

Committee Chair Request Form

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Name: Rep. Joan Ballweg

Committee you wish to chair:

As Assembly Republicans work to develop their upcoming agenda, chairs will be asked to work with members of our caucus to develop and help bring forward strong policy ideas.

The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Joint Committee on the Review of Administrative Rules / Joint Legislative Council

Second Choice: _____

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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Colleges and Universities: I've served on this committee since coming to the legislature. I've worked on improvements and modernization of financial aid. I'm familiar with the majority of UW System campuses, Wisconsin Technical Colleges and independent not for profit colleges, Ripon College being in my district. I believe we need to continue moving towards an outcome based funding model for UW. , Improvement in college attainment and affordability should be the result.

NO

Tourism: I served on the committee last session. This policy area is very important to the 41st Assembly District. It's our second largest industry, after agriculture. Wisconsin Dells, a WI tourism hotspot is in my district, is an economic driver for its region and the state. Green Lake is another natural tourism and vacation area for over the last 150 years. My constituents have appreciated my greater involvement in tourism policy.

6. Agriculture- Both sides of my family come from large farming families. While I do not have farming experience personally, it is vital to my district and Wisconsin as a whole. The Farm Bureau endorsed me as the candidate in the Primary. I am currently a member of the Waukesha Branch. In district we have large farm operations as well as smaller family farms, I tried to meet with both groups during the primary and since to understand the unique challenges each face.

What issues and possible solutions face these committees?

1. Criminal Justice- there are certain portions of the criminal justice code that should be clarified and amended. One such revision is the filing of criminal complaints when a Defendant is released on bond. Language such as "forthwith" needs to be removed. A serious discussion about whether a timetable needs to be set will have to happen. Other issues relating to Domestic Violence and gang activities in jail settings need to be addressed. This should be relatively straightforward discussion and action.
2. Judiciary- like criminal justice, tweaks to victims rights could be accomplished. This includes restitution particularly in the juvenile setting. The juvenile court system as a whole should be reviewed to inspect efficiency. While its an alternative to adult punishment, it must not coddle delinquents. Tort reform and limited liability for land owners may also be issues this committee can take up. Both proposals are things that I support.
3. Campaigns and Elections- First and Foremost the GAB and the overseeing entity needs to be revised. Creating an alternative structure to the bureaucracy as it stands is one option. We could also go back to leaving this to local enforcement. After all, the DA's in each county are the ones responsible for prosecuting these cases. We've created this weird relationship where the DA has to call the GAB for an opinion when in reality, the DA is the one responsible for carrying out the enforcement of the statutes.
4. Education- school choice, vouchers, standards alternative to common core, and vocational training are going to be big issues for this committee. Again, having graduated earlier this year from law school, it wasn't that long ago I was part of the secondary education system in this state. I bring a unique perspective and will look for the best alternatives and opportunities for the children of this state. More responsibilities need to be given to the localities and parents to make the best decisions for their children.
5. Small Business Development- incentives, tax reform, and regulation of state agencies will be main issues and concerns for this committee. Giving people the tools they need and the incentives to be their own boss and take the risk is the type of environment we need to foster in the state. Allowing relaxed regulation for smaller business is key. Additionally, making sure that state agencies are not hindering the abilities of communities to grow and flourish. I've heard numerous stories of state regulating agencies shutting down projects for not complying with code that make no practical sense. Attacking those unneeded regulations and administrative codes will be vital. That may require working with the Joint committee on Reviewing Administrative Rules.
6. Agriculture- DNR regulations, husbandry laws, and possibly immigrant worker visas will be on the docket for the committee. Again, small farmers have different concerns from those of large operations and its important to maintain and preserve our farming heritage while finding common sense solutions to efficiency. This is much like the small business development committee in that every farm is a small business. We need to foster that.

If you need anything else please let me know.

Thanks,

Cody Horlacher
33rd Assembly District
(262) 470-7750

Committee Request Form

Name: Adam Jarchow

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

1. Energy & utilities, 4. ^{yes}
2. Financial Institutions, 5. ^{yes}
3. Tourism - yes 6.

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

I have represented numerous entities & banks in the utility & banking sectors, which has helped me to have an understanding of their businesses & their impact on the western Wisconsin economy. In addition, I have specifically dealt with broadband & right of way access issues. As a member of the local EDX, we have focused on all three areas as the route to the local economy.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. Broadband access & an affordable, reliable power grid - Energy & utilities
2. Lifting regulatory burdens & encouraging small business lending - Financial Institutions.

3. The western Wisconsin economy depends on tourism, continue to promote our state & region and priorities

What are your solutions for those concerns?

I will bring a background that will assist in not just addressing the broad concerns listed above, but also finding creative solutions to the many concerns that will come before the committees.

Committee Request Form

Name: Terry Katsma 26th AD 11/28/14

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Financial Institutions <i>-yes</i> | 4. Housing and Real estate <i>-yes?</i> |
| 2. Joint committee of Review of Admin Rules | 5. Ways and Means <i>-yes</i> |
| 3. Joint Audit Committee <i>-NO</i> | 6. Jobs and the Economy <i>-NO</i> |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

1. 33 years at Oostburg State Bank, over 2 years as President & CEO and over a decade as Senior Vice President
2. I have served in a regulated industry my entire professional career.
3. My MBA from Marquette has prepared me for the rigorous review of state funded programs.
4. In my banking career, I witnessed a lot of real estate lending, real estate development and real estate sales.
5. I have been a self-employed tax preparer for 33 years. I served 6 years as a Village of Oostburg Trustee. I have been a citizen member of Sheboygan City/County Shared Services committee since 2006, tasked with striving for shared services between city and county government.
6. I have worked with small business men and women over my banking career and have witnessed their passion.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. Financial institutions fuel the engine of economic development.
2. My goal in the legislature would be eliminating some of the unnecessary rules/regulations rather than put more rules on the books.
3. Look for ways for state government to do more with less.
4. Real estate is a key component of the state's economy. How can the state stimulate economic development in the real estate industry?
5. Partnerships between state and local governments are long standing.
6. Local and state communities need these entrepreneurs and must encourage and reward the risks they take.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. The burdens of unnecessary and antiquated regulation should be reviewed.
2. Continued diligent and systematic review of the rules and regulations.
3. Challenge divisions and departments to operate more efficiently.
4. Now that the housing and real estate industry have modestly recovered from the recession, it is important for the industry not to over expand.
5. Review the mandates from the state to local governments, both funded and unfunded.
6. Although we can't change the cold weather climate of Wisconsin, we must continue to make the business climate friendlier to risk takers.

Committee Request Form

Name: Joel Kitchens

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Education - yes | 4. Environment & Forestry - yes |
| 2. Agriculture - yes | 5. Workforce Development - yes |
| 3. Tourism - yes | 6. Small business development - NO |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

I have been on the Sturgeon Bay School Board for 15 years, the past 13 as President. I was elected to the Board at a time when we were in financial crisis and were losing huge numbers of students through open enrollment. I was elected Vice President after one year and President after the second. We were able to completely turn our situation around within a few years. As I leave, we have taxed below our authority for the past three years and we have a very large net gain through open enrollment. I believe there are few in the Assembly that have my experience in dealing with school finance and the issues our schools face.

As a large animal veterinarian, I have worked for over 30 years with farmers. I also hold a degree in Dairy Science so I believe that I understand our agriculture industry very well. I started my own practice and have operated it for 30 years so I know the challenges that our small businessmen face. My residence, Door County, is the most important tourist destination in the state as well as being the most environmentally sensitive area. These are huge issues in my district.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

Education will continue to be a hot topic. School funding, accountability, vouchers and Common Core will undoubtedly be major issues. Our agriculture industry is doing very well right now but as the size of our farms has grown, we face many new challenges and areas of conflict with the non-farm community. This will also relate heavily to the groundwater and environmental issues that we face. Tourism promotion will also be an issue that needs to be addressed.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

I know that it will be easier to put people who are more dogmatic regarding educational issues on the Education Committee, but I think that as a conservative with a great deal of educational experience, I can be an important voice on the Committee. I am in favor of vouchers but I want to be careful in how we expand the program so that it is:

(1) Affordable

(2) Accountable so that we are not wasting tax money on poor schools and so that we can measure the success of the program

(3) Sensitive to what makes private schools a good alternative for many parents. If we simply make private schools the same as public schools, we are actually offering parents less choice in their educational options.

Similarly, I certainly favor measuring the effectiveness of schools and holding them accountable. I believe the current report cards, however, are seriously flawed. They are not adequately weighted to account for differences in the demographics of an area so wealthy school districts with few minorities consistently have higher report cards. I think that it is very easy to view accountability and other educational issues in a simplistic light and I believe that I can provide valuable insight as a member of the Education Committee.

I am fully committed to maintaining Wisconsin's place as a leader in agriculture. We need to support our farmers but we also need to be cognizant of the legitimate concerns of the non-farm community. Property taxes, road usage and especially environmental concerns need to be addressed. In my district in particular, agriculture, the environment and tourism are all inextricably intertwined.

Committee Request Form

Name: Jesse Kremer

Crim Justice
Health
Pub Benefits
Veterans

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Education | - NO | 4. Agriculture | - NO |
| 2. Criminal Justice/Public Safety | - YES | 5. Public Benefit Reform | - YES |
| 3. Health | - YES | 6. Veterans/Military Affairs | Y |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

1. I have been a teacher, though unconventional, as a flight instructor, have parents that have been teachers (and a principal), and numerous family members who are teachers. I have done a considerable amount of research during the campaign with the Germantown School District and other educational scholars in the state and have had brief discussions with Sen. Farrow, Rep. Thiesfeldt, and Rep. Jacque on the subject. I feel that our state is in serious need of reform and some improvements to make us a leader in the nation. I even published my own wish list "Blueprint for Education Reform" at jesseforwisconsin.com/wieducation.

2. I have two brother-in-laws who are police officers, am myself a former Emergency Services Dispatcher, Police Academy Graduate, and current Firefighter/EMT. Public safety is something that is near and dear to me as seen by the various volunteer and full time jobs that I have held in the past. I have many friends who are in the Public Safety arena who will be helpful contacts if I am allowed to serve on this committee. I also had the backing and assistance of an acquaintance I met while flying charters, Tim Schmidt of Delta Defense and the US Concealed Carry Association...a growing force in West Bend. In addition, I have been working with the "Students for Concealed Carry" to allow for CCL in public universities and dorms.

3. Three of the main issues in my final flyer (of which there were only two) in the campaign revolved around doing whatever I can to alleviate the burdens placed on Wisconsin families through Obamacare, pushing for a law mirroring the federal "Partial Birth Abortion Ban", and attempting to remove abortion coverage from state health insurance benefits. The snuffing out of innocent lives is my top priority as a Christian father and will be my top concern as a legislator.

4. I come from a family of farmers on my mother's side and, although I am not a farmer, I have worked on farms and also have many friends who are also farmers in SE Wisconsin. I am in a very rural district and some of the first people that I reached out to were the Farm Bureau chapters. I was told that following our interviews for the endorsement, that they felt I was far and away the most prepared and had researched and really studied the issues affecting farm families today. Regardless of what the

public perceives, this is a growing industry and one that must continue to thrive in my district and the rest of the state.

5. Although I drive my wife nuts because of it, I am an extremely thrifty and budget conscious individual. I have had ups and downs in my current profession and went from a \$65,000 salary as an airline captain to the unemployment line, to a \$40,000/year flying job, to a police dispatcher making \$30,000. We drive the most cost-effective, never-new vehicles, cut cable for Netflix, scrapped landline for Ooma several years ago, and owned flip phones with no texting until I began campaigning. It sickens me to see all of the fraud and abuses that go on in this state. From some of the tenants in our rental homes that make more than I do and can't afford rent to the people using Quest cards at Potawatomi or using these benefits to purchase steaks for their dogs because dog food is not covered. I would love for nothing more than to locate every crack and crevice where there are abuses in our state run programs. They are there as a crutch and a lifeline, not a lifestyle.

6. I am a veteran of our Wisconsin Army National Guard and want to ensure that our state facilities and homes do not fall by the wayside and we continue to look for new and innovative ways to assist and support our veteran population.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. Please refer to www.jesseforwisconsin.com/wieducation.

2. Heroin is a massive issue in my district. After meeting with a couple of local Sheriffs, I came to the realization that there is no mandatory sentencing for heroin dealers and many are out on the streets in relatively short order. After speaking with Rep. Nygren, I understand that he has been working on the addict/recovery end of the issue. I want to work at getting rid of the drug problem up front. I have been in contact with Sheriff Clarke and AG-Elect Schimel's office regarding this issue already. I would also like to take a serious look at drug testing in high schools. Another concern that has been aired by a local Sheriff and a County Board member in the area who is also an EMT are rural radio communication issues and upgraded PSAPs/combining services on the county level. I feel these need to be addressed in the near future so there is a long-term plan in place for these services. I would also like to see concealed carry allowed in all public buildings to include schools and dorms. We would be a leader in the nation when it comes to public safety in our schools. Right now they are targets for the mentally ill and deranged and no police officer can stop that unless he is sitting in the doorway.

3. I don't know what all can be done right now, but I want to assist in looking for ways to alleviate the Obamacare burdens on Wisconsin families, study drug testing in high schools (to go hand-in-hand with the Public Safety), do everything possible to chip away at the death rate of pre-born in our state, and look into other ethical life issues.

4. There are many concerns of farm families right now, but I think the rural milk issue is looming and should finally come to a head. There are also major concerns about the time involved in DNR approval of high capacity wells and wind farm distances from structures.

5. I want to make serious reforms regarding Quest/food stamps with the cooperation of the federal government and search out ANY fraud and abuse in our public assistance programs.

6. Ensure that we maintain the highest level of services to our veterans and support to our facilities.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. School choice for all...let the market decide. Look into starting from scratch with the Equalization Aid formula. Stop any Smarter Balanced testing and roll back Common Core - let's look at Germantown as the test case. Get back to the basics of real history and the founding of our country and what it stands for. Require "Financial Preparedness" courses for high school graduates. And MUCH more.

2. Remove the 911 surcharge from phone bills that do not go to the actual PSAP facility, give local communities incentives to combine services so that the cost to upgrade PSAPs is not astronomical, mandatory heroin dealer prison time, research drug testing in high schools, allow additional meds to be carried on ambulances pre-hospital, concealed carry in public schools, universities, and dorms. I have talked with AG-Elect Brad Schimel on the CCL issue several months ago at length and he supported my ideas.

3. Ban abortions on state employee health insurance plans, partial birth abortion ban to mirror the federal ban, ethical end of life issues must be addressed, and research everything related to Obamacare loopholes and ways that we can help our Wisconsin families navigate this abomination.

4. Allow for raw milk to be sold, put a "No Litigation" clause in the bill, and only allow for grade A approved farms to sell this product, work with the DNR to reduce approval processes, work hand-in-hand with the Transportation Committee regarding farm/road issues, and with the Energy Committee regarding wind mill regulations.

5. I have proposed a couple of ideas during my primary race - one of which was quite radical and would no doubt be blown off by the federal government. I would love to see government oversight of privately run food pantries that would be the only authorized places to use the Quest cards. I feel that the state should be allowed to reap the benefits of the fraud savings from the feds. In an attempt not to irritate the grocers, they could even be the ones allowed to set up these pantries on their own property. No junk food, no liquor, no cigarettes, etc. Yes, it may be humbling to go into the pantry to purchase "needed items", but as I mentioned earlier, most people understand that this is meant to be a crutch and not a lifestyle. I would also love to see photo ID's on all Quest cards and will continue to work this angle.

6. I will continue to work with our military leaders, the Wisconsin VA, VFWs, American Legions, and others to ensure that we provide the best services in the nation to our veteran heroes.



Jesse Kremer's Blueprint for Education Reform in Wisconsin

1. Do not implement the Smarter Balanced (Common Core Standards Initiative) assessment testing in 2015.
2. Wisconsin must reject federal coercion and the federal government's overreach of outcome based federalized education standards - the Common Core Standards Initiative. The Wisconsin State Constitution assumes state autonomy in education. This means that the state is required to research academic standards and create a baseline of standards that are designed for Wisconsin students, yet are competitive with other states. Wisconsin must preserve this autonomy and allow school districts, citizens, and parents to provide input and maintain local control of standards and curricula. (Case Study: The Germantown School District rejected Common Core and is in the process of adopting their own set of local standards in concert with true educational experts...experts who refused to validate current Common Core standards and have the education of Wisconsin students at heart.)
3. Because it is nearly impossible to provide "Career" and "College Ready" children from the same one-size-fits-all template, the Wisconsin DPI and local school districts should be encouraged to collaborate and draw from the expertise of four year college professors, technical college professors, and other educational experts to create two sets of appropriate academic standards for state high schools: Career Track standards and STEM/College Prep standards.
4. Legislators must work with parents to protect children from the sexually explicit materials included in the National Sex Education Standards and the Common Core recommended literature. Current National Sex Education Standards are being supported by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Parental rights to make educational decisions for their children must be protected. Wisconsin State Statutes governing local control of schools grants parents and citizens the right to reject academic standards at the local level. Parents may stop these standards at the local level and legislators may refuse to provide state funding for the implementation of those standards. Current state statutes require that the health curriculum be abstinence centered and that all parents must be able to reject the proposed curriculum, view all materials used to teach human growth classes, and to see all surveys used dealing with student values and belief systems. Parents have the right to opt their children out of specific curriculum, testing, and surveys that they find objectionable. Elected officials are responsible for keeping the voting public informed of their rights and to support the public when exercising those rights.
5. As a requirement for high school graduation, require students to read and be tested on important US historical documents including the Federalist Papers, a reference to understand the US Constitution and our Constitutional Republic form of government.
6. As a requirement for high school graduation, require a comprehensive study and testing on the different types of governments and world-wide religions. Compare and contrast these forms of government, the role religion played in them, how these governments affected the general population and the eventual outcome of the government with respect to these countries and their citizens.
7. As a requirement for high school graduation, require a comprehensive Financial Preparedness and Financial Literacy Course.
8. Propose laws to allow for legislative oversight of our state's education system and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). In its current form, the DPI is headed by a single elected official who has dictatorial powers over our children. Our elected legislators must have the ability to hold the DPI accountable for their actions, especially when they overstep the bounds of the law. We must look into the possibility of part time, per diem/stipend paid DPI positions rather than full time political bureaucrat positions.

9. Do not allow federal "Regional Equity Taxation", also known as federal wealth redistribution to infiltrate our state.

10. Ensure that Wisconsin parents have the right to educate their children in any educational setting so that our children can thrive and become a productive, well educated citizens of society.

11. Propose legislation to prevent monitoring and data mining of children to include defunding the millions in taxpayer dollars that have been allocated by Wisconsin for this very purpose. Data mining includes allowing school personnel to query and document children regarding personal, family, or medical questions, voting habits, guns in the household, religious views, sensors that monitor facial expressions, posture sensors, blood pressure sensors, etc.

12. Propose legislation for technical college boards to become elected officials so that they become accountable to local taxpayers.

