the Department of Administration and will make \$95,000 in her new role. Webster replaces Chris Schrimpf, who left as communications director after last month's recall.

In addition to his duties as deputy chief of staff, Zipperer will perform some legal duties, which will run through Walker's chief legal counsel, Brian Hagedorn. Zipperer's departure from the Legislature comes just two days after Democrats took control of the Senate because of recall elections. Democrats will have a 17-15 majority in the Senate instead of a 17-16 majority, though the Legislature is expected to do little between now and the Nov. 6 election, when control of both houses will be up for grabs.

Upcoming Fundraisers

As the fall election cycle picks up steam, there will be many fundraisers for legislators being held around the state. Here are the ones I am aware of for the next two weeks.

Upcoming Democratic Party Candidate Events

Fundraiser for Rep. Fred Clark

7/22/2012, 3 p.m.

Roxbury Tavern, 8901 County Road Y, Sauk City.

Suggested Contribution: \$25.00 Remit Payment : Clark for Wisconsin, P.O. Box 383, Baraboo, WI 53913

Contributions also accepted at www.clarkforwisconsin.org **No PAC Contributions

Come to the "Real Brat Summit" For Senator Dave Hansen

July 23rd 2012, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pamperin Park, 2477 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI New entrance, 1 block south of Hwy 29 (Shawano Ave) on Packerland

Pac contributions accepted; \$50.00 is suggested or whatever you can afford

Please make checks payable to - Friends of Dave Hansen, 3489 Blackwolf Run, Green Bay, WI 54311

Fundraiser for Rep. Jason Fields

7/23/2012, 5:30 p.m.

Ryan Braun's Grafitto, 102 Water St., Milwaukee.

\$100 suggested contribution; Sponsorships Available

Make checks payable to: "Jason Fields for Assembly," 5686 North 60th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53218

Contribute via credit card here: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/entity/15993>

Fundraiser for Rep. Sondy Pope-Roberts

7/24/2012, 5 p.m.

The Draft House, 1010 Enterprise Drive, Verona.

Hors d'oeuvres provided.

Suggested Contributions: \$250, \$150, \$50

Checks payable to: Friends of Sondy Pope-Roberts, P O Box 930461, Verona, WI 53593 *All

Contributions Welcomed

Brats & burgers fundraiser for Jim Grigg

7/28/2012, 5 p.m.

Home of Carol and Mike Lemke, 238 South St., Juneau.

Friends for Jim Grigg, P.O. Box 25, Horicon, Wisconsin 53032

Web site: www.jimgriggforassembly.com *All Contributions Welcome

Friends of Andy Jorgensen/Wings with Andy

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

The Argus Bar and Grill (downstairs), 123 E. Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

Host and Sponsor Levels: Host-\$500; Sponsor-\$250

RSVP: AndyJorgensen43@gmail.com or [\(815\)-474-3973](tel:(815)474-3973)

Checks Payable: Friends of Andy Jorgensen, 1424 Endl Boulevard, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Contribute Online: secure.actblue.com/entity/fundraisers/16006 or andyjorgensen.com

No PAC Contributions *All Contributions Welcome

Join State Senator Julie Lassa & Special Guest Congressman Ron Kind for day of golf at the beautiful SentryWorld Golf Course, 601 N. Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point

Monday, July 30, 2012

Pre-Golf Reception at 10 a.m. on the SentryWorld Golf Course Patio. Tee times begin at 11 a.m.

Event is limited so RSVP - ASAP. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 25 to:

Friends of Julie Lassa: julielassa70@gmail.com; [\(715\) 321-2831](tel:7153212831); PO Box 483, Plover, WI 54467.

Save the Date : ADCC Annual Golf Event

Where: THE WILDERNESS TERRITORY

When : Monday, August 27th; More Details Soon

Upcoming Republican Party Candidate Events:

Fundraiser for Rep. Dale Kooyenga & 13th AD candidate Rob Hutton

7/24/2012, 4:30 p.m.

Mayfair Woods Business & Tech Center, 10700 Research Drive, Suite 100, Wauwatosa.

Checks can be sent to: Citizens for Kooyenga, 15365 St. Therese Blvd, Brookfield, WI 53005 and/or

Citizens for Rob Hutton, 17785 Marseille Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045

Sen. Alberta Darling garden to garden tour

7/25/2012, 3:30 p.m.; 3:30-6:00 pm Garden Tour ; 6:00-7:30 Reception at the Kubly's. More information coming.

Host Levels: \$500/\$250/\$100; PAC currently accepted

Checks are made payable to: Friends of Alberta Darling, 1478 Noridge Trail, Port Washington, WI 53074

Fundraiser for Rep. Marklein with Special Guest U.S. Congressman Paul Ryan

7/27/2012, 7 a.m.; Breakfast at 7:00 AM; Program at 8:00 AM

At The Ludlow Mansion, 1421 Mansion Dr., Monroe, WI

Suggestion Contribution \$100 per person All Individual Donation Gratefully Accepted

Please Make Checks Payable To: Taxpayers for Marklein, S11665 Soeldner Rd., Spring Green, WI 53588

RSVP by July 20th Appreciated.

Fundraiser for Rep. Travis Tranel with Special Guest Congressman Paul Ryan

7/27/2012, 11 a.m.

Home of Mike & Jen North, 2137 Pine Grove Road, Platteville.

To Attend - \$100; Hosts -\$500. Please send checks to: Tranel For Assembly, P.O. Box 111, Platteville, WI 53818

Contact: [608.348.9824](tel:6083489824)

Fundraiser for Rep. Bill Kramer with Special Guest Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner
7/27/2012, 6 p.m.

Home of Catherine Huelsman, 151 W. College Ave., Waukesha.

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$75; All PAC and individual contributions gratefully accepted

Please send checks to: Citizens for Kramer, P.O. Box 2097, Waukesha, WI 53187-2097

Please RSVP to Bill at [\(262\) 546 4603](tel:2625464603)

As always, feel free to email me with questions or suggestions. Here is the information on how you can contact me:

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