A Few Partners, Editors, and Endorsements



"As a Germantown parent and school board member of the only district in the state to reject Common Core Standards, I personally, wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Jesse Kremer for the 59th Assembly District seat being vacated by outgoing Rep. Dan LeMahieu. I have had conversations with Jesse and met with him to discuss our Germantown reforms. Jesse is the only candidate who had no political ambitions three months ago. This shows me that he is not a bought and paid for candidate like so many in government today. I believe that he is the real deal and has the energy, passion, and eagerness to stop Common Core in its tracks, champion true reform measures, and strive to make Wisconsin children the best educated children in the country. I appreciate Jesse's service to our country in the US Army and believe he has the integrity, drive, and knowledge to do what is in the best interest of his constituents at all times. He is the right candidate at the right time."

Endorsement by Brian Medved, May 2014

I had numerous discussions and corresponded regularly with Dr. Duke Pesta, the Academic Director of FreedomProject Education (www.fpeusa.org) regarding my ideas and eventual plan. He provided many helpful edits and suggestions along the way. Dr. Pesta is also a full time professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. He has a wealth of knowledge and provides free presentations throughout Wisconsin and the United States on the negative impact of Common Core.



Dr. Pesta is a state employee, so he could not provide a formal endorsement.



Ms. Karen Schroeder's expertise as a former teacher and President of the Advocates for Academic Freedom (www.advocatesforacademicfreedom.org) proved invaluable when drawing up the blueprint for reform. Ms. Schroeder is in touch with sitting legislators in Madison and education based legislation that is being proposed in the state capital. She is constantly striving to educate parents and bring control of our children's education back to the parents and teachers. We had numerous phone discussions and email correspondences regarding my plan.

Because I did work closely with Advocates for Academic Freedom, Ms. Schroeder is encouraging anyone with questions about our discussions or future conversations to contact her directly at Advocates for Academic Freedom, 715-234-5072 or kpfschroeder@centurylink.net.

Because Advocates for Academic Freedom is an 501c3, Ms. Schroeder was unable to provide a formal endorsement.

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November 30, 2014

Jenny Toftness

RE: Freshman committee request

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Dear Jenny,

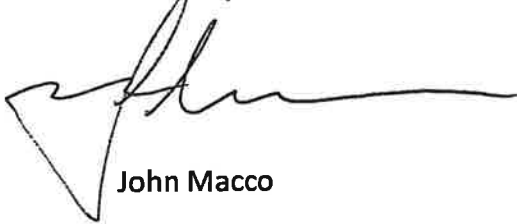
Per the Speaker's request, below please find my six committee selections in descending order.

- 1) Energy and Utilities - NO (WPS recommended)
- 2) Joint Audit - yes (Sen Cowles recommended)
- 3) Agriculture - NO (DBA, Milk Source recommended)
- 4) Jobs and the Economy - yes (my experience)
- 5) Ways and Means - yes (my experience)
- 6) Transportation - yes (Schneider recommended)

I view my skill sets and profession more as tools to business creation and strong economic development rather than a particular area of interest, expertise or focus. As such I would prefer to not be on insurance or banking.

I see using my background in business development and executive management along with my strong connections in the fields listed as an exciting opportunity to bring lower costs and higher opportunities as a way to support the Forward Wisconsin initiative.

Sincerely,



John Macco



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Committee Request Form

Name:

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- 1. Criminal Justice ^{yes NO}
- 2. Mining & Rural Development ^{yes}
- 3. Ways & Means
- 4. Mental Health Reform ^{yes}
- 5. Urban & Local Affairs
- 6. Agriculture ^{yes}

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

These committees deal with issues that I have knowledge in as Mayor of Dodge & 25 years as a local councilman at the time

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

Globalization & Local Crime
Tax Policy
AG Reform

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Committee Request Form

Name: Romaine Quinn

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natural resources
Urban & Local

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Education - yes | 4. Urban and Local Affairs - yes |
| 2. Public Benefit Reform - NO | |
| | 5. Mining and Rural Development - yes |
| 3. Natural Resources - yes | |
| And sporting heritage | 6. Aging and Long term care - yes |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address my interests to you in terms of what committees I desire to be placed on.

The first committee I listed is the **Education Committee**. As the youngest member in our caucus, I believe I bring an entirely new perspective to the table when we talk about education. Being a recent product of the system, I know how the system today actually works (and what doesn't work). I am also a product of a k-8 private education, and a public high school and college education. My personal experiences in these institutions will give me important insight to the issues we discuss concerning education.

The second committee I listed is the **Public Benefit Reform Committee**. Coming from a split family and being raised by a single mother, I know how important public assistance can be, and I also know firsthand how easily it can be abused. Again, my personal experience having had my own immediate family having to either use or deal with our public assistance programs (and watching friends abuse it) gives me a unique opportunity to dig into the issues surrounding our public benefits system.

The third committee I listed is the **Natural Resource and Sporting Heritage Committee**. The natural resources and sporting heritage of my district is not only a cultural issue, but an economic one as well. Many of us "northerners" live and die by the various animal seasons, and I would like to see this heritage protected and enhanced.

The fourth committee I listed is the **Urban and Local Affairs Committee**. My past experiences of being on City Council and being Mayor of my hometown uniquely qualifies me to have a seat at the table when discussing issues concerning how much authority local governments should have.

The fifth committee I listed is the **Mining and Rural Development Committee**. As a legislator from a rural district and one with an enormous amount of mining activity taking place, I would like a seat at the table when discussing pertinent mining regulation, and public policy that promotes economic growth in rural Wisconsin. Again, have close relationships with businesses in rural Wisconsin during my time as Mayor helps to uniquely qualify me as a member of a committee that focuses on economic development in rural Wisconsin areas, such as my own district.

The sixth committee I listed is the **Aging and Long Term Care Committee**. It is no surprise to anyone that Wisconsin is getting older. This is taking place especially fast in northern and rural Wisconsin (my district). I currently have close working relationships with local assisted living and minimal care facilities in my district and I would like to continue to be able to work with them on legislation that allows us to be proactive in addresses some of the issues that arise concerning long term care.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

Education: Vouchers, Common Core, and general school accountability.

Public Benefit Reform: Continue to find ways to prevent abuse of assistance programs.

Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee: Continue to enhance our sporting and recreational heritage through targeted programs such as the Governors recent walleye initiative.

Urban and Local Affairs: Find ways for communities to become independent from State money and control. Devolution of authority.

Mining and Rural Development: Find ways to push back against federal control of land use. Continue to implement targeted solutions in order to increase economic growth in rural Wisconsin.

Aging and Long Term Care: Eliminate burdensome regulation that prevents care givers from properly taking care of elderly. Continually find ways to reduce the cost of long term care.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Education: Review other credible (and free) standards that may be used to build a set of Wisconsin based standards in order to remain free from federal control and compete in a globalized world. Work

with local school board officials and the public in order to show the benefits of competition in our educational system through the use of vouchers. Work with local school districts in order to develop policy that helps them once again take control of their affairs and implement strategies that ensure teacher effective and student progress.

Public Benefit Reform: Many county officials can attest to the abuse in state public assistance programs, and already have ideas on how to solve this problem. We should be bringing everyone to the table in order to develop strategies that makes sure any assistance only goes to those that truly need it, and that those who abuse the system are not only removed, but prosecuted for fraud.

Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee: Continue to hold DNR officials accountable for the decisions and the programs they wish to implement. We also need to do a much better job at bringing the public in on some of these decisions in order to realize valid concern, and eliminate needless worry and discussion. Sportsmen and state officials should be working hand in hand to continue protecting and developing the natural resources that we all cherish.

Urban and Local Affairs: Allow communities the option to keep a percentage of the sales tax generated in the community in exchange for giving up their state aid. Continue to search for other funding sources that make sense for local community in order for them to continue to thrive while maintaining efficiencies. Communities need more local control in order to address their issues and keep costs down.

Mining and Rural Development: We need representatives that will be proactive in communicating the truths about mining and economic growth in order to prevent unnecessary public worry and concern that many times comes with development. Work with individual counties in order to see what kinds of programs actually work to enhance economic activity, and determine what is simply a waste of money. Need to prevent the state from implementing rural economic development programs that assume all of rural Wisconsin is the same.

Ageing and Long Term Care: The professionals and workers on the front line that deal with issues concerning aging and long term care already have solutions to make life easier for patients and themselves if the state would only listen. One perfect example would be allowing memory care facilities to be able to move their door handles to a different height on a door in order to prevent those with severe dementia from letting themselves out and wandering (those with dementia will always reach for the same spot for a door handle, even if the handle is a mere foot above where it used to be). These common sense solutions could be implemented tomorrow if we could only get past the special interests and allow our families and caregivers a voice at the table.

Committee Request Form

November 30, 2014

Name: Mike Rohrkaste - 55th District

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Workforce Development | - NO | 5. Public Benefit Reform | - NO |
| 2. Colleges and Universities | - yes | 6. Tourism | - NO |
| 3. Mental Health Reform | - yes | 7. Ways and Means | - NO |
| 4. Jobs and the Economy | - yes | 8. Health | - yes |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

1. Workforce Development: 30+ years private sector Human Resources experience, worked with local technical and 4-year colleges on various training programs for large local employers.
2. Colleges and Universities: bachelors and masters degrees, knowledge of UW and other colleges through private sector college hiring programs, worked in various ways to help elementary and high schools better prepare graduates for college.
3. Mental Health Reform: board member of local faith based mental health services provider; strong passion for this subject as have seen the effects of this issue in the community and as an HR person in business.
4. Jobs and the Economy: HR executive for two large WI employers (Oshkosh and Menasha Corporations), well networked in Fox-Cities business community (member of Chief HR executive roundtable), understand site selection process of business, and well traveled to other world economies (Europe, Middle East and China).
5. Public Benefit Reform: private sector lean office skills, reduced corporate waste, and responsible for company security including employee theft.
6. Tourism: often used benefits of Fox Cities to recruit candidates to this area; avid boater, hunter, and cyclist, understand the economic impact and six to one payback on investment.
7. Ways and Means: benefited from TIF at Oshkosh Corporation; interested in partnering with local government officials, understand how these can help businesses create and/or retain jobs.
8. Health: managed \$100+ million company health care budget, understand health care model from employer standpoint, and root cause of costs (wellness behaviors).

General skills for Committee membership and leadership: member of Fortune 300 company executive team to determine budgets, staffing, planning, and strategy; extensive facilitation skills to get people to work together; initiated numerous committees setting up structure, objectives, and review process.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. Workforce Development: skills gap leaving thousands of jobs unfilled.
2. Colleges and Universities: more efficient spending, better preparing students for workforce.
3. Mental Health Reform: reducing stigma of mental health so more people seek treatment and providing greater provider access to children and teens (to identify and treat issues earlier).
4. Jobs and the Economy: need to make WI more appealing for outside companies to invest here, and need to reduce taxes and regulations that hinder job growth for existing businesses.
5. Public Benefit Reform: how to prepare people to find a good job and change entitlement mentality.
6. Tourism: increasing knowledge of multiple opportunities that exist in WI.
7. Ways and Means: finding best investment opportunities that create/retain high paying jobs.
8. Health: focus should be on changing personal health behaviors using incentives and penalties.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. Workforce Development: implement closer partnering between colleges and high schools with local employers, unions, and chambers.
2. Colleges and Universities: develop programs to eliminate administrative waste; review programs offered and match course offerings to current and projected workforce needs.
3. Mental Health Reform: create more mental health evaluation opportunities for teens and young adults; encourage more pediatric providers to move to WI; invest in more spending (will reduce dependence on government later in life for affected individuals).
4. Jobs and the Economy: develop more incentives for new businesses to move or open in WI; start roundtable forum for existing WI companies to discuss current hindrances to job growth.
5. Public Benefit Reform: tie specific job training requirements to state aid; map out most common fraud processes to identify how to stop them; investigate better tracking mechanisms of how benefits are used and misused.
6. Tourism: review other state programs and pick best practices and use if appropriate; increase advertising and promotion budget with strict payback accountability.
7. Ways and Means: improve TID and TIF evaluation process; explore how to use to help small business start-ups more.
8. Health: develop more focus on healthy behaviors, particularly among youth; similar to private sector, shift costs to highest users of healthcare (many that are because of lifestyle choices).

Committee Request Form

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Name: David Steffen / AD4

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Note: My list is in descending order of preference, with #1-#3 being my highest priority. I am only interested in serving on three committees, but would be happy to serve on four committees if I have the opportunity to serve on all three of my top interest committees.

1. Energy and Utilities - yes
2. Insurance - yes
3. Health - NO
4. Ways and Means - yes
5. Urban and Local Affairs - yes
6. Jobs and the Economy - yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

Energy and Utilities – I worked in the telecommunications industry (Ameritech, SBC Communications and AT&T) for several years. Additionally, one of the state's largest domestic telecommunications companies is based in my district (NSight Telecommunications).

Insurance – I worked in the insurance industry (American Medical Security) for several years in the compliance, claims and subrogation departments. I also have three major insurance companies (United Healthcare, Ameriprise and Humana) located in or adjacent to my district, employing approximately 9,000 area residents.

Health – I worked in the health insurance industry (American Medical Security) for several years in the compliance, subrogation and claims departments. I also have two major health insurance companies (United Healthcare and Humana) based in or adjacent to my district, employing approximately 6,000 area residents.

Ways and Means and Urban/Local Affairs - As a six-term local elected official, I have extensive experience with local issues including TIF/TID laws. I worked closely with State Rep. Weininger on developing legislation last session in regards to TIF/TID reform.

Jobs and the Economy – As the owner of two small businesses, I have six years of real-world experience on the forces involved in job creation.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

In both the Energy/Utilities sectors and the Health/Insurance sectors, ensuring a sustainable and affordable market for these services is critical to the state.

For the committees addressing local matters, it is important to restore some control to our local communities to ensure their financial sustainability and to allow them to play larger roles in the economic development of our state.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. **Energy and Utilities** - Ensuring equitable payment for the electrical grid for all users.
2. **Health /Insurance** – Opposing additional state mandates that drive up the cost of insurance and health care delivery.
3. **Ways and Means / Urban-Local Affairs** – 1) Eliminating the state’s “Tax to the Max Incentive” by allowing munis to bank unused revenue cap amounts, 2) Allow unfunded federal mandates to be exempt from the revenue cap limit, 3) Incorporate an incentive for early TID closures (adjust existing formula from 50% to 85%), and 4) Reward municipal fiscal responsibility by adjusting the Fiscal Restraint Program threshold from 5 mills to 3 mills.

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Committee Request Form

Name: Nancy VanderMeer

<u>Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:</u>	<u>What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?</u>	<u>What are the major issues these committees will need to address?</u>	<u>What are your solutions for those concerns?</u>
Agriculture - yes	My husband and I are part of a fifth generation family dairy farm.	CAFO* High capacity wells* Farmland preservation* Growing Exports**	*Attempt to develop a strategy to balance the interests of the agricultural and non-ag community through town hall meetings and education of affected parties and including feedback in any proposed strategy. **Working with agencies like WEDC to develop relationships and marketing efforts to grow and maintain export networks. Public education and awareness of the role of agriculture in our state. Create awareness of professions in agriculture.
Jobs and The Economy - NO	I have been involved in a small family automobile business for over 38 years.	Job growth and the economic improvement has been a major concern of constituents in the 70 th district.	Less burdensome regulation Friendly lending atmosphere Retirement/Exit strategies Succession Planning

			Employee training Develop career paths through local school districts and colleges. Attracting small business through TIFs, etc. to our district.
Small Business Development <i>yes</i>	I have been involved in a small automobile family business for over 38 years.	Job growth and the economic improvement has been a major concern of constituents in the 70 th district.	Less burdensome regulation Friendly lending atmosphere Retirement/Exit strategies Succession Planning Development of business coalitions to access assets, i.e. infrastructure, employable population, across district.
Tourism <i>no</i>	Local Grand National Tractor Major Sponsor for over 25 years. Chamber of Commerce/Tourism board of director member.	Room Tax Revenues Liability Laws Continuing Growth in Ag Tourism Attracting International Tourists	Support tourism growth through use of room tax revenues. Recognize tourism as significant contribution to local economies and their growth. Continued strong support for Wisconsin's tourism industry.
Veterans and Military Affairs <i>yes</i>	My community is uniquely situated adjacent to Fort McCoy and is home to the VA Medical Center. Veterans play a very visible and integral part of our community and 70 th district.	Veterans' Health Veterans' Housing Veterans' Employment and Training	
Workforce Development <i>no</i>	I have been involved in a small family automobile business for over 38 years. I was involved in the development and implementation of Tomah's School to Work Program.		

<p>Mining and Rural Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>yes</i></p>	<p>In 2011, a large sand mining operation started operations several miles from our family dairy farm. I became involved by attending all educational opportunities and local negotiations by our township and the mining operation. The result is that the local mine had become a good steward to our township.</p>		<p>Mining education for the general public including an awareness of the legal relationship that can exist between mining operations and local township and municipalities.</p>
<p>Mental Health Reform</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>yes</i></p>	<p>I have a B.S. in Psychology. Also, I have served as a board of director member on a local sheltered workshop board for adults with disabilities and as a board member of our local hospital.</p>	<p>Rural mental health care</p>	
<p>Consumer Protection</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>-yes</i></p>	<p>I have been involved in a small family automobile business for over 38 years. As an automobile dealer, I have had firsthand experience working within the consumer protection laws.</p>	<p>Continued balance of protection for both business and consumer.</p>	

Committee Request Form

Name: _____ Tyler Vorpapel _____

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Energy and Utilities - NO | 4. JCRAR |
| 2. Health - NO | 5. Public Benefit Reform YES |
| 3. Transportation - YES | 6. Campaigns and Elections - YES |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

- 1.) I have spent many years studying energy policy such as cap and trade, alternative energy economic policies. I also have visited a variety of energy producing facilities including nuclear, coal fired, natural gas, hydro and have a good working relationship with many people in the energy industry.
- 2.) I've been through the passage and implementation of Obamacare from my work in a federal legislative office and feel that I have a good understanding (as best as one can have) on the law and potential issues that Wisconsin may face because of Obamacare.
- 3.) I have a very good understanding of transportation policy from a federal and state relationship because my boss was heavily involved in transportation and infrastructure issues through my time working for Congressman Petri.
- 4.) I am very familiar with the Federal Register and how the rule making process works, and that knowledge would easily transition into the state process.
- 5.) A major policy initiative that I was involved with was called Making Marriage Pay, the theory of which is that often times people who receive social benefits may refuse a pay raise, a new job that pays more, or get married because doing so could cause them to lose benefits. The result was a effort to restructure the benefits system to make it more of a slope so people could use these generous benefit programs as a hand up and not a hand out.
- 6.) I've been around campaigns for years and years and have seen the transition from the Election Commission to GAB.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

- 1.) The biggest issue will be pushing back against the Obama EPA and the over regulation that we will likely continue to see over the next two years. Secondly, figuring out how alternative energy fits into Wisconsin's energy generation portfolio. Finally, as new technologies continue to develop appropriate regulation of the telcom and cable/internet industry.
- 2.) MEDICAID will continue to be a massive issue for Wisconsin, it's a budget buster. Secondly, how our state is effected by regulations that continue to come out as HHS attempts to prop up Obamacare, one court decision that could have a massive impact on Wisconsin is if individuals who purchase insurance, and receive a subsidy, through the exchange if they can continue to receive subsidy in a federally created exchange. Finally, I think we will always be looking for ways to help providers deliver services that control costs and keep a lid on the ever-rising costs of healthcare delivery.
- 3.) The obvious issue will be funding our transportation and infrastructure for the future of Wisconsin, especially as the gas tax is beginning to look like less and less of a sustainable funding method. Also, figuring out a balance between expanding our highways and 'economic' infrastructure and making sure that our local roads and bridges are properly taken care of.
- 4.) I believe that the legislative branch is the most powerful of the three branches of government and that the legislature should have tight reigns over rules and regulations that are put out by the administration and unelected – unaccountable bureaucrats. I think the 'Right the Rules' initiative is fantastic.
- 5.) See above, Wisconsin has a very generous social safety net program, and there are many people that need that safety net to help them to get back on their feet. Not to be too cliché but the problem is when the safety net becomes a hammock and people find it too difficult to move off of government dependence. There will need to be massive benefit reform and coordination.
- 6.) GAB reform should be a priority, in my estimation, the staff has too much power and is picking and choosing what information the "directors" have access too. Recently, I spoke to a retired judge who has some very strong opinions of GAB and the amount of dysfunction that is in the present system. Secondly, a much needed update to campaign finance laws and ethics rules.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

- 1.) Wisconsin's economy (high energy manufacturing) and even just our climate force us to be more dependent on fossil fuels, while the EPA seems to be pushing us in a direction that isn't even technologically feasible. As far as alternative energy we need sensible regulation that is predictable for people who choose to invest in those options, but that doesn't mean that the government should be giving deference (through regulation or subsidy) to unsustainable energy sources.
- 2.) With regard to Medicaid in addition to working with our federal legislators to get more flexibility on how we spend Medicaid dollars, we can promote policies that help providers provide more efficient services. Also, there will be issues with Workers Compensation reform. I think at the very least providers and be brought into the solution.
- 3.) The DOT budget was a good starting point and that's exactly what it should be used as, a starting point. As I've been paging through their request it seems like there is a lot of money being dedicated to capital projects (new buildings, etc.) that aren't necessary right now especially if we're trying to address this huge funding "shortfall." I feel that we need to find some middle ground from the DOT proposal that includes possibly some increase or restructuring of the gas tax (if we decide that we truly need more revenue), but we should also have get some back in concessions in PLA's and Prevailing Wage, also one of my goals would be to see as little borrowing as possible, because to me, bonding and borrowing is more costly than just raising the revenues we need right now, I don't want to be responsible for racking up a credit card that our children have to pay.
- 4.) I would hope that the "Right the Rules" process would continue and I would hope to play an active role in that process.
- 5.) We need to, as best we can study and implement a plan that coordinates benefits so receipt isn't based solely on the poverty level, this leads to a cliff, and is a disincentive for many people who are comfortable where they are at. I'm not sure to what extent that is possible because of federal rules, but I think it's worth looking into. Also, people who receive government assistance shouldn't be taking illegal drugs, and should be, at the very least be getting help if they are asking taxpayers for help.
- 6.) Complete overhaul of the GAB is in order, I wouldn't be opposed to at the very least having some sort of partisan make up so that at least both sides have an opportunity. Also, I think photo ID should be a constitutional amendment, it's more difficult for the Dems. to repeal if, God forbid, they ever get control.

Mental Health Reform: Last session as a member of the Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health I authored several bills, and helped several freshmen members with their own legislation. I've continued our effort through the Legislative Council Symposium on Healthy Early Brain Development and as a member of the First Lady's Fostering Futures initiative. I believe this committee should continue this effort in emphasizing reduction of mental health stigma, treatment, and promoting a culture of trauma informed care throughout Wisconsin.

yes

Workforce Development: I am the past chair of the Labor and Workforce Development Committee (2011-2012). I see a strong connection between the work of the Colleges and Universities Committee and Workforce Development. Training for the jobs of the future depends on post-secondary education opportunities.

yes

Building Commission: I have two terms of experience on the State Building Commission. Going into our next legislative session, no other Republican member in the Assembly or Senate will have previous experience or knowledge of the projects that are in progress. My membership would ensure continuity for projects in the pipeline, and I would be able to offer guidance as the Capital Budget is brought forward in March. I believe it is important to have a strong legislative voice on the commission.

no

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

JCRAR: Experience in chairing committees and a joint committee, being able to help the standing committee chairs to work through the process of looking at the administrative code and helping them develop legislation. I am able to continue the Right the Rules project from last session, and continue the efforts started by Rep. LeMahieu.

Legislative Council: Co-Chair of the Joint Council for the past two terms, as well as serving as a chair or vice-chair of a study committee in each of the past five terms. I have shown an ability to bring a limited yet effective number of study committees to conclusion. Also, I have had success in getting legislation passed from these special committees.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

JCRAR- Continue the work of the Right the Rules project that was started in the previous session.

There are some rules that make it harder to do business because they are out of date, duplicate federal rules, require people to fill out unnecessary paperwork, delay projects, or add extreme costs to everyday tasks, whether it's construction, manufacturing or agriculture. The Administrative Code in

Wisconsin has been created over many years, and until last term has not been looked at in a comprehensive and deliberate manner.

The Administrative Code is made up of 18 binders, containing 1,768 chapters and 11,764 pages, and through this project, the Assembly Standing Committees will be looking at each chapter to determine if the rule still function as intended. Each committee will be assigned appropriate sections of the Administrative Code to read and discuss. A few things that they will be asking include:

- Does it protect the public from a threat to public health, safety or welfare?
- Does it promote or hinder job growth and the economy?
- Is the rule outdated?
- What is the cost to implement the rule?
- Does it follow legislative intent?
- Have there been complaints about it?

After committee discussions, informational meetings and public hearings, a decision will be made concerning which committee will continue the process needed to make sure the Administrative Code is working for Wisconsin.

To organize this effort I will look for suggestions from Rep. LeMahieu and Legislative Council to better understand the process, and if possible use JCRAR to expedite the revision work. It is possible to have either the Joint Committee or the Assembly Committee for Review of Administrative Rules meet to review code and have bills introduced depending on how interested Sen. Nass is in the Right the Rules process. Work with industry and interest groups to pinpoint areas of concern and request Standing Committees prioritize the review of applicable chapters.

Joint Legislative Council Committee – The first priority is to receive the current study committee reports, and have the Joint Legislative Council take action on those reports. I have discussed with Director Anderson the tentative scheduling for the first meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 and then a subsequent meeting in mid-February. This will complete the work of the council for the 2014 interim, and allow any bill drafts that are approved to be introduced as early in the session as possible.

New study committees ideas should go through the selection process in the first quarter of 2016. As soon as the committee topics are approved, the membership should be reviewed and appointed. Prompt attention to the committee selection process will allow adequate time for the study committees to meet and fulfill their scope statement by end of 2016.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

Joint Legislative Council- Receive and approve the study committee reports, so that the recommendations can be introduced as bill drafts, and put those ideas in the legislative hopper very early in the session.

JCRAR- I am not adverse to holding an Assembly Committee for Review of Administrative Rules committee meeting to review administrative code that is either not an interest of the standing committee chair or does fit well in the scope of a particular committee. This effort could be an effective process in the overall goal of reducing government red tape, and continuing the Right the Rules effort.

Committee Chair Request Form

✓ Pub Benefits
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✓ Insurance
~~✓ Corrections~~
✓ Tourism
✓ Finance
✓ Crim Justice

Name: Rep. Mark Born

Committee you wish to chair:

As Assembly Republicans work to develop their upcoming agenda, chairs will be asked to work with members of our caucus to develop and help bring forward strong policy ideas.

The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: ~~Labor~~

Second Choice: Insurance

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage, Insurance, Corrections, Labor, Tourism, Financial Institutions, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Workforce Development - NO

Aside from the chairmanship choices, my interest in each of the committees above is listed in descending order. I was comfortable sitting on six committees last session and I enjoyed the opportunity to both share my perspective and learn a lot about a wide variety of issues. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on several committees again this session.

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Last session I was able to communicate well with leadership, the caucus, and the media on several important issues. I also demonstrated my ability to work with job creators and interested parties in order to make common sense, meaningful reforms. My staff and I are well organized and are willing to put forth the effort to make sure Republican committee members are all on the same page.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Labor: workers compensation reform, right to work, unemployment insurance reform, removing government obstacles to business growth and employment (Right the Rules)

Insurance: maintaining the status quo for Wisconsin's insurance industry, keeping costs low

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

Labor: I will collaborate with state agencies and do my best to bring all the stakeholders to the table for each major issue, especially for workers compensation reform. Last session, the committees on Labor and Workforce Development shared jurisdiction for the review of most of the labor-related administrative rules. I will work together with the new Chair of Workforce Development to ensure the Right the Rules initiative remains a priority. If/when Right to Work legislation is introduced this session I will effectively execute Assembly Leadership's game plan by either shepherding it through my committee smoothly or putting the brakes on the bill.

Insurance: Wisconsin's insurance sector is one of the largest in the United States and it contributes billions to our state's economy while sustaining thousands of good paying, family-supporting jobs. We have heard frequently from industry leaders that they prefer a hands-off approach by state government. I will work to ensure that there continues to be minimal government intrusion into the insurance industry so it can remain a valuable asset to our state.

As mentioned above, please provide **three specific ideas you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.*

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Ed Brooks

Committee you wish to chair:

As Assembly Republicans work to develop their upcoming agenda, chairs will be asked to work with members of our caucus to develop and help bring forward strong policy ideas.

The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Urban & Local Affairs

Second Choice: Corrections

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Urban & Local Affairs - yes

Corrections - yes

Veterans and Military Affairs - NO

Agriculture - yes

Mining & Rural Development - yes

Urban & Local Affairs
Corrections
Agriculture
Mining
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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Town Chair (T-Reedsburg) 1985-present; Town Supervisor 1979-1985; Farm Chair WI Federation of Coops (Cooperative Network); B.S. Agriculture Economics - UW Madison, 1965; Served as Chair of Urban & Local Affairs two previous terms.

I have served as member of Corrections committee since elected in 2008. I am reasonably well versed in corrections issues because New Lisbon Correctional Institution is in the 50th, and Sand Ridge Treatment Facility (DHS) is also located in the 50th. I participate in the community board for each facility and have regular contact with both DOC and DHS on issues of concern at each of these institutions.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

With regard to the Urban & Local Affairs Committee, I believe we need to look at the simplifying of how recording, reporting, and notifications processes are fulfilled for local clerks. Remove duplicity and lower costs as a result. I also see the need for clarity as to municipal fee collections and zoning ordinances.

With regard to the Corrections Committee, I believe there are challenges and legitimate public and employee safety concerns that should be addressed in our state correctional facilities.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

*As mentioned above, please provide **three specific Ideas** you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.

Urban & Local Affairs: Legislation to clarify special charges, such as utility, sewer, or sidewalk charges which are designated as special taxes. Currently, special taxes fall under the August 20 settlement period counties must pay. Designate only the following as special charges: s66.089 (3) Utilities; s 66.0821 (4)(d) Sewerage; s 66.0907 (3)(f) Sidewalks; s66.0703 (13) Delinquent charge.

Legislation to amend s 74.29 to allow counties to establish limits on the amount or types of special assessments and special charges which they choose to settle with their taxation districts.

Legislation to make equal the fee schedule for expedited marriage licenses and domestic partnership agreements.

Legislation to address the publishing of legal notices – Class 2 and 3 notification.

Corrections: This committee could work more like a study committee to dig into legitimate concerns that have brought forth in my district which may or may not carry over to other correctional facilities. Review of Corrections rules for necessity. Review of management practices and implementation of guidelines post ACT 10 changes.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: David Craig

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State Affairs

Committee you wish to chair:

As Assembly Republicans work to develop their upcoming agenda, chairs will be asked to work with members of our caucus to develop and help bring forward strong policy ideas.

The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

Campaigns
Family Law

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Financial Institutions - yes

Second Choice: Government Operations / State Affairs

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Vice Chair - Gov Operations / State Affairs - yes
Insurance - yes
Public Benefit Reform - yes
Campaigns & Elections - yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

- Current chair.
- leader for Right the Rules
- Record for legislation that moved through committee last session speaks for itself.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- Continue Right the Rules
- Further Action to counter Dodd-Frank
- Securities reform

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

*As mentioned above, please provide **three specific ideas** you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep Rob Hutton

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Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Corrections - yes

Second Choice: Criminal Justice/Public Safety - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member: Education, ^{yes} ~~Criminal Justice/Public Safety,~~ Small Business, ^{yes} ~~Workforce Development,~~ Veterans and Military Affairs, Tourism ^{yes}

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

- 20 years of leading in the private sector
- The past 6 years as CEO of a 100+ employee organization
- Over 20 years of Prison ministry in Wisconsin
- Current Chair of the study committee on the Review of Criminal Penalties
- Invited legislator to the Pew Charitable Trust national summit on Corrections Reform

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

1. Develop a comprehensive strategy to address major Corrections reforms in Wisconsin.
2. Address the growing fiscal impact of our current Department of Corrections.
3. Address our current rate of recidivism and the impact on DOC.
4. Develop a comprehensive re-entry program within Wisconsin.
5. Build on the success of TAD programs and the treatment courts.
6. Develop alternatives to incarceration for individuals with addictions, mental illness, and non-violent offenses.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

There is a national movement (from the political Right and Left) that has begun to address the level of mass incarceration in the US and the impact; fiscally, economically, and socially. States like; Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, and Mississippi have implemented major reforms to incarceration to address this issue. They are finding rates of crime are falling, community safety increasing, and the cost of corrections staying in check.

Wisconsin needs to move in that direction. Combined with protecting Truth in Sentencing and Swift and Certain, we can move to secure our prison sentences for violent offenders, but implement more effective reforms for the population of non-violent offenders.

This committee will address the major issues mentioned above by pushing legislation that will;

1. Protect Truth In Sentencing.
2. Drive the expansion of evidence based sentences.
3. Strengthen the latitude judges have to divert sentences to alternative community programs.
4. Evaluate the success and expand programing for TAD programs.
5. Link funding to the success of community / nonprofit organizations.
6. Reform our current fraternization policy within DOC.
7. Streamline the process of linking offenders who are within 6 months of release to job opportunities through work release programs.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: André Jacque

Labor
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First Choice: Labor & WEDC Board

Second Choice: Criminal Justice & Public Safety & WEDC Board

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Audit; Veterans Affairs; Health; Energy & Utilities; Ways & Means; Natural Resources; Public Benefit Reform. — NO NO YES YES NO

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I have actively tracked labor issues for many years, including my time as a graduate student when I took the Collective Bargaining and Labor Arbitration course at the UW Law School. I have worked in both the public and private sector and have actively sought ideas from employers on how Wisconsin's labor laws can be improved.

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What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Align Wisconsin FMLA and various other regulations with the federal level so that there is less inconsistency for employers to deal with.

Prevailing wage reform- reducing project costs as well as paperwork.

Worker Freedom/Right to Work- given Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald's pronouncement that the Senate will take up this issue right away at the beginning of session and would be willing to be the first chamber to vote on it, it is increasingly likely that the Assembly will be under pressure to move legislation in early 2015.

There has been growing tension between the legislature and the UIAC and WCAC regarding the ability of both advisory councils to move policy sufficiently in a positive direction, a sentiment echoed by many in the business community.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

Draft/redraft standardization of FMLA legislation, potentially as part of an omnibus package of measures to reduce inconsistency between and state and federal regulations where such differences create difficulty for businesses to navigate.

Work with leadership and stakeholders to address potential prevailing wage reforms, either through the budget or as separate legislation.

I have consistently (and publicly, including during my radio call-in shows) stated that I would support Worker Freedom/Right to Work legislation when it comes forward. Just because Rep. Kapenga is apparently putting a bill forward, it doesn't mean that that legislation should be the Assembly version of Right to Work that should be brought forward, though. I would work with leadership to advocate for the Assembly's interests should they conflict with the Senate's language and strategy on Worker Freedom.

At the direction of leadership and the request of individual members, I would make myself available for roundtable discussion events on UI, Worker's Comp, and other labor regulation issues at locations throughout the entire state that area state representatives could invite their community business leaders to participate in.

I very much would like to be appointed to the WEDC Board in addition to whatever chairmanship I receive. I am confident that I would be a very strong asset to the team in that role, and be available to my colleagues for tours and discussions with job creators in their districts that would provide both valuable input for me in that role, as well as help advocate for community job creation throughout the state and facilitate new relationships for members within their districts. I would also be able to participate in economic development roundtables statewide like the ones I discussed above for the Labor committee, regardless of whether I receive that chairmanship.

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Committee Chair Request Form

Name: John Jagler

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice:

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - NO

Second

Choice: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS - yes

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

EDUCATION - yes, HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE - yes, INSURANCE - yes, MENTAL HEALTH REFORM - yes

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the

chair of your desired committee?

I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LOCAL FORUMS ~~WITH~~ WITH EMPLOYERS ON THIS TOPIC. RECENTLY SPOKE AT AN EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON CLOSING

What are the major issues this committee will need to address? THE SKILLS GAP,

CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP TO HELP PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE JOBS AVAILABLE

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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LAST SESSION WE INCREASED APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES. WE NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT NON-UNION APPRENTICESHIP.

CONTINUING SOME OF THE FAST FORWARD PROGRAMS

REFOCUSING THE SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAM FOCUSING ON INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS. SOME OF THE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE (SPORTS AGENT) - THE LIST NEEDS TO BE TRIMMED TO BETTER REFLECT JOB OPENINGS AND NEEDS, DEVELOPING A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO IOWA'S WHICH PARTNERS EMPLOYERS WITH VETERANS.

THE CONTACTS I MADE AT THE SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON D.C. ARE READY TO BE PARTNER UP HERE IN WISCONSIN

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Chris Kapenga

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Public Benefit Reform

Second Choice: Constitutional Issues

Financial

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Labor

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Same as this session,

Labor - Vice Chair

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

- my company has worked w/ a program in Milwaukee to expose ^{youth} ~~to~~ to business (through Milwaukee Works)
- work w/ non-profits who integrate ex-felons back into society via work
- heart to see every man and woman experience the pride and satisfaction of self-sustaining P.S. simply surviving on the scraps from gov't program
- we have done significant research on reform in my office

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- simply getting people back into the work force. The only way to eliminate a welfare program is to have no participants.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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- 1) Perform a complete review of all programs in place and determine usage as well as crossover.
- 2) Streamline the process so that people are able to enter in to work of some sort to receive benefits. Work = value = \$'s.
- 3) Drug testing requirement. - if we can determine how to do it so it passes constitution muster.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Samantha Kerkman

Audit
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Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Joint Audit - yes

Second Choice: Ways and Means yes

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Joint Audit, Ways and Means, Children and Families, Judiciary yes yes yes yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I have been a member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee since 2001 and have served as the Co-Chair since 2011. I have served as either a Chair or member of the Ways and Means Committee since 2001. Through my fourteen years of working on the Joint Audit Committee I have become knowledgeable about the details of Wisconsin's government programs. My knowledge and experience have allowed me to advance the goals of the committee in an effective and efficient manner. Under my Co-Chairmanship during the 2013-2014 session the Audit Committee worked to align legislative priorities with Audit Bureau resources by reviewing statutory audit requirements, oversaw audits of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, UW System's Human Resource System, UW System's

Program Revenue Balances, and Supervised Release Placements and Expenditures. The committee also oversaw a review of Department of Children and Families child-placing agencies. I worked directly with state agencies and appropriate committees in order to respond to audit recommendations and develop policies to increase program transparency and reduce costs.

Throughout my experience Co-Chairing the Joint Audit Committee I have worked to promote a strong working relationship between the committee and the Legislative Audit Bureau. I helped maintain the continuity of this relationship during the transitioning of State Auditors from Auditor Mueller to Auditor Chrisman. Further, in chairing a joint committee, I have developed a strong ability to facilitate the needs and concerns of my Senate counterpart. An ability to maintain open and constructive working relationships with the Audit Bureau and the Senate are key to the effectiveness of the Audit Committee; over the past fourteen years I have demonstrated this ability. In moving forward as Co-Chair of the Joint Audit Committee I would work to foster additional relations by building communication with other legislators. I would make it a priority to inform and educate other legislators about the role and activities of the Audit Committee and would be open and receptive to the ideas and concerns expressed by my fellow legislators.

I have demonstrated an ability to Co-Chair the Joint Audit Committee effectively and know that my experience working with this committee will be of great value in advancing the legislative priorities for the 2015-2016 session.

Additionally, through my fourteen years working on the Ways and Means Committee, both as a chair and as a member I have gained substantial in-depth knowledge of tax policy. The longevity of my experience has also allowed me to develop a strong working relationship with the Department of Revenue. My experience, knowledge of tax policy and successful working relationship with DOR qualify me to chair the Ways and Means Committee.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Some of the major issues the Audit Committee would need to address in the upcoming 2015-2016 session include:

1. Complete follow-up on audits initiated under my Co-Chairmanship during the 2013-2014 session that are still pending release from the Legislative Audit Bureau. Pending audits include GAB, Unemployment Insurance Claims Processing, Non-Emergency Medical Transport, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin and Wisconsin Partnership Programs. The results and recommendations stemming from these audits will provide the necessary information for how to continue improving efficiency and transparency in state government.
2. Clarifying the authority of the Audit Bureau's access to records (Attorney General Opinion).
3. Streamline process for reporting fraud.
4. Addressing FoodShare fraud (examine high balances on EBT cards, sanctions against retailers, audit of retailers).

5. Examining occupational licensing requirements through an audit of the Department of Safety and Professional Services to help eliminate any unnecessary roadblocks in obtaining Wisconsin licensing.
6. W2 Program audit.
7. Technical College System audit.
8. Department of Public Instruction/Cooperative Educational Service Agencies Audit.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

The proper solutions to the above concerns will largely hinge upon the findings disclosed in the audit reports. Depending on the outcome of these reports potential solutions could include:

1. Legislative initiative to help prompt performance improvements in the GAB.
2. Reducing potential for FoodShare fraud by adding photo identification on EBT cards and limiting the number of replacement cards.
3. Eliminating redundancies in obtaining occupational licensing (if found to exist).
4. Create a fraud clearinghouse to streamline online fraud reporting and dispense reports to appropriate recipients (this piece relates to point 3 in previous section and is not related to any specific audit report).

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Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Joel Kleefisch

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First Choice: Criminal Justice - yes

Second

Choice: _____

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Natural Resources (Vice Chair) - yes

Corrections - yes

Family Law - yes

Tourism - yes

State Affairs - yes

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I was the chair of the Criminal Justice Committee last session and served as the ranking minority member during the 2009 session. Last session 62 proposals were referred to the criminal justice committee; I held a public hearing for 42 of those proposals. I worked with the minority members of the committee and held hearings anytime I was approached personally by an author. I believe it's important that all members have the ability to present their proposals to a committee of their colleagues, no matter their affiliation.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Updates to the Conceal Carry law
Sex Offender Residency Requirements
Furthering the H.O.P.E Agenda
Internet Crimes Against Children
Internet Retail Theft
Identity Theft
Internet Security

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1. Sex Offender Residency Requirements:

Next session I plan to introduce legislation that will impose statewide residency requirements for sex offenders. I have already started working with stakeholders and legislators from both sides of the aisle.

2. Conceal Carry Updates:

Next session I plan to introduce legislation that will allow qualified law enforcement officers the ability to carry concealed in a School Zone. I believe that this allowance should have been kept in the original conceal carry package. I have already met with relevant stakeholders and have started the drafting process.

Next session I plan to introduce legislation that will make it easier for military personnel serving in Wisconsin to obtain a Wisconsin Conceal Carry Permit. Members of our armed forces who are eligible to carry a concealed weapon in their home state should also have that right while stationed in Wisconsin. I have already talked with department staff and have started the drafting process.

3. H.O.P.E Agenda

Next session I plan to work closely with Representative Nygren and other members to implement any legislation that will update our criminal code in an effort to further the mission of the H.O.P.E agenda and

help stop the spread of Heroin Addiction in Wisconsin. I am hoping to meet with Representative Nygren after the 1st of the year and have reached out to the Attorney General's office as well.

4. Internet Crimes Against Children

Next session I plan to work closely with the Attorney General's office to help implement legislation that will further the goals of ICAT (Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce). I am hoping to meet with the Attorney General and members of ICAT after the first of the year.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Scott Krug

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✓ Colleges
✓ Mining
✓ Consumer
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First Choice: Workforce Development - yes

Second Choice: Tourism - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member: (besides the two above)

Environment and Forestry, Public Benefit Reform, Colleges and Univ., Mining and Rural Development, - yes

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✓ NO ✓ yes ✓ yes ✓ yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

For many years in many differing capacities I worked in the area of workforce development, from my time at the Wood County jail running both the Jail Discharge Planner program and the Drug Treatment Court I have been helping those interested in working becoming more employable and working with employers to understand the benefits of hiring individuals I have worked with. I was also a Job Developer in the Green Bay Job Center for both the W2 and Food Share programs and with the State

Division of Vocational Rehab. I left the job center to work as a contract employee with the Bay Area Workforce Development Board teaching job skills and readiness at area Technical Colleges. The experience I gained in working with inmates, addicts, underemployed, school dropouts, elderly, and disabled job seekers gave me a very broad base of knowledge in Workforce Development to start my own business which I operated until 2012. In my own business I continued to help underserved populations gain employment related skills and ultimately employment over 2/3 of the State of WI.

Working with both employers and job seekers to gain a better understanding of each other was one of the reasons I felt compelled to run for State Assembly in 2010. The frustrations on both sides of the issue are real and are very important to address moving forward. As Governor Walker states we don't have a job problem we have a work problem and my experience can be helpful to solve some of the problems that still exist.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Creating incentives to work

Developing a 21st Century workforce

Aligning advocates among each reason of the state to work toward the same goals instead of against each other

Re-entry programs for those who have dropped out of the workforce, those who were once incarcerated, and those who need updated job skills

Employers also need peace of mind to know the people they hire are dependable and reliable

What are your solutions for those concerns?

First, many people have found it easier to not work than to participate in the work place. One example is non custodial parents who owe large amounts of child support. The incentive to work once back payments become too high is gone. We have find a back pay forgiveness program that allows non custodial parents to work and custodials parents the ability to recover some of what they are owed. In a pilot program in Racine County in 2007, this program was tried and failed for one main reason. Custodial parents were not willing to give up what they felt they were "owed". A new program has to focus on the fact that the non custodial parent is making current payments each month in order to receive any forgiveness (whether dollar for dollar or fifty cents on each dollar paid). Keeping the monthly dollars owed coming in keeps custodial parents whole, children needs met and non custodial parent working, thus eleviating stress on social welfare program dollars.

Next, to create a 21st century workforce we have to fully engage students on all levels to come back to work in the manufacturing sector which now employs much more technology than ever before. We need more STEM programs in k-12, we also perhaps more importantly need a new cadre of apprenctiship programs for manufacturing sectors, (such as food processing, and others) that typically have not had apprenctiships available. Students in early high school years can apprentice

in areas of interest and earn employability with local employers even before graduation. This can also extend to areas like child care, long term care and more. These programs can help establish career ladders for students and give them a long term focus on a certain industry close to home to earn a living in.

Third, to further that goal we must as the Tim Sullivan report suggests, look for ways to realign the overlapping educational, economic development and workforce entities. The overlap in areas leaves many parts of the state underserved for workforce and economic development. A realignment will allow for regional inventory of assets to take place and allow all regional entities to focus on playing to each of their own strengths. I mentioned earlier the Food processing manufacturing sector. This is a vital strength in Central WI and yet little focus our attention is placed on it for developing. Each area of the state has several fast growing sectors with needs for a more employable workforce, the realignment will allow each technical college and workforce development board to determine targeted training program options and build on area strengths.

The options are limitless in how we can encourage better workforce development I am excited and happy to help in any way that I can to fill the 70,000 plus job openings on the Job Center of WI.

Scott Krug

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Representative Mike Kuglitsch

Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: *Committee on Energy and Utilities* — yes

Second Choice: *None*

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Committee on Jobs, Economy and Mining — yes

Committee on Labor — yes

Committee on Workforce Development — yes

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I took on the role of chairing the Energy and Utility Committee when Representative Honadel resigned over a year ago. Within this year, the Energy and Utilities Committee has held several public hearings and executive sessions. We have passed valuable legislation, and my staff and I have garnered relevant information about the industry. I have also established a great relationship with stakeholders and I feel we will continue to be a great asset to the Energy and Utility Committee. Moving forward, it is important that the legislature works closely with both the DNR and PSC regarding the new EPA regulations and how the state will deal with new emission standards that lie ahead.

After a year of chairing the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities, I have had the opportunity to visit a number of Wisconsin energy plants and worked with the Public Service Commission. Additionally, I worked with members on both sides of the aisle to construct legislation that assists Wisconsin utilities, the PSC, and consumers across the state. The energy field is an ever changing landscape and the learning curve is challenging. I believe my staff and I have done a tremendous job of educating ourselves on the issues and building a trusting relationship with all the stakeholders. I hope that my dedication and commitment will grant me another session as chairman of this committee.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Some of the major issues the Energy and Utility Committee needs to address are: distributed generation, solar regulations, EPA regulations 111D, state implementation and putting focus on

energy reform in Wisconsin. Wisconsin will also face battles with net metering and distributed generation in the upcoming session. Expansion of distributed generation and third party ownership of solar panels, will lead to higher energy prices for most Wisconsin consumers. Also, there are a number of areas that could use some updating in our statutes that both sides of the aisle can agree on.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. With regards to the new EPA regulations, we must first work with the DNR and the PSC to come up with a plan that best suits our state. Each state will be allowed to construct their own state plan. However, many states believe this is an infringement on their 10th amendment rights and have begun refusing to create a state implementation plan. If we do not create a plan, we will be taking the federal government's plan for Wisconsin.

Should we allow the PSC and the DNR to create a state plan, we will then need to create enabling legislation to move forward. Prior to drafting legislation, we must ensure that the state plan created will work well with all stakeholders, as well as consumers. With the proposed rule greatly affecting states that burn a plethora of coal, like Wisconsin, we must work with all stakeholders to find the best solutions prior to implementing a plan for the state. The proposed rule, 111d, will take full effect in June of 2015. Under the rule, we will have one year to create a plan.

If selected as Chairman, I will hold an informational hearing inviting the DNR, the PSC, and various other stakeholders to discuss this rule and how it will affect Wisconsin. I believe this will help Wisconsin craft a better state implementation plan moving forward.

2. Distributed generation may be a difficult issue to tackle this session. As more and more customers shift towards generating power themselves, the fixed costs of running the grid are being shifted to traditional customers. In neighboring states, companies have begun to construct solar panels on houses. In this case, residents pay the 3rd party company that installed the renewable units and the 3rd party sells the excess energy back to the utility at a retail rate. This too has pushed much of the fixed cost of running the lines and power plants onto traditional utility customers. The Utilities believe it to be fair to raise the fixed cost for each utility customer and find a reasonable "use cost" for each user. However, this has caused major push back in many markets across the state.

The goal of the utilities, as well as the state, should be to hold the line on utility rates, keep fixed costs low, and continue to allow residents to construct their own renewable energy devices on their property. The easiest way to do this is to mend the net metering costs or buy back rate from customers to utilities. We have found that since the Carter Administration, many utilities have been forced to buy back unused energy from residential customers at a higher rate than what they can normally purchase energy on the wholesale market.

The legislation to address this would prevent 3rd parties from owning solar panels on a resident's home. The legislation would also specify that the solar power generated a residence could not be more than 110% of their total load. This will prevent home owners from abusing the net metering system.

My office is currently working with stakeholders to find the best solution to this issue. A drafting request has been put into the Legislative Reference Bureau, and we hope to come to a conclusion within the first few months of session. This legislation would solve the problem of distributed generation (net metering) and solar regulations in Wisconsin, while still allowing those who wish to generate their own energy for their homes the ability to do so.

In short, Wisconsinites who chose not to put solar panels on their house will not be on the hook for paying the fixed cost of the grid for their neighbors who do. However, those citizens who chose to put panels on their home will only be able to generate power for themselves.

3. Finally, there are still a number of out-dated statutes that we will continue to look at. Last session we worked with stakeholders and the PSC to find language that could be deleted from our statutes or updated to current practices. This session we will build upon the work that was completed last spring and continue to streamline practices in the field and at the Public Service Commission. I am currently working with stakeholders in all fields, and I will gladly work with other legislators if there is an area that they feel could use some updating. Last session we worked with Rep. Krug in updating renewable resource credits so paper companies in his district could benefit. It is legislation like this that will assist our caucus and our business community.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Bob Kulp

Committee you wish to chair:

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With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Mining and Rural Development *-yes*

Second Choice: State Affairs and Government Affairs *-yes*

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

The top two choices and

- Transportation *-NO*
- Jobs and the Economy *-NO*
- Labor *-yes*
- Workforce Development *-yes*

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Mining ✓
SA
Labor ✓
WPD

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I haven't been a chair in the past, but I feel I have learned how to be an effective chair from my committee experience last year. As a committee chair, I will make sure to properly vet all bills that come before my committee. There will be no bills that are passed through because, "Well, Rep. Schmoe said it's a good bill, let's just run it through." I will also communicate with leadership on bills and make sure that there is proper messaging on bills that will be moved. Further, if bills need to be fixed or tweaked I will work with the author of the bill to make sure an improved bill is passed, that most parties are content, and that the best possible, most complete bill is moved forward.

For the mining committee, I have a district that has several industrial sand mines, and more importantly, several companies that also work with, or service industrial sand mines. I also have several communities who value the economic impact of industrial sand mines and want to make sure that they can work in conjunction with this valuable industry. While I may have colleagues who have more sand mines in their district, I believe I have the type of district that will allow me to view the issue practically, balancing industry and environmental concerns.

As to rural development, a vital issue to my district and a large portion of the northern part of the state is broadband expansion. As a member of the Broadband Advisory Group, I have learned of the several barriers to expanding broadband in the unserved areas of the state, and I believe I can address those issues through legislation.

Finally, as a small businessman in a district that is mostly rural, I believe I have real world experience and success in rural development and rural economic development that would serve the committee well. I also grew up on a dairy farm that was quite large in its day, and I understand the needs of farms and agribusiness.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

1. In regards to industrial sand, we need to address road contracts between local forms of government and industry.
2. Local governments engaging in environmental studies and setting standards that make engaging in business prohibitive.
3. Clearing regulatory matters for the implementation of broadband in underserved areas.
4. Continue to monitor the Gogebic Taconite mining project in northern Wisconsin.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1. There is no doubt that some industrial sand companies, can, and should help local governments pay for the construction and maintenance of local roads that they use. However, this should not result in local governments "holding up" companies for millions of dollars to pay for roads and repairs. Nor should a precedent be set that other road dependent industries, like agriculture and forestry, get off for free, but who might not be able to afford a similar share of payment. I would like to establish state standards on local road agreements and have a third party set reasonable rates.
2. Draft legislation that re-affirms the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as the state's sole environmental regulator.
3. It is imperative that we have a "clearinghouse" at the State that documents where fiber optic cables are currently and who is the ownership. This will allow for much greater collaboration between companies and facilitate expansion of broadband throughout the underserved areas.
4. While I do not have any specific ideas that would "correct" this issue at this time (not that I would even argue that correction is needed), I would be willing to discuss "tweaks" and changes that come up, either through rules, or legislation-wise, that might affect the project.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Tom Larson

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Jobs and the Economy - yes

Second Choice: Workforce Development - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Joint committee on Review of Administrative Rules
 Judiciary, ^{yes} Small Business Development - yes
 Education, _{NO} Energy + Utilities, _{yes} Transportation _{yes}

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

<u>yes</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jobs	ED
Judiciary	JURAR
Small Bus	WFD
Energy	
Trans	

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 Tom Larson
 * Mining

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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Committee Chair Request Form

Dave Murphy

Colleges
Housing
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~~Jobs~~
(Retirement)
✓ * financial

CHAIR

First Choice: **Colleges and Universities** - yes

Second Choice: **Housing and Real Estate** - yes

In either case, I'd like to also chair the **Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems** - yes

MEMBER Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

In addition to the above committees:

- **Education** - yes
- **Agriculture** - NO
- **Workforce Development** - NO
- **Jobs and the Economy** - NO

NO
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JOBS

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Colleges and Universities:

- I want to become an expert on education, workforce development and jobs, especially as these areas relate to each other.
- Current Vice-Chair
- Attended UW Fox Valley and work closely with Fox Valley Technical College
- Strong interest in efficient management of funding, programs and outcomes
- Desire to improve the connections between K-12 and postsecondary education
- Interest in maximizing both 4-yr and technical education options for workers
- UW Regent Tim Higgins is a good friend, and we often collaborate on and discuss UW issues.

Housing and Real Estate:

- Current member
- Former real estate broker (5 years)
- High level of interest in these matters. It is important to make real estate transaction as seamless as possible, because when problems arise due to the economy, this is critical. Improves real estate prices and market.

- Support private home rental legislation, property tax reduction.

Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems:

- Good understanding of general benefit systems
- High interest in Wisconsin's public pension plan (I have toured SWIB and met with the director and others)
- Desire to learn more about public policy related to WRS
- My RA used to clerk this committee

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Colleges and Universities:

- Stop Democrats from putting student finances on the backs of Wisconsin taxpayers
- Keep our commitment to increasing baccalaureate holders while closing the skills gap in technical and trades jobs (everyone doesn't need a degree to have good jobs).
 - Support jobs driven educational culture that values technical education
 - Leverage dual enrollment, decreasing debt, giving credit for life/past experiences etc., to get students working sooner
- Ensure the UW and WTCS are adequately serving returning veterans.
- Seamless educational system from K-12 to the UW or WTCS, and re-entry into the educational system from the work world.

Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems:

- I know this committee moves very slowly and deliberately, because our system is well funded and managed. Committee addresses issues as they arise.

Solutions to explore for higher education:

- Eliminate or reform UW Colleges and Extension. It's an antiquated system that was originally designed for an agrarian economy. Many of these functions are or can be done by the WTCS, for example.
- Student debt
 - Stop the Democrats from having Wisconsin take on bad debt and interest from student loans
 - Support tuition freezes
 - Prioritize the primary responsibilities of the UW (teaching, research, economic driver) by increasing the 4 year graduation rate, avoiding duplication and enhancing credit transfer, etc.

- Promote and enhance the UW Flex Option.
- Find pathways for research and commercialization of projects and protecting intellectual property.
- Increase retention of out of state and international student and grad talent.
- Require regular communication from the UW System to the legislature that shows graduation rates, retention, attrition, and similar info on grads 6 months after graduation and several years out. (WTCS does this proactively)

Committee Chair Request Form

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Mining

Name: Rep. Jeff Mursaw

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Environment and Forestry yes

Second Choice: Contact Jeff

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Agriculture, Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage, Family Law, Tourism yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I have worked with forestry and environmental issues since I was elected in 04-05 deal with many forest related businesses in my district and have first hand experience with all associated aspects.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Sustainable forestry practices and high capacity wells. & wetland issues.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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- ① Working to get our national forests up to their allowable cuts.
- ② require people to only have to remove the material that they placed in a wetland not place the burden on them to remove all material placed over many years.
- ③ work to make the permitting process fair for all land owners



LEE NERISON

96th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Representative Lee Nerison

Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: Agriculture

Second Choice: Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- 1) Agriculture (Chair) - *yes*
- 2) Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage - *yes*
- 3) Veterans and Military Affairs - *yes?*

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

As the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, I am honored to bring my over 40 years of experience in running a family-owned farm to help grow Wisconsin's \$88 billion per year agriculture industry. I proudly represent one of the most agriculturally diverse areas in the state. We have Amish farms, organic farms, 1,000 animal herds and 60-cow dairy farms like the one I owned. I understand the different ways that these operations function while focusing on the same goal of putting quality food on the consumer's table.

I served as Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture from 2005-2008 before being promoted in 2011 to serve as the Committee's Chair. During my tenure on the committee, I have actively worked to grow Wisconsin agriculture by nearly \$30 billion annually with an additional 59,500 new jobs created in this industry.

Last session, I worked with Rep. Tranel to author a landmark law for agritourism, which provides a certain level of immunity from civil litigation for agritourism providers. In many states, the trial attorneys successfully inserted language to nullify the law, and they made the same effort in Wisconsin. I successfully ushered this bill through committee without accepting that language and ultimately brought it to a vote in the Assembly with no discussion, something quite rare for a civil immunity bill. Other states are now trying to change their law to what we passed in Wisconsin. Passage of this law is an example of my leadership and skill in negotiating complex issues and putting in place effective public policy.



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What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

As Chair, my practice has always been to meet with key agriculture groups and stakeholders to determine legislative priorities. The number one priority I hear is that we don't need a bunch of new laws for agriculture. Rather, in general terms, we need to update existing laws to better reflect modern agricultural practices and to grow agriculture, not hinder it. For example, last session I authored the law to clarify sales and use tax exemptions for certain agribusinesses. In light of a number of court cases affecting agriculture, ranging from the siting of high capacity wells to indemnification for shipping diseased animals, the legislature needs to pass laws next session to clarify relevant statutes.

Farmers always want to eliminate duplication in regulations between DATCP and DNR to make it easier for them to grow their operations, and we need a friendlier tax climate to make it easier for farmers to pass their business to the next generation. Additionally, we need to protect core functions within DATCP with responsible budgeting, in light of ongoing federal budget cuts, and consolidate functions between DATCP and DHS concerning food inspection.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

- 1) Legislation to provide immunity for livestock shippers who unknowingly ship diseased animals (currently drafted, going through final revisions). This is a bill that is perfect for a member with a livestock cooperative in his/her district (perhaps Rep. VandeMeer?).
- 2) Legislation to prohibit video or audio taping on farms without consent of the farmer/owner (currently drafted, going through final revisions)
- 3) Work with stakeholders to revise the Agricultural Producer Security Program to isolate contractors' categories from defaults in another contractor category (i.e. milk haulers, grain dealers, vegetable processors) in light of the default of Allens, Inc.

In closing, I feel that educating my non-farm colleagues and keeping good laws on the books and stopping bad laws is the most important thing I do as Chair of the Agriculture Committee. For example, last session I led the effort, backed by 24 of my Republican colleagues, to stop the repeal of Wisconsin's limit on foreign ownership of farmland. Changing this law would have seriously affected Wisconsin's ability to compete in a global economy and would have undercut our \$3.2 billion in annual exports.

I look forward to continuing to work with Governor Walker, DATCP Secretary Brancel, committee members, colleagues, and key stakeholders to keep growing Wisconsin agriculture.

Committee Chair Request from Adam Neylon

Committees I wish to chair:

1. Public Benefit Reform ①
2. JCRAR or Jobs & the Economy ②

Committees I wish to serve as member:

- ✓ 1. Consumer Protections - yes
- ✓ 2. Energy & Utilities - yes
- ✓ 3. Children & Family - yes
- ✓ 4. Jobs & the Economy - yes
5. Public Benefit Reform - yes
6. Small Business Development - NO

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Consumer
Energy
Jobs
PB

NO
Small Bus
JCRAR

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be chair of your desired committee?

As the child of parents who housed foster children for many years, I have first-hand experience with the positive impact public benefits can provide. However, my experience in the legislature has shown me the drastic need to reform many state benefit programs, so Wisconsin can continue providing a safety net to those truly in need of assistance.

Getting to know foster kids that became like siblings has made me care deeply about issues affecting the most vulnerable members of society. As a state, we must provide a safety net. Being a fiscal conservative does not prevent me from having that belief. The fact still remains, many public benefit programs need reform. One example of this is the Wisconsin Shares subsidy.

Childcare providers in Milwaukee were scamming the state out of millions of dollars by enrolling children that never attended their program, in order to receive additional subsidy payments from the state. Last budget we reformed the program by changing the payment structure to reflect "attendance-based" calculations, opposed to the previous method of an "enrollment-based" payment structure. As I pointed out to the MacIver institute, this pragmatic approach should save taxpayers over \$20 million, based on earlier projections. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

As Chairman of the Public Benefit Reform Committee, I will work tirelessly to enact this type of common sense reform in state programs, protecting them for Wisconsin citizens that truly need public assistance.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Some major issues facing this committee are preventing waste, fraud, and abuse of public benefit programs. Also controlling government spending while ensuring a safety net is provided to those truly in need. Two specific programs I intend to focus on early in the upcoming legislative session are FoodShare Wisconsin and Unemployment Insurance (UI).

What are your solutions to those concerns?

UI benefits provide temporary financial assistance to workers unemployed through no fault of their own that meet Wisconsin's eligibility requirements. In order to qualify for this program, you must have worked in Wisconsin during the past 12 to 18 months, and have earned a minimum amount of wages as determined by state guidelines. As Governor Walker suggested a few months ago, we should explore the possibility of also requiring applicants to submit to a drug test in order to receive UI benefits. It's not about punishing people, or removing people from the program, it's about giving employers confidence to hire from this specific workforce.

FoodShare Wisconsin was created to help stop hunger and improve nutrition and health for those in need of assistance. The program helps buy food for those with limited resources, living on small or fixed incomes. It provides a necessary safety net to people that have lost their job, retired, or are disabled and unable to work. Since the goal is to stop hunger and improve nutrition for those in need across Wisconsin, it's reasonable to expect some limits to what can be purchased by the program. Along with beer and cigarettes, there are several items sold in grocery stores that provide no known nutritional value, possibly even harming ones health. People utilizing the FoodShare program are free to purchase anything they want with their own money, but taxpayers should not foot the bill for non-nutritional food options. A common sense reform would be modifying the list of banned substances, instead of selecting "appropriate" foods to purchase.

Another reform worth exploring is to cap FoodShare benefits two-years after enrolling in the program. Families will still be eligible to receive monthly assistance, but the amount does not increase if the household grows after two years. With that said, we should consider implementing an appeals process to provide exceptions for situations like older members of a family moving in with others for health reasons, and other special circumstances. Another program that might benefit from this type of two-year cap is the WIC program.

Another way to prevent people from abusing the system is to provide families with personal EBT cards with a photo ID. That way people won't be able to sell, trade or give away their public benefits. Along with this modification, we should also consider increasing penalties for storeowners abusing the system. Anyone attempting public benefit fraud should be subjected to criminal penalties.

Related Media:

"Rep. Adam Neylon Works to Reform State Government" *Newly elected State Rep. Adam Neylon has hit the ground running, working to reform state government by protecting taxpayers from waste, fraud and abuse within Wisconsin's FoodShare program.* May 20, 2013.

"When Was the Last Time a Government Program Shrank?" *Special Guest Perspective for the MacIver Institute.* November 6, 2013.

"Criminal Waste in Foster Care" *by State Rep. Adam Neylon.* October 11, 2013.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Kathy Seroniz

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Campaigns & Elections

Second Choice: Mining & Rural Development

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

See Attachment -

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1) GAB restructuring: This may take an omnibus bill to accomplish and it will take a significant amount of time to accomplish. I will want to work on this, but would be more than happy to have someone else author.

For the upcoming session, I am well aware of the necessity to deal with the GAB structure. I recognize their overreach and improper behavior, which includes: investigative authority, rule making procedures and authority that conflicts with election administrators at the county and local levels and the intent of the legislature, just to name a few.

I will need to work with Assembly leadership and the Senate leadership to discuss options for the overall re-structure of the GAB. I would rename it as well. Government Accountability Board indicates that the "staff" are the "Board"...I think they have come to believe that themselves. They make decisions as if they are. With that said, we pay the Board far too much to deal with day-to-day stuff as well.

Currently the Ethics division deals with campaign finance and ethics issues, which I believe can and should utilize lawyers and/or judges. I don't believe they need 6. I think 3 or 5 would be sufficient. We must lay out precisely what decisions the staff are authorized to make without board authorization. Closed session discussions and transparency should be considered. Current appointing structure could remain.

The elections division's primary responsibility is to work on the electoral process and to carry out the will of the legislature via state statute. The abuse of their authority has been very clear here in regard to the ballot style they changed between the Primary and General Election. Any change in policy or procedure that affects local election officials must go to the "Election Division Board." My recommendation: the Election Division Board should be made up of bi-partisan/non-partisan election officials and 2 bi-partisan attorneys. I am currently looking at an appointment process.

The two separate organizations can and currently do have legal counsels and agency heads. We (the state) do not need an executive director. Their governing boards will be different. They can share staff and remain together in the same building, but they do not need to have an executive director/general counsel.

2) Spring Primary: It is imperative that we give County Clerk's more time to prepare ballots before the April Election. Nearly every election, they break the law by not having their absentee ballots sent to their overseas and military. As we saw in the Prosser election, every vote counts, Spring or Fall.

3) National database to cross check registered voters from adjacent states (IL and MN)

Second choice: Mining and Rural Development

As a past county official, I am aware of many aspects of non-metallic mining and regulation. I have many sand-mines and gravel pits in my district and the number is growing. I have been regularly briefed by the Director of Land Conservation in Chippewa County. There are a few mines that are now starting the reclamation process. Chippewa County has taken the lead on groundwater monitoring and they have a clear direction and recommendation on high capacity wells. It will be helpful to know that the DNR is not going to be able to propose a "one size fits all" regulation on high capacity wells, as different areas require different processes and regulations. We may need to weigh in on this, as agriculture and industry need these wells to produce their products and for rural Wisconsin to be productive.

My other choices for committee appointments in the order in which I prefer:

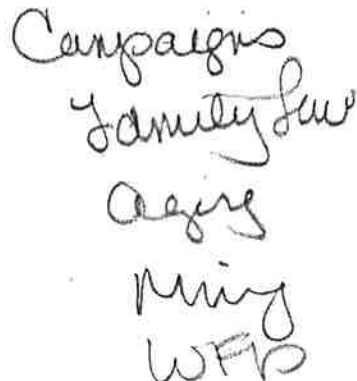
Committee	Experience
Campaign and Elections - yes	County Clerk and Previous Chair
Mining and Rural Development - yes	Frac Sand Mines in my district
Family Law - yes	Experience with Divorce and Child Support
Workforce Development - yes	Author of Wisconsin Fast Forward
Ways and Means - NO	Local Government Experience, including TIF districts
Aging and Long Term Care - yes	Served this Committee for 4 years
Agriculture - NO	A large portion of my district is agriculture

Thank you for the opportunity to put in my request for the committee I wish to serve.

Sincerely,



Representative Kathy Bernier



Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Al Ott

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage

Second Choice: Agriculture

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage - yes
- Agriculture - yes
- Transportation - yes

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Tourism

While the committees listed above would be my top-rated preferences, I would also welcome serving on the following committees if members were needed:

- Tourism - yes
- Consumer Protection - yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I am grateful Speaker Vos appointed me to chair the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage for the 2013-14 legislative session. It was my honor and privilege to lead this committee, and I am hopeful my job performance last session warrants my selection to chair the committee again in the coming session.

During the 2013-14 session, the committee held public hearings on 29 bills. Twenty-two of the bills referred to the committee were signed into law. The committee reviewed 16 Clearinghouse Rules and held meetings on nine administrative code chapters under the "Right the Rules" process.

Much of the committee's work focused on increasing opportunity for the sporting community, including recruitment and retention, and reducing bureaucratic red tape. A list of all proposals considered by the committee is attached, but some of the highlights include:

- Providing greater opportunities for bow hunting in urban areas. (Act 71)
- Allowing all hunters to use crossbows during the archery season. (Act 61)
- Providing a reduced-fee Conservation Patron License for Purple Heart Veterans. (Act 55)
- Easing restrictions on the purchase a rifle or shotgun from a non-contiguous state. (Act 232)
- Providing additional protections for sport shooting ranges from the negligent use of a range by others. (Act 202)
- Promptly reviewing and advancing revised shoreland zoning rules to ease overly restrictive requirements for the development of shoreland properties. (NR 115)

Prior to serving as chair of the Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage Committee, I was a member of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee from 1995 to 2005. I am familiar with the various issues addressed by this committee, work well with the vast number of stakeholder groups, and have a level of institutional knowledge that serves me well in this role.

As a long-time committee chair, I have a proven track record of engaging stakeholders and working toward consensus on difficult issues. I understand the need for a balanced approach that aims to lessen regulatory burdens while protecting our resources and preserving Wisconsin's sporting traditions.

I sincerely believe I can be an asset to the Assembly Republican team. My staff and I stand ready to assist members when questions or concerns regarding sportsmen's issues arise in their districts, or if they need information when preparing to meet with sporting groups. I enjoy working with my colleagues to advance their ideas and initiatives that will serve as good public policy for the State of Wisconsin.

Even a committee such as Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage must be mindful of how our work impacts job creation and economic development in Wisconsin. Hunting alone generates an estimated **\$4 billion** in annual economic activity in Wisconsin. Shoreland zoning regulations have a significant impact on property owners and development opportunities. I look forward to working toward strengthening our state's sporting heritage, cutting back on over-burdensome regulations and growing Wisconsin's economy.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- There needs to be a continued focus on the recruitment and retention of sportsmen and sportswomen of all ages.
- To the extent possible, efforts should continue to be made to simplify regulations and licensing processes.
- It will be important to continue to monitor and actively review proposed Clearinghouse Rules, particularly CR 13-071 relating to deer management. This rule aims to implement many of the changes proposed by the 2012 White-tailed Deer Trustee Report.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

- Establish a trapping mentorship program similar to the current-law hunting mentorship program.
 - Such a program was overwhelmingly supported during the 2014 spring Conservation Congress meetings. (Question #43; approved by 70 counties) *Preliminary drafting has been completed.*
- Establish a Senior Resident Conservation Patron License.
 - Currently, when a person reaches the age of 65, they may purchase a reduced rate fishing license, small game license and state park sticker. However, if they purchase a Resident Conservation Patron License, none of these discounts apply. There is currently a Junior Conservation Patron License, but no equivalent option for seniors. Such a license was overwhelmingly supported during the 2014 spring Conservation Congress meetings. (Question #47; approved by 72 counties)
- Establish a single hunting stamp and a single fishing stamp to be purchased by all hunters and anglers, with revenues segregated for fisheries and wildlife conservation programs.
 - Hunters currently need to purchase a turkey stamp (\$5.25), a pheasant stamp (\$10.00) and a state waterfowl stamp (\$7.00) to hunt any of these species. Anglers must purchase an inland trout stamp (\$10.00) to fish inland trout waters and a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp (\$10.00) to fish for those species on the Great Lakes. In order to simplify the licensing process, the concept of a single hunting and a single fishing stamp to obtain all hunting and fishing privileges has been proposed. The proposed lower-cost single stamp received significant support during the 2014 spring Conservation Congress meetings. (Questions #32 and #33; approved by 60 counties)
- Continue active review of proposed clearinghouse rules – especially the proposed permanent rule on deer management. It is likely the committee would hold a public hearing on this rule.
- Continue the “Right the Rules” process.

2013-14 Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage Committee

Bill	Title	Author	Hearing	Exec.	Status/Notes
AB 6	Catch-and-release bass fishing season	Kleefisch	4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in Budget by JFC. Vetoed by Governor. Directed Department to work w/ Conservation Congress on the issue. • Question for all species on spring questionnaire (#2). • Question failed: 2,249-3,323. (Counties: 15/55/2)
AB 7	Treating bird hunting preserves as shooting ranges for civil actions & zoning	Kleefisch	7/17/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (2/1/13)
AB 8	Urban bow hunting	Kleefisch	4/10/13	5/22/13 [11-3]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (6/6/13) • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (9/17/13) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 71 (12/12/13)
AB 12 SB 8	Alcohol sale, possession & consumption at Peninsula State Park	Bies Lasee	2/27/13	5/22/13 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (3/5/13) • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (3/6/13) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 6 (3/13/13)
AB 30	Transportation of game taken in another state or on Indian land	Legislative Council	3/27/13	4/25/13 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (6/12/13) • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (9/17/13) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 85 (12/12/13)
AB 75 SB 183	Shoreland zoning after annexation	Mursau Tiffany	4/10/13	7/17/13 [9-4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Senate [20-13] (11/12/13) • Passed Assembly [59-35] (11/12/13) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 80 (12/12/13)
AB 84 SB 77	Fishing license & aquatic plant management permit exemptions for private ponds	Jacque Leibham	4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing license exemption included in Budget by JFC. • 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 (7/1/13)
AB 94 SB 93	Use of dogs in hunting wolves	Clark Risser			<p>AB 94:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (3/26/13) <p>SB 93:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources (3/20/13)
AB 112 SB 115	Leasing DNR tower sites for telecommunication systems	JCRAR	4/10/13	4/24/13 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (5/8/13) • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (6/11/13) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 27 (7/5/13)
AB 137 SB 164	Open season for woodchucks	Jacque	4/24/13		<p>AB 137:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA 1 Introduced [Jacque] (10/3/13) <p>SB 164:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources (4/30/13)
AB 149 SB 133	Decoys placed in water for migratory game bird hunting	Jacque			<p>AB 149:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (3/26/13) <p>SB 133:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources (4/10/13)

Bill	Title	Author	Hearing	Exec.	Status/Notes
AB 155 SB 134	Sea lamprey control program	Weininger Cowles	7/17/13	8/14/13 [12-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [32-0] (10/8/13) Passed Assembly [91-0] (10/17/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 72 (12/12/13)
AB 178 SB 162	Operation of certain sport shooting ranges	Krug Kedzie	5/22/13	5/30/14 [14-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (5/7/13) Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (6/12/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 35 (7/5/13)
AB 194 SB 185	Crossbow hunting	Czaja Farrow	5/22/13	5/30/13 [14-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [95-0] (6/6/13) Passed Senate – Amended by SSA 1 [Voice Vote] (9/17/13) Assembly Concurrence [91-0] (10/17/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 61 (12/10/13)
AB 199 SB 178	DNR license fees for Purple Heart Veterans	Petryk Petrowski	7/17/13	8/14/13 [12-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (6/11/13) Passed Assembly – Amended by AA 1 [Voice Vote] (10/15/13) Senate Concurrence [Voice Vote] (10/15/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 55 (11/8/13)
AB 254	Free state park & state trail admission for veterans	Brooks	7/17/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (6/20/13)
AB 264	Plate requirements for ATVs and UTVs	Vruwink			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (7/15/13)
AB 352 SB 287	Use of net pens for fish stocking	Bies Lasee	9/11/13	9/25/13 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [94-2] (10/8/13) Passed Senate [32-1] (11/12/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 75 (12/12/13)
AB 359 SB 277	Boulder Junction Shooting Range state land lease	Swearingen Tiffany	9/25/13	10/9/13 [15-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (10/17/13) Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (11/12/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 82 (12/12/13)
AB 368 SB 285	Purchases or transfers of rifles or shotguns in other states	Spiros Tiffany	12/18/13	1/15/14 [14-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [94-3] (1/21/14) Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (2/18/14) 2013 Wisconsin Act 232 (4/8/14)
AB 369	Off-highway vehicles	Mursau	9/25/13	1/29/14 [13-2]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage – Passage (as amended) recommended Referred to Joint Committee on Finance (2/3/14)
AB 380 SB 329	Sturgeon spearing permits	Steineke Ellis	9/25/13	10/9/13 [15-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (10/17/13) Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (11/12/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 64 (12/12/13)
AB 381 SB 310	ATV & UTV definition updates	Severson Harsdorf	9/25/13	10/9/13 [15-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (10/15/13) Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (10/15/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 67 (12/12/13)

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AB 397	Shining wild animals	Strachota			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (10/1/13)
AB 441 SB 321	Limitation of a property owner's liability when lands are used for noncommercial aviation	Tittl Leibham	12/18/13	1/15/14 [10-4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (11/12/13) Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (2/18/14) 2013 Wisconsin Act 318 (4/16/14)
AB 472	License transfer to people with disabilities	Jacque			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (11/1/13)
AB 473	Transfer of bear hunting licenses to Purple Heart veterans & active duty military	Jacque			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (11/1/13)
AB 497 SB 380	Poaching fines	Williams Petrowski	1/29/14	3/7/14 [13-0]	<p>AB 497:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (3/18/14) Referred to Senate Org. (3/19/14) <p>SB 380:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources Public Hearing (2/5/14) SSA 1 Introduced [Petrowski] (2/25/14)
AB 504 SB 278	Public access to managed forest land located in a proposed mining site	Schraa Tiffany			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [18-15] (11/5/13) Passed Assembly [54-39] (11/14/13) 2013 Wisconsin Act 81 (12/12/13)
AB 505 SB 383	Turkey license landowner preference acreage requirements	Tauchen Cowles			<p>AB 505:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (11/12/13) <p>SB 383:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources (11/1/13)
AB 509	Turkey permit exemption for Purple Heart Veterans	Wright			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (11/14/13)
AB 591	Regulating certain rafting outfitters	Hesselbein			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (12/20/13)
AB 633	Reduced fee fishing licenses for persons with disabilities	Krug	1/29/14	2/12/14 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (2/18/14) Referred to Natural Resources (2/19/14)
AB 636 SB 482	Snowmobile safety program field training requirements	Severson Harsdorf	2/12/14	2/27/14 [13-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (3/11/14) Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (3/18/14) 2013 Wisconsin Act 353 (4/23/14)
AB 659	Acreage requirements for areas where farm-raised deer that may be hunted are kept	Krug			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (1/24/14)
AB 670 SB 514	Registration of antique snowmobiles	Williams Tiffany	2/12/14	2/27/14 [13-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (3/18/14) Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (4/1/14) 2013 Wisconsin Act 233 (4/8/14)
AB 691 SB 527	Liability and immunity of sport shooting ranges	Krug Fitzgerald	2/27/14	3/12/14 [11-3]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed Senate [19-13] (2/18/14) Passed Assembly [65-30] (3/18/14) 2013 Wisconsin Act 202 (4/8/14)
AB 694	Off-highway motorcycles	Mursau	2/12/14	3/7/14 [12-1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage – Passage recommended Referred to Rules (3/7/14) AA 1 Introduced [Mursau] (3/20/14)

Bill	Title	Author	Hearing	Exec.	Status/Notes
AB 730 AB 591	State trail access hours	Genrich Gudex	2/12/14	2/27/14 [13-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (3/18/14) • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (4/1/14) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 295 (4/16/14)
AB 743 SB 601	ATV/UTV bridge access	Marklein Leibham	2/12/14	2/12/14 [16-0]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed Assembly [Voice Vote] (2/18/14) • Passed Senate [Voice Vote] (3/18/14) • 2013 Wisconsin Act 316 (4/16/14)
AB 843	Sporting heritage grant program	Milroy			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (3/6/14)
AB 927	Regulation of captive new world quail by DATP	Vruwink			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage (4/3/14)

***29 Bills Heard

***22 Bills Signed Into Law

***16 Clearinghouse Rules Reviewed

***9 "Right the Rules" Code Chapters Reviewed

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Jim Ott

Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: Judiciary *yes*

Second Choice: JCRAR

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Veterans, Law Revision, Judicial Council, Constitution and Ethics, Natural Resources

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Current Chair of Assembly Judiciary Committee; Attorney and current member of the WI State Bar; One of the busiest committees this session; worked very well with leadership staff – there was outstanding, consistent and regular communication between our office, the Speaker's policy team (Nick) and the Majority Leader's office (Bob).

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- 1) Recodification of the state's criminal procedure code
- 2) Collateral Source
- 3) Structured Settlements

What are your solutions for those concerns?

The criminal procedure bill will be finalized by the Judicial Council on December 19th. It is my hope the legislation can be brought to the Assembly floor prior to the budget. As previously discussed, there will be a trailer bill associated with this recodification. It is my intent to continue to work with the Judicial Council, the incoming Attorney General, LRB and others in the hope of moving this much needed legislation forward.

Collateral Source (2013-2014 AB 29, Jacque) will be a priority issue for the Insurance Alliance and health care providers. Last session the bill died after the aforementioned groups failed to come to a compromise. AB 29, as currently drafted, encompasses other issues outside of collateral source and if the interested parties are in agreement I am willing to attempt to facilitate a compromise. There is every indication AB 29 will be re-introduced in the upcoming session.

At the request of Wisconsin state judges, the Legislative Council formed a study committee to draft legislation designed to implement law regarding the transferring of structured settlements. I co-chaired this study committee. Currently, our state has no law relating to the transfer of structured settlements, thus requiring judges to look at other state's statutes for guidance. I will continue to work with interested parties, the judiciary and the Governor's office to move this bill forward.

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KEVIN PETERSEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Insurance Chair

For the last 2 sessions I chaired the Assembly Committee on Insurance. I oversaw legislation that directly affects every individual, family, senior, and employer in Wisconsin.

My strong stance against mandates such as higher minimum liability rates and liability stacking policies which increase auto insurance premiums throughout the state, along with my meticulous attention to detail, makes me the right choice to chair the Assembly Committee on Insurance.

One of my primary goals for the 2015 -2016 legislative session is to help clear up confusion regarding rideshare entities such as Uber and Lyft and defining their insurance coverage parameters.

As important as it is to pass sound legislation, it is equally important to stop bad legislation. I served for the last four years as the goattender, preventing bad legislation and mandates while working to maintain stability in the insurance market place.

This past session as chairman I was instrumental in helping members steward through the caucus and floor sessions a number of bills that addressed:

Storm Chaser (AB 81 – Act 24) addressing bad actors instilling fear to scam homeowners when they are most vulnerable following a storm.

Fees for Dental Services (AB 109 – Act 26) further defined what a covered service is while making every effort to foster greater transparency in the actual costs of providing dental services.

Electronic delivery of notices and documents by insurers. (AB 373 – Act 73)

Portable Electronics Insurance (SB 524 – Act 230) makes technical changes to the Portable Electronics Insurance Act, establishing a regulatory framework for the selling of portable electronics insurance.

Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA). (SB582/AB735 - Act 279) Relates to the regulation of insurance in the state. The Act includes provisions related to two model acts adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), in addition to other miscellaneous insurance provisions.

Last but not least, I worked with stakeholders in the insurance industry, leaders, and the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance toward Righting the Rules in insurance. One such change was SB 581/AB736 now 2013 Wisconsin Act 278 which modifies ch. Ins 3 of the administrative rules, originally promulgated by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI). Specifically, the Act modifies certain rules related to compensation of an insurance intermediary or other representative in a sale or replacement of a long-term care insurance policy or certificate.

My successful past chairmanship of the Assembly Committee on Insurance has given me the experience and insight to serve as chairman in the 2015-2016 Assembly legislative session.

Committee Chair Request Form

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Name: Rep. Petersen

Committee you wish to chair:

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The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Insurance - yes

Second Choice: Public Benefit Reform - yes

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Energy and Utilities, Public Benefit Reform, Health, Jobs and the Economy, - NO

Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology (Co-Chair)

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Please see attachment

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Please see attachment

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

*As mentioned above, please provide **three specific Ideas** you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.

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Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Warren Petryk

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First Choice: Workforce Development - yes

Second Choice: Jobs and the Economy - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member: Jobs and the Economy, Energy and Utilities, - yes
Insurance, Agriculture, and Veterans. -> yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Currently, I am the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development (DWD) and I have worked closely with the outgoing chair to move our committee and legislation in the right direction. I am also an appointed member of the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment where I have worked in collaboration with other legislators, public leaders, and stakeholders.

I am an active member of multiple Chambers Of Commerce in Eau Claire, Ellsworth, and Prescott. Furthermore, I was the Ambassador for 15 years of the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce which has resulted in connections with business leaders in the west-central Wisconsin area.

I have an excellent working relationship with Secretary Newson at the Department of Workforce Development, as well as Technical Colleges in western Wisconsin and the Chancellors at the Universities of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, Stout, and River Falls. Also, I have developed excellent working relationships with economic development groups throughout west-central Wisconsin.

Lastly, this session I was able to author and advocate for the passage Assembly Bill 399 (2013 Wisconsin Act 59). This law is imperative in helping to prepare our future workforce by providing incentive grants for high schools offering industry recognized certificates in their curriculum.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

The number one issue is connecting employers needing skilled workers with workers possessing those desired skills. This includes having an effective working relationship with our Universities and Technical Colleges to ensure that they have the necessary programs to help our future workforce gain these desired skills and qualities.

The Committee will need to address the two types of "gaps" in the workforce: the talent-gap (retaining talented workers in Wisconsin and preventing out migration) and the skills-gap especially in manufacturing where we need to creatively address the negative stigma attached to manufacturing jobs.

Another major issue is the disconnect between future business/ job creators and State of Wisconsin departments. I foresee the committee trying to develop point personnel in each department so that when a new business comes to Wisconsin, they could have a direct point of contact to help cut through the red tape (a SWAT Team approach).

I also believe another major issue that the Committee should address is the overlap of multiple state agencies and working to eliminate duplication, redundancy, and service delivery region overlap.

Finally, the Committee should work to be a check and balance for DWD to ensure that they are working effectively and helping to streamline their processes.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1. Capitalize on the innovative and collaborative programs that the 93rd Assembly District already has in our schools to help create a talented, successful, and well trained workforce.
 - a. Durand School District recently received the *Standing Up for Rural Schools* award from the Department of Public Instruction based on their manufacturing academy. This academy is collaboration with Mondovi Schools and Chippewa Valley Technical College combining resources and helping students get the education and hands on skills training they need to have a career in manufacturing.
 - b. Eleva-Strum has also developed educational opportunities for students in the career of manufacturing. *Cardinal Manufacturing* has been in operation since 2007. The program was developed to address the skills gap in advanced manufacturing and to engage students in meaningful education in this area.

2. Improve, expand, and streamline Wisconsin Fast Forward.
 - a. We should expand these grants to continue to support and train our workforce. With programs like these, we can train the workforce for the jobs that are available and going unfilled because the current workforce doesn't have the necessary skills.

3. New Hampshire has developed a program for on the job training. This program reimburses employers to help offset costs of supervising and training an "on the job training" participant. Employer receives a wage reimbursement up to 90% (\$4,000 max) during the employees contracted on the job training period (max 6 months). Employers can also qualify for a tax credit for up to \$10,200 over 2 years.

4. Tennessee created the Labor Education Alignment Program (LEAP). The program gives students at community colleges and colleges of applied technology the chance to earn academic credit while working in a high skill or high technology industry.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Keith Ripp

Committee you wish to chair:

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With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Transportation

Second

Choice: Agriculture

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

1. Transportation - *yes*
2. Agriculture - *yes*
3. Workforce Development - *yes*
4. Small Business Development - *NO*
5. Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage - *yes*
6. Jobs and the Economy - *NO*

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With the committee I chair included, I would like to serve on only 5 committees, but wanted to list an additional option if one does not work out.

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

As the owner of a farm and a small trucking company, both who are very dependent on our roadways, I understand how important Wisconsin's infrastructure is in driving the state's economy.

As the current Chairman of Transportation, I believe I ran the committee over the last session fairly and respectfully. Out of all the votes taken during last session (including amendments), only two were completely down party lines. I would continue to work with the caucus and leadership to advance our Transportation agenda. I am also willing to help other members, old and new, draft and pass transportation legislation.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

With the Department of Transportation projecting a \$680 million shortfall for the 2015-17 budget and a \$6.8 billion deficit over the next ten years, the Legislature and Governor's office will be tasked with finding short and long term solutions to sustainable funding and maintaining our infrastructure. While much of this discussion will happen in Joint Finance, I still believe it will be something that stakeholders and members will turn to the Transportation committee to learn and talk about.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

1. One of those solutions, although smaller in scope, is manure pumping. Manure pumping, whether temporarily above ground, or piping permanently below ground in the highway right-of-way, allows for farmers to transport manure where it needs to go without negatively impacting the roads with heavy to overweight manure tankers. We need to make sure our municipalities and counties can work with farms in their areas to continue to move toward manure pumping as a best practice. I am currently in the process of drafting three bills that will address this issue.

2. Another goal I have is to continue to work with stakeholders to clean up the Implements of Husbandry statutes and to strive for a strong balance between promoting Agriculture in our state and protecting the roadways. Now that the Implements of Husbandry legislation is in the beginning stages of implementation, we are working with all stakeholders on provisions that may need small tweaks and issues that we were not able to address at all last session. I am currently in the drafting process of two or three bills to address those provisions and issues. As with manure pumping, working toward best practices with overweight vehicles can help with efficiencies and sustainability of our roadways.

3. With our Transportation Omnibus Right the Rules bill last session, we were able to make improvements to 15 of the rules. As we did last session, I would like to continue working through the Transportation Administrative Code (125 rules remaining) to find areas where we cut red tape and promote a business-friendly environment.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Jessie Rodriguez

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: **Children and Families** - yes

Second Choice: **Workforce Development** - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Joint Legislative Council
Education - vice chair - yes
Energy & Utilities - NO
Mental Health - yes
Criminal Justice - yes

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Serving on the symposium on Healthy Early Brain Development during the summer and the committee on criminal justice earlier in the year have helped me understand the issues surrounding Wisconsin's most vulnerable children. I would like to take what I have learned to pass legislation that will continue to reform the early childhood care system.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

In recent years, research has proven that early childhood experiences have a profound effect on an adult's physical and mental health. Negative childhood experiences can lead to mental health problems, poor physical health and socioeconomic issues. Based on the symposium on Early Brain Development and testimony on human trafficking in the Criminal Justice committee, it became apparent that having an efficient and pragmatic early childhood care system to address the variety of issues impacting Wisconsin's most vulnerable children was necessary. Children are experiencing difficulties that have lifetime consequences affecting educational achievement, physical and mental health, and economic security. These consequences have a tremendous impact on our state's economic productivity and budget due to increase in services that need to be provided down the road.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1. We need to develop a database to allow for data sharing across state agencies. Currently, multiple agencies are tasked with assessing and addressing some of the serious issues these children face with no way of communicating the knowledge they obtain or the success of the programs derived to target the issues with each other.
2. Increase awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) in schools, childcare centers and parents as a preventative tool. Being able to identify the signs will help address the issue and provide interventions and treatment options.
3. The issue of human trafficking has gained the attention it deserves in recent years, but we must enact legislation to assure that victims of this horrible crime are being treated properly. Human trafficking legislation in the past two sessions has done a tremendous job at redefining the crime in our statutes and tackling the punitive side of issue; our focus should turn to the service side by exploring treatment options specifically targeted at human trafficked children. When victims of trafficking are not provided the proper treatment, they simply return to that lifestyle as it is all they know.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

JOE SANFELIPPO

Serving Wisconsin's 15TH Assembly District

Committee Application

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Joe Sanfelippo
15th Assembly District

Committee I wish to chair:

First Choice: **Health Committee**

Second Choice: **Transportation Committee**

Committees on which I wish to serve as a member:

- **Health**
- **Transportation**
- **Campaigns and Elections**
- **Financial Institutions**
- **Education**
- **Mental Health Reform**

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

My background of running businesses in the private sector, serving on the County Board, and serving in the Assembly has taught me how to decipher what programs can be funded within our budgetary means, how to identify new and innovative ideas for funding sources, and ask properly messaged questions on proposals in order to help keep our budget solvent. Further, I am not afraid to challenge the status quo to ensure we are following industry best practices and getting value for our spending.

I have an unwavering determination that will compel me to meet the work and time commitments dictated by the Health Committee. My tireless work ethic will drive me to put in whatever time and effort may be needed to make certain all of the items before the committee are properly vetted.

Advancing bills requires communication and consensus building. Last session I effectively worked with fellow legislators to ensure several bills were signed into law. Teamwork is of the utmost importance to me and I will not lose sight of that as Chairman of the Health Committee.

Having worked on health issues as a member of the County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee and now as a member of the State Legislature's Health Committee, I understand that the Chairman of the Health Committee will be presented with many emotional issues. John Wooden said, "Peaks and valleys belong in the Alps, not in the temperament of a leader." As Chairman of the Health Committee I will demonstrate dependability to leadership and our team, approachability and consistency to our caucus and committee members as well as the public and advocates, and most importantly I will demonstrate control in balancing personal legislative initiatives with the overall goals of our caucus.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address and what are your solutions for those concerns?

- **Medicaid reimbursement rates**

Responsibly adjusting Medicaid reimbursement rates is an issue that can be addressed in the upcoming session. The increased funding required can be raised through finding efficiencies and reducing fraud in Medicaid programs and studying improvement efforts made such as person-focused Medicaid programs in states like North Carolina, Louisiana, Florida and Kansas. Under my direction, the Health Committee will work with DHS to develop a WI model that will lead the country in Medicaid reform and cost savings.

- **Increasing efficacy and reducing abuse of government run health benefit programs**

One example of reform that is being studied by my office is potentially permitting someone to leave the Medicaid program and allow them to spend the amount equal to the benefits they were receiving for purchasing a private health insurance plan. Another option that is being researched is maximizing the responsible use of telemedicine.

Potential major cost savings can be realized in DHS by placing cost controls on Personal Care Worker Services. One local HMO was able to save \$4 million annually by utilizing Personal Care Screening Tools (PCST) on 800 of their members receiving this benefit. Statewide, there are as many as 15,000 members receiving this benefit. Requiring PCST assessments on all members would save WI \$75 million annually based on the experiences of this HMO.

Another example would be in the disability program. Reviewing the reasons so many adults are unable to work while also investigating if they truly are unable to work would improve the integrity of the program and lead to potential cost savings.

- **Health care liability reform**

Addressing the issue of how health care professionals treat individuals with emergency medical conditions may help reduce medical malpractice lawsuits. More clearly defining the level of proof someone must meet to receive damages in a malpractice claim may help reduce frivolous or fraudulent claims. I am also mindful of the potential for individuals to lobby for increasing the limitations on non-economic damages on liability cases.

- **Additional issues**

Additional items that could come before the Health Committee in the upcoming session are scope of practice issues for physical therapists, chiropractors, and nurse practitioners, licensure issues for physicians, and continuing the Right the Rules process.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: John Spiros

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Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: Labor Committee *- yes*

Second Choice: Transportation Committee *yes*

I will list a 3rd choice as Criminal Justice

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member: *- yes* (1 Transportation); *- yes* (2 Criminal Justice); (3 Labor)

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Labor: In the private sector I oversee many of the areas that this committee may be involved in in the coming year, such as a new W/C bill, W/C reform, FMLA, UIC, worker safety, worker training, etc. As chairman of the Marshfield City Council Finance and Budget Committee, I dealt with public unions

before Act 10 and the entire process. Having firsthand knowledge regarding W/C claims, the W/C process and working with the hospital association, insurance, businesses and being an employee of a large business, I understand the issues better than most! The last W/C bill failed to pass because there was too much "take" and not enough "give", in which a \$250 million dollar employer would have saved a small percentage on a fee schedule, but taken a large "hit" with the remainder of the bill. (Very few individuals would have seen that)

Transportation: Being in the trucking industry for 25 years, I have great knowledge with regard to how the transportation system operates; the safety of the motoring public; road taxes and fees; weight limits; Federal DOT rules along with State DOT rules, etc. I understand the needs for a strong infrastructure. Being on the Marshfield CC and Chairman of the F & B committee, I understand the local needs regarding roads and infrastructure and the budgetary process regarding these issues.

Criminal Justice: Having spent 6 years in the USAF and 3 years in the private sector as a police officer, along with dealing with the area of law, compliance, safety, and personal protection for most of my life, this is an area that I have sound knowledge in. My college degree is in Law Enforcement, I graduated top 3 in my academy class, and understand the job these men and women do every day,

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Labor: FMLA reform considering state law vs Federal Law and making a decision that will be fair to our business climate as well to the employees. W/C reform is no doubt an area that many employers have on their plates. The W/C council and their next bill, the council process and how do we make sure that "Wisconsin is open for business" by making sound decisions that will improve our business climate and protect our employees. Right to work will most likely be a lively topic, and I would accept the challenge to be part of this discussion and debate. Employee safety and training I believe are ongoing topics.

Transportation: The transportation budget will be a key issue this next session. Weight limits on roads, frac sand issues regarding transportation/roads could be a major issue. IOH may need to be adjusted since it was added late in session in 2014. The state DOT/State Police and considering the adoption of FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) rules regarding commercial vehicles compliance and safety. The 70 MPH speed limit, will no doubt come back to the committee.

Criminal Justice: There is no doubt that our drug issues (especially Opium) will be on topic; Milwaukee and the issues they continue to have with violence; Police cameras for the patrol officer to protect them and the citizens; Avoiding situations like Ferguson; Concealed Carry continues to come up each year; School safety and allowing teachers to be certified to carry or how to protect our schools and school children. The committee will most likely hear the input the special committee I participated on that considered misdemeanor classification.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

Labor: More stakeholder input is essential for all of the issues. We need to consider the states around us, and make sure we are competitive to attract new businesses, allow business expansion and work to keep our current businesses here. It is essential that Wisconsin's business climate be fair and competitive, and we need to consider how we can make sure this occurs.

Transportation: Outside the box ideas regarding transportation funding without having to increase taxes. Any tax/fee increase should be a last resort. I am not a fan of "more" regulation, so I believe stakeholder discussions as well as regulatory official discussions are needed to come to a fair compromise if WI considers adopting more FMCSA rules and regulations.

Criminal Justice: There is no doubt that input from various sources is needed on all the issues I raised. Allot of the issues I raised are not simple ones with easy solutions. Tough decisions will need to be made but only after careful consideration of each issue. Regarding the misdemeanor classification, I was the chair of the 2'nd break out committee tasked with classifying misdemeanors. I believe that this will be a bill that we will hear this session and is a solution to non-classified misdemeanors.

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Labor: 1) Consider changing the FMLA law and adopting the Federal Statutes; 2) We considered the W/C council bill last session after we sent them a draft of recommendations. They failed to make any changes, even the simplest changes were not considered. I believe we should consider their bill, but also consider legislation that changes some of the W/C law that continues to hurt businesses. (I would like to see a W/C committee like we did last time be put together earlier in session, and would like to chair this committee, and work with the Speakers office to get to a compromise that is good for the state) 3) Right the rules will be considered, and I think it is "healthy" to have discussions on this topic.

Transportation: 1)Transportation funding will need to consider out of the box ideas like having an insurance company like Geico sponsor the rest areas (use their name, and receive a monetary amount that could be used to offset costs at the rest areas for maint., etc, reducing the budget by that amount) Consider others to sponsor safety messages on our roadways and put their name on the signs. (again receiving a monetary amount and reducing the budget). 2) Regarding the adoption of Federal Rules by the DOT or State Police, we need to consider any funding we could lose by not adopting, and I am not in favor of adopting rules that would hurt our businesses. 3) I would like to see the 70 mph speed limit bill re-proposed BUT with consideration of trucks remaining at 65 MPH.

Criminal Justice: 1) Consideration for police officers which would have a camera to monitor their actions as well as those of the general public whom they come into contact with daily. 2) Changing the misdemeanor classifications per the recommendation of the special committee. 3) Stronger drug rules need to be implemented for the transportation/trafficking of illicit drugs into our state.

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: KENNETH PAUL SKOWRONSKI

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First Choice: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - YES

Second Choice: WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT
JOBS AND THE ECONOMY - NO

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

VETERANS - NATURAL RESOURCE SPORTSMAN HERITAGE
WAYS + MEANS - URBAN + LOCAL AFFAIRS, HEALTH
TRANSPORTATION - YES

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

54 YRS OWNER OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
9 YRS CITY OF FRANKLIN ALDERMAN
14 YRS MEMBER/CHAIR OF FRANKLIN E.O.C
39 YRS FRANKLIN PLAN COMM.
SEE B.I.O. FOR MORE INFORMATION

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

HELP SMALL BUSS. TO DEVELOP LESS GOVT REQ.
SKILLED HELP, TECH SCHOOLS, VET'S ECT.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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1. HELP ESTABLISH MORE TECH SCHOOLS,
PROGRAMS, GRANT, (CHARTER SCHOOLS)
MENTORS.
2. WORK WITH TRADE ASSCN,
3. ASSIST SMALL START UP COMPANYS WITH
GRANTS, EDUCATION
4. KEEP OPEN MIND FOR EVERY ONES VIEWS
5. KEEP COST DOWN TO MATCH ACHIVEMENT
AND ACCOUNTABLE.

Kenneth P. Skowronski, CR

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Current Activities:

- In business since 1960 / KS Remodelers Inc
- Member, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter since 1963
- Trustee for the National Remodeling Foundation (NRF)
- Trustee for Milwaukee/NARI Foundation
- Member, Franklin Noon Lions Club, Past President
- Board Member, Polish Heritage Alliance
- Life member of Polish Heritage Alliance
- Life member Ducks Unlimited
- Life member Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Endowment Life member of National Rifle Association
- Member, Knights of Columbus, past Deputy Grand Knight

Highlights of Past Activities:

- Alderman, City of Franklin District 8, Current Term: April 2005 to April 2014
- Recipient, City of Franklin Distinguished Service Award for outstanding community work, 1983
- Hosted the "Ask the Expert" monthly radio talk show on WTMJ with Gordon Hinkley
- Appointed by the Mayor and elected as Chairman of the Economic Development Commission for the City of Franklin
- Appointed by past and present Mayors as Commissioner of City of Franklin Plan Commission, since 1972
- Member of the City of Franklin's Citizen Advisory Council for Vocational Education Guidance
- President of National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Foundation
- Board of Director member of Milwaukee/NARI Chapter
- Chairman of Milwaukee/NARI Home Improvement Show, 1981 to 1988
- Recipient of the Lions International Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, 1995
- Wisconsin Air National Guard, 128th Refueling, Honorable Discharge
- Vice Chairman, National NARI, Managed six national conventions

City of Franklin

- Commissioner, City of Franklin Plan Commission, 39 years
- Member, City of Franklin Community Development Authority
- Member, City of Franklin Finance Committee
- Member, City of Franklin License Committee
- Member, City of Franklin Environmental Commission
- Member, Police Facility Needs Assessment Committee for the City of Franklin, 1997-98
- Chairman, 50th Anniversary Committee for City of Franklin
- Chairman, 25th Anniversary Committee for City of Franklin
- Chairman, City of Franklin's Economic Development Committee
- Vice Chairman, City of Franklin Building Committee

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Community Involvement

- Member of Franklin Lions since 1970
- Chief Instructor for Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Hunter Safety Courses in the City of Franklin. Certified Hunter Safety Instructor, State of Wisconsin since 1975
- Past President and Vice President of Franklin Noon Lions
- Past Chairman, Franklin Lions Fund Raising Committee
- Past Member, Vocational Planning, Franklin School District
- Past Member, Milwaukee Public Schools Vocational Advisory Committee
- Promoted carpentry trade through Franklin High School by donating carpenter tools to the outstanding construction skill's student
- Past Chairman, St. Martin of Tours (formerly Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary) Church Building and Grounds Committee, Franklin
- Past 4-H leader for construction skills

Remodeling Industry

- Certified Remodeler (CR) #50 of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)
- Journeyman carpenter since 1961
- Treasurer, National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) WI/Upper Michigan Chapter, 1988-89
- President, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter, 1973 and 1974
- Vice President, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter, 1971 and 1972
- Trustee, Foundation for the Advancement of Trade and Technical Education LTD, Milwaukee Public Schools
- Speaker on the Wisconsin Public radio program
- 1992 winner of *Remodeling* magazine "Big 50 Industry Impact" Award
- CR (Certified Remodeler) leader and instructor for CR exam
- Seminar speaker for Wisconsin Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (WB & FAA)
- First place winner of National Brand Names foundation remodeler award, 1972
- Vice president, National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), 1995-96
- Seminar speaker at NARI conventions
- President and Chairman of the Board, National NARI, 1999 to 2001
- Treasurer, National NARI, 1987 to 1995
- Chairman, National NARI Contractor's Council, 1986-87
- Vice Chairman, National NARI Convention Committee, 1983-84
- Recipient of NARI's "Hank Fenderbosh" Award (for industry leadership), 1995
- Nominee for NARI's "Harold Hammerman" Award (for educational leadership), 1994-95
- Recipient of NARI's Lifetime Achievement Award, 1997 and 2002
- Trustee, Milwaukee/NARI Foundation Inc since 1993
- National Director, Milwaukee/NARI, 1983 to 1987
- Chairman, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter Membership Committee
- Chairman, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter Industry, Community Relations Committee
- Chairman, Milwaukee/NARI Government Affairs
- Member, Milwaukee/NARI Chapter Legislation Committee

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: **Rob Swearingen**

Committee you wish to chair:

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First Choice: **State Affairs and Governmental Operations** *-yes*

Second Choice: **Tourism**

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- Building Commission *-yes*
- Energy and Utilities *NO*
- Forestry and the Environment *-yes*
- Tourism *-yes*
- Small Business Development *-yes*

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I believe that I am qualified because of my prior experience as vice-chair of the State Affairs and Government Operations Committee. I look forward to working with new members to move forward positive legislation. I am committed in cutting red tape and unnecessary government spending in the state of Wisconsin.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

I am excited by the State Affairs and Government Operations committee because it is unique in the sense that it is not focused on only one issue or area. I look forward to the variety of issues this committee will address. As chairman, I will diligently listen to all members of the committee to acknowledge their thoughts and opinions. I look forward to working with any and all members who are interested in drafting legislation that could potentially come before the committee.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Representative Gary Tauchen

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First Choice: Agriculture - yes

Second Choice: State Affairs and Government Operations - yes

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- Energy and Utilities - NO
- Jobs and the Economy - yes
- Tourism - yes
- Financial Institutions - yes
- Public Benefit Reform - yes
- Small Business Development - yes

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

- *Please see attached resume/bio sheet*

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- 1) *In order to encourage job growth and economic investment, we need to be sure we have a fair, transparent, and predictable regulatory environment.*
- 2) *High Capacity Well clarification and implementation of DNR authority, as it relates to legislative intent (fix Lake Beulah decision).*
- 3) *IoH clarification and reform.*
- 4) *Nutrient management decisions.*

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

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- 1) *Ensure Act 21 is followed by the DNR, and that they follow rule-making procedures. We need to reform the CAFO permits process.*
- 2) *Clarify the DNR's authority on requirements of cumulative impacts of High Capacity Well withdrawals. We need to fix the Lake Beulah Supreme Court Decision that negatively impacts Agriculture and industry in Wisconsin.*
- 3) *IoH is in transportation, but deals exclusively with implements of husbandry. We need to deal with manure-hauling issues. One solution would be legislation that would allow underground pipelines to take tankers off the road.*
- 4) *30% of acres in Wisconsin have nutrient management plans. 70% are not regulated. We need to have fair and balanced regulations. We could also develop a general permit for CAFO's with 3500+ animal units.*

Rep. Gary Tauchen, 6th Assembly District



Elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2006, Gary currently serves on:

- Assembly Committee on Small Business Development (Chair)
- Assembly Committee on Agriculture (Vice-Chair)
- Assembly Committee on International Trade & Commerce
- Assembly Committee on State & Local Finance
- Joint Assembly Committee on Constitution & Ethics

During past terms, Gary served on:

- Assembly Committee on Bio-fuels & Sustainable Energy
- Assembly Committee on Election & Campaign Reform (Chair)
- Assembly Committee on Energy & Utilities
- Assembly Committee on Renewable Energy & Rural Affairs
- Assembly Committee on Rural Economic Development & Rural Affairs
- Assembly Committee on State Affairs
- Assembly Committee on Workforce Development
- Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs (Chair)

EXPERIENCE

Agriculture

- **Co-Owner, Tauchen Harmony Valley, Inc.** – Member of the management team responsible for growing the family dairy farm near Bonduel from 60 to 1,050 cows
- **Founding Board Member, Professional Dairy Producers of WI** – PDPW provides educational programs, offers a forum for idea interchange, encourages a positive image for the dairy business, & promotes the profitability of the dairy business
- **Founding Board Member, WI Livestock Identification Consortium** – WLIC is creating a secure, nationally compatible livestock identification system to protect animal health, & safeguard the economic infrastructure fueled by animal agriculture
- **Director, National Dairy Herd Improvement Association** – DHIA works with USDA & other organizations to promote the accuracy, credibility, & uniformity of milk quality & production records
- **Chair, AgSource Cooperative Services** – AgSource is a \$9-million, member-owned Midwest cooperative that provides milk production recording, milk quality analysis, electronic data access, management software, soil fertility analysis, forage nutrient analysis, global position sampling, payment milk testing for dairy plants, water analysis, & food pathogen analysis
- **Member, National Animal Identification Task Force** – Developed national plan to upgrade the systems necessary for animal disease monitoring, surveillance, control, & eradication in the United States
- **Governance and Oversight Subcommittee, United States Animal Identification Plan** – Helped build the framework & standards for the national animal identification system
- **Speaker, National Institute for Animal Agriculture** – NIAA provides a forum for building consensus & advancing solutions for animal agriculture issues, & furnishes continuing education & communication linkages for industry professionals
- **Speaker, World Dairy Expo** – WDE is the largest dairy production trade show in the world
- **Past Vice President, Shawano County Farm Bureau**
- **Director, Shawano County Dairy Promotions**

- **Director, Shawano County Holstein Association**
- **Shawano County Dairy Herd Improvement Association**

Economic Development & Business

- **Former Director, Badger AgVest, LLC** – Badger AgVest is a first-of-its kind, statewide angel investing group that connects entrepreneurs & seed money investors, which increases the flow of capital into Wisconsin for value-added businesses
- **Former Director, M&I Bank-Shawano** – M&I is a locally-controlled financial institution with more than \$270 million in assets
- **Founding Board Member, Cooperative Resources International** – CRI is a member-owned holding cooperative that markets products & services nationally & internationally
- **Chair, UW Center for Dairy Profitability** – The Center develops, coordinates, & conducts effective interdisciplinary educational & applied research programs emphasizing business management, human resource management, production systems, finance, & marketing systems
- **Member, Shawano Area Chamber of Commerce**

International

- **World Trade Organization** – Served as advisor to WTO negotiators at 1999 Seattle trade talks
- **Dairy Trade Coalition / American Trade Coalition** – Worked on issues affecting dairy trade; particularly the dairy check-off program, the Australian Free Trade Agreement, & the Bilateral Trade Agreement with Chile
- **Dairy Discovery Trip** – Traveled to Denmark & the Netherlands to examine dairy technology & practices, & determine what could be applied to Wisconsin's dairy industry; also traveled to Great Britain, Germany, Scotland, Austria, New Zealand, & the Philippines
- **International Host** – Hosted international visitors from more than a dozen countries, including Russia, Czech, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, France, China, Japan, England, Germany, Netherlands, & Denmark

Political & Community

- **U.S. Policy Advisory Committees for Trade** – Appointed by USDA Secretary Dan Glickman.
- **U.S. Technical Advisory Committees for Trade** – Appointed by USDA Secretary Ann Veneman
- **Member, Brown, Outagamie, Shawano, & Waupaca County Republican Parties**
- **Member, WI Emergency Preparedness & Biosecurity Task Force** – Worked to fine-tune a statewide emergency plan to maintain biosecurity & respond to bioterrorism in Wisconsin
- **Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Shawano County Planning Department** – Recommended improvements to department activities
- **Public Policy Committee, Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin** – Meet regularly with the Secretaries of the Department of Natural Resources & the Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection
- **Legislative Action Committee, Dairy Business Association** – Worked politically on statewide issues, especially in the environmental arena (confined animal feeding operations or CAFOs, air quality, non-point source pollution, food safety, animal health, etc) with legislators, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Natural Resources, & Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection
- **Federal Policy Committee, Dairy Business Association** – Addressed priority issues such as revising the federal milk marketing order system, encouraging new risk management tools (such as forward contracting), replacing MILC (Milk Income Loss Contract) with a less-expensive market-responsive program, phasing-out the current dairy price support system and developing national policy that allows all regions to prosper
- **Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation** – Crafted organizational policy as a member of the state Policy Development Committee, & worked with legislators on federal legislation in Washington, DC
- **Member, Shawano County Emergency Management Committee**
- **Member, Shawano Rotary**

Education

- **Strategic Planning Committee, University of Wisconsin–Extension Service** – Recommended improvements to Shawano County's Extension programs
- **Advisory Board, University of Wisconsin–Madison** – Advised College of Agricultural & Life Sciences on its programs & activities
- **Farm Business Management Task Force, Wisconsin Technical College System** – Recommended ways to more effectively meet the farm management training needs of Wisconsin citizens
- **Shawano County "Adventures in Dairyland"** – Host several classes a year in this program, in which all county 4th grade students enjoy a week-long education on the dairy industry that includes classroom time & tours of farms
- **Founding Board Member, Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin** – PDPW annually holds more than 20 seminars, conferences, summits, & tours dealing with personnel management, financial analysis, communications, legislative policy, & business management

- **Mentor** – Host & advise college students who plan to enter dairy production or industry careers
- **Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Wisconsin–River Falls**
- **Graduate, Bonduel High School**

Health Care

- **Chairman, Rural Health Initiative** – This non-profit program makes free house calls to rural families to provide health information, education, & referrals to area health care services in Shawano, Waupaca, Outagamie, & Marathon Counties
- **Shawano Area Chamber of Commerce Health Care Program** – This pilot program with Blue Cross / Blue Shield provided reasonably-priced health care coverage to small business owners
- **Member, Shawano Community Health Action Team (CHAT)** – Identifies area health care priorities & implements actions for improvement

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Friend of Agriculture (2014)** – Shawano County
- **Champion of Commerce (2013-2014)** – Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
- **Champion of Commerce (2013-2014)** – Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
- **Friend of Public Health (2013-2014)** – Wisconsin Public Health Association, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments & Boards
- **Working for Wisconsin Award (2013-2014)** – Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- **Defender of Liberty (2013)** – American Conservative Union
- **Enlightened Legislator of the Year (2013)** – Wisconsin's Electric Cooperatives
- **Friend of Wisconsin Craft Brewers (2013)** – Wisconsin Brewers Guild
- **Leading Advocate for Oral Health (2013)** – Dental Academy, Wisconsin Dental Association
- **Master Farmer (2013)** – Wisconsin Agriculturist Magazine
- **Defender of Liberty (2012)** – American Conservative Union
- **Legislator of the Year (2012)** – Wisconsin Bowhunters Association
- **Champion of Commerce (2011-2012)** – Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
- **Legislative Excellence Award (2011-2012)** – Dairy Business Association
- **Working for Wisconsin Award (2011-2012)** – Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- **Distinguished Leadership Award** – AgSource Cooperative Services
- **Distinguished Service Award** – UW College of Agricultural & Life Sciences – Highest honor presented for contributions to college and rural life
- **Friend of 4-H** – Shawano County 4-H

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Jeremy Thiesfeldt

Committee you wish to chair:

As Assembly Republicans work to develop their upcoming agenda, chairs will be asked to work with members of our caucus to develop and help bring forward strong policy ideas.

The following criteria will play a role when choosing committee chairs:

1. Issue knowledge of topics
2. Previous success in implementing the ideas you put forth last session (if you chaired a committee) on your committee request form
3. Ability to work well with committee members
4. Strong consideration and weight will be given those who present new, straightforward, detailed ideas that are clearly defined and can be drafted in conjunction with leadership and can be taken on by new members, and not necessarily the chairman, him/herself.

With those criteria in mind, it is not necessarily inevitable that you will continue to chair the committee you currently chair. Please provide detailed ideas below that can be used as a measure of success at the conclusion of our session.

First Choice: Education, ^{yes}

Second Choice: JCRAR

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

^{yes}Transportation, ^{yes}Campaigns & Elections, JCRAR, ^{NO}Corrections, ^{yes}Judiciary

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

I hold a degree in elementary education and spent 22 yrs. teaching 4-12 grades. I have spent 4 yrs. on the Education Committee (as well as the last 2 on the Urban Education Committee). I also chaired the Assembly select Committee on the Common Core Standards. I have a strong desire to return WI to being a leader in education reform. Many hours of personal study have been invested in this effort and I look forward to the big challenges that lie ahead of

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

- ① The disguised federal intervention of the Common Core standards must be ended as quickly + responsibly as possible and replaced with ^{WI}state-based standards.
- ② Establish a system of accountability for all schools using tax dollars.
- ③ a decision on ^{to} what level will we expand the choice program.
- ④ an eventual consolidation of the 3 choice programs.
- ⑤ Working with the DPI, colleges + universities, and school districts to boost qualifications for the teaching vocation.

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

*As mentioned above, please provide three specific ideas you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.

Much groundwork on accountability and a common core repeal has been done. I am actively working to re-examine the issues and find the solutions to the most difficult components that will unite our caucus and possibly attract a few Dem votes. I am + have been in contact with national experts and attending conferences to learn more. Our nation is rapidly seeing the benefits of educational choice, and WI needs to reclaim the mantle of leadership by being bold. I intend to ^{push for} removing caps ~~that~~ that exist on the choice programs and also rewarding successful schools/districts with a reduced regulatory environment. Boosting qualifications of teacher ~~training~~ ^{candidates} from our colleges/universities is essential to student growth - there needs to be less focus on the student/teacher ratio ~~so~~ we can focus on great teaching (and rewarding them appropriately). It is not necessary for me to ~~be~~ be the lead author on any of these pieces of legislation. As committee chair I would prefer to empower my committee members and help lead them to successful reform.

Committee Chair Request Form: Paul Tittl

Name: Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: Health → *yes*

Second Choice: Jobs and the Economy / Mental Health Reform *yes*

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Veterans – I would especially like to remain on this committee.

Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage *yes*

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Chairman of the Board of Health, Manitowoc County

Vice-Chair, Health and Human Services, Manitowoc County

Chair, Public Property & Safety Committee, City of Manitowoc

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

Improving Overall Health of the People of Wisconsin

Wisconsin ranks in the top half of states in regard to overall health (20th - United Health Foundation – America's Health Rankings, 2013). Even so, we have room for improvement.

Working to Improve Outcomes for STEMI Patients

People who suffer STEMI's (heart attacks) have significantly better outcomes if they are able to receive treatment within 90 minutes of first symptoms.

Removing Unnecessary Regulations which hinder the healthcare industry

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Improving Overall Health of the People of Wisconsin

Three areas of opportunity for improving Wisconsin's overall health include:

1. Implementing Badgercare co-pay reforms,
2. Curbing prescription drug abuse within Badgercare, and
3. Enacting healthcare reform for the state.

Working to Improve Outcomes for STEMI Patients

Bring together the major stakeholders to discuss the issue and provide solutions that may or may not involve legislation.

Removing Unnecessary Regulations that Hinder the Healthcare Industry

Continue the *efforts to Right the Rules.*

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Additional Considerations

When compared to other states, Wisconsin ranks at or near the bottom in several categories of behaviors and health factors that affect the overall quality of life in our state (1 being best):

Category	Rank	Source	Comment
Binge Drinking	50	United Health Foundation	
Tuberculosis (cases per 100,000)	49	Center for Disease Control	
Whooping Cough (cases per 100,000)	49	United Health Foundation	
Public Health Funding	49	United Health Foundation	
Obesity	35	United Health Foundation	
Smoking	30	United Health Foundation	
Chlamydia (cases per 100,000)	29	Center for Disease Control	Chlamydia is a bacterial infection spread through sexual contact with an infected person.
State Overall Rank	20	United Health Foundation	

These behaviors and factors hinder the general wellbeing of people, shorten life expectancy and contribute to increased health costs.

The solutions to these problems may or may not involve legislation. However, these rankings and related issues merit consideration, and I would assure the committee's careful attention to any legislation that comes before the committee related to these matters.

The estimated percentage of Wisconsin residents ages 12 and older with alcohol abuse and dependence is higher than the national average (7% vs. 6% - Wisconsin Department of Health Services)

Alcohol dependence and other drug abuse cause serious adverse impact on family members, family functioning and other partnership relationships. Family members and partners can potentially experience emotional disturbances, physical harm, or personal addiction. Female victims of domestic violence reported that 76 percent of their assailants had been drinking or using drugs (Healthiest Wisconsin Report).

The evidence supports education initiatives as a way to reduce the prevalence of excessive weight or obesity in the population. Of course, the question of whether governments are the best providers of such education, or if this is better left to the private sector, remains (Heartland Institute).

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Travis Tranel

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Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: Agriculture (Only if Rep. Nerison doesn't want to continue as committee chairman)

Second Choice: Tourism

*Colleges

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Agriculture, Insurance, Tourism, Energy & Utilities, Corrections or Small Business Development

yes yes yes yes NO yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee? (Tourism)

Last session, I co-authored legislation to help limit liability exposure of agritourism businesses in Wisconsin. This legislation was well received and sought to foster growth in an emerging sector of our state's tourism economy. Southwest Wisconsin is rich in diverse agricultural related tourism opportunities, and that is why I worked with stake holders to remove barriers to growing this important economic sector. If given the opportunity to serve as chair of this important committee, I will work with all stake holders to find positive ways to promote and expand Wisconsin's diverse tourism industry to create jobs and grow our state's economy.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address? (Tourism)

1. Ensure that the majority of tax dollars collected, in the name of promoting local tourism, truly go to this purpose, and are not siphoned off to permanently operate or expand other parts of local government.
2. Look to promote and encourage growth in emerging areas of the agritourism industry by cutting government red tape and reducing unnecessary regulation. For example, Wisconsin has many historic agricultural barns that are being preserved by using them for agritourism and small business ventures. However, red tape and burdensome regulations defining common sense are preventing some from operating. Others have been threatened by DSPS with closure. This has the potential to hurt historic barn preservation efforts and stunt the economic growth of promising small business opportunities in rural regions of Wisconsin.
3. We need to make sure welcome centers in Wisconsin utilize cost effective interactive technology (internet, video, and interactive teleconferencing assistance) to better promote the area they are serving. These state resources need to do a better job of directing out of state visitors to regional business and area attractions. The welcome center in SW, WI is severely underutilized and doesn't effectively guide out of state visitors to places of interest or business in the SW, WI region. It is not staffed and informational brochures from area business are prohibited from being placed at the facility. Currently, it only functions as a restroom facility for newly arrived out of state visitors and misses an opportunity to advertise what the region has to offer.



THOMAS WEATHERSTON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 62ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Committee Chair Request Form

Name: Rep. Thomas Weatherston

Committee you wish to chair:

First Choice: Veterans and Military Affairs *-yes*

Second Choice: Workforce Development *-yes*

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

Ways and Means *-yes*
Transportation *-yes*
Energy and Utilities *yes*
Financial Institutions *-yes*

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** Aging*

What experience do you have that qualifies you to be the chair of your desired committee?

Vietnam veteran, served in U.S. Air Force 1968-72

member: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 767 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10301.

Former President: Racine Area Veterans Inc. (pres.)

Vice-chair, Assembly Committee on Veterans (2013-14)

As a veteran I have a through understanding of veterans issues and services.

I have a good working relationship with the Department of Veterans affairs.

My new RA is a Captain in the US Arm reserve so he also is aware of veterans issues.

What are the major issues this committee will need to address?

1. Protect veteran's benefits and trust funds (veterans, Wisconsin veterans homes members, and military family relief) in order to support the veterans and families who have earned them
2. Keep the Wisconsin National Guard strong and ready to execute state and federal missions
3. Recognize and honor Wisconsin's service men and women



THOMAS WEATHERSTON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 62ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

What are your solutions for those concerns?*

*As mentioned above, please provide **three specific ideas** you will work to draft and implement within the first six months of the session. In keeping with our practice last year, whenever possible, we will continue to follow the policy of not referring bills written by the committee chair to his/her own committee. We would like to have leadership and committee chairs partner together to make sure all members of the caucus can work with you to be involved in legislation and issue areas that are important to them.

1. Redraft and reintroduce 2013 Assembly Bill 114 relating to creating a veterans-themed lottery game, changing the primary source of funding for the veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit, and making appropriations.
2. Improve readiness of the Wisconsin National Guard by addressing child custody issues that arise with divorced members of the Guard at times of mobilization/deployment. Legislation was drafted December 2013 by the Department of Military Affairs but not introduced.
3. Redraft and reintroduce 2013 Assembly Bill 25 relating to special distinguishing registration plates for motorcycles owned or leased by veterans with disabilities and providing a penalty.
4. Many men and women who served in the military are not recognized as a "veteran" by the state of Wisconsin in WI Stats. 45.001 because they did not serve on active duty, rather they served in the Guard or Reserve in a non-active duty status or they were on active duty for training purposes only.

2013 WI Act 17 (2013 Senate Bill 45) permits veterans to provide proof of veteran status to the DOT so that their veteran status may be indicated on their operator's license.

Draft legislation permitting those who served in the Armed Forces and were discharged under honorable conditions, but who do not meet the definition of veteran, to have their former service recognized and indicated on their operator's license with the term, "I served", or other term as determined by rule.

5. Draft legislation permitting specified veteran's organizations to conduct salutes, including 21-gun and similar salutes on school grounds in Wisconsin. For background, see: <http://burnpit.us/2014/11/eau-claire-veterans-day-events-hs-grounds-cancelled-over-21-gun-salute>

6. Redraft and reintroduce 2013 AB 918 expanding veterans courts to a State wide program.

Committee Request Form

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Housing

Name: Scott Allen

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Housing and Real Estate - Yes | 4. Jobs and the Economy - NO |
| 2. Ways and Means - NO | 5. Small Business Development - yes |
| 3. Urban Education - NO | 6. Veterans and Military Affairs - yes |

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

- 21 years in the housing and real estate industry: selling homes and land, developing land, owning investment property, building homes
- 3 years on the finance committee for one of the largest cities in Wisconsin (Waukesha) plus a Masters in Public Administration with a finance emphasis
- Two daughters enrolled in a public urban education system: Waukesha Public Schools and a passion to improve the quality of education for urban populations
- 21 years working in the private sector – I understand the importance of job growth to a vibrant economy
- I'm currently a member of two limited partnerships, and a managing member of two LLC's, plus a previous member of other LLC's and LP's.
- US Army Reserve (1984-1990)

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

- Fairness in code compliance enforcement
- Protection of private property rights including the right to rent one's own property
- Fostering an environment of intergovernmental cooperation to reduce local property tax burdens
- Leveraging the shared revenue program to create incentives for cooperation and consequences for a lack of intergovernmental cooperation.
- Advancing a conservative agenda for Wisconsin's largest public school system, MPS. Milwaukee should be an economic sail for the state, but in part, because of an undeveloped labor pool and high government dependence, it is more like an anchor. It is time Republicans did something about MPS. School choice alone is not the answer.

- Given WI demographics, if we do not greatly expand our economy over the next ten years we are going to have significant financial challenges in both state and local government.
- We must always honor our veterans and make sure that we treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve. That may relate to health care, mental health, housing, long term care, job placement, job training, and retirement. They made the sacrifice when so many others would not.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Some of the solutions were suggested in my previous answers. I plan to conduct more research with the resources available to me as a legislator to better formulate solutions. There are a lot more conversations that I need to have before I can begin to lay out specific plans.

Committee Request Form

Name: Janel Brandtjen #22

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Jobs & Economy <u>NO</u> | 4. Work Force Development <u>yes</u> |
| 2. Education <u>NO</u> | 5. Children & Families <u>yes</u> |
| 3. Public Benefit Reform <u>yes</u> | 6. Campaigns & Elections <u>yes</u> |

Public benefits
* State affairs
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Child families
* Corrections

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

1. Menomonee Falls is the 4th largest manufacturing community in the state.
2. We pay for both our daughters attend choice schools, I offer a unique understanding.
3. I served on Waukesha County Health and Human Services board and committee.
4. The Menomonee Falls area is a hotspot for manufacturing job opportunities.
5. I have served several years on Waukesha Counties HHS programs.
6. I endured the Waukesha recount, and I have an understanding of election equipment.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. Drugs, quality job training, lowering the tax burden on businesses.
2. Common core, testing, choice schools, school funding formula, social issues.
3. Drugs, fraud, dependency, destruction of families, lack of education.
4. The cost of worker training, changing skill sets, being able to pass a drug test.
5. Drugs within the families, multiple issues within unstable households, lack of fathers.
6. Electronic Voting, Voter ID, GAB oversight, heavy regulations,

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. Less bureaucracy, more private industry training, drug awareness.
2. More choices for parents, using existing testing measures, empower parents.
3. More oversight, drug testing, ID for SNAP users.
4. Use of employers and non-profit training programs, creating real skills for employees.
5. Create paths for independent families, checkpoints for success.
6. Use of County Clerks, reduce/balance power, more transparency.

Committee Request Form

Name: Representative-elect Robert Brooks

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Education - yes | 5. Public Benefit Reform - NO |
| 2. Labor - yes | 6. Housing and Real Estate - yes |
| 3. Colleges and Universities - yes | 7. Aging and long-term Care - yes |
| 4. Ways and Means - NO | 8. Small Business Development - NO |

Education
Labor
Colleges
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State affairs

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

I have been a self-employed real estate broker for almost 25 years. I also own and manage a couple of other businesses so I have a solid understanding of taxes and employment issues.

I have served 12 years on the Ozaukee County Board, 10 of those years as Chairman of the board. I believe this experience gives me an insider look at the relationship between the State and its local partners. I have a solid record of fiscal responsibility and the ability to make tough decisions. I have managed budgets, personnel, implemented Act 10 and negotiated with unions for over a decade.

I have served as a commissioner on SEWRPC (South Eastern Wisconsin Regional planning Commission)

I have been a board member on the Wisconsin County Mutual Board of Directors.

I have included a sentence under each committee request, specific to the committee.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

Education:

- **The repeal of Common Core** standards and replacement of them with rigorous, localized standards that foster analytical and critical thinking, intellectual growth and interest in a wide variety of disciplines. Local control, not state or federal intervention, must be the focal points of education policy in Wisconsin.
- **Expansion of school choice programs**, so as to ensure that parents are afforded with greater autonomy to select the school that best represents their child's learning style. Parents should be empowered with

the ability to provide their children with the best education available irrespective of zip code. I am in favor of completely expanding school choice, charter schools and other education options.

- **Educator tenure and standards** must be addressed this session, as failing teachers do not belong educating the youth of Wisconsin. It is imperative that the legislature afford local school districts with a framework for evaluating teacher performance and terminating those who underperform.

I have been a very active participant in my children's education. They have attended both private and public schools so I have seen and understand the dynamics of both. I have been meeting with teachers and school board members with regards to common core and school choice. Tough decisions must be made at this time and that means a hard look at the Department of Public Instruction.

Labor:

- **Passage of Right-to-Work laws**, so as to prohibit the extent to which an established union — chiefly the public sector unions can require compulsory membership, or the payment of union dues as a condition for employment before or after being hired. Twenty-four states have already passed right-to-work legislation.
- **Reconsideration of AB 854**, a bill that creates statutes related to abuses of the disability benefit program under the Wisconsin Retirement System. Currently, Wisconsin statutes allow public employees to receive a duty disability benefit, equal to seventy-five percent of their monthly salary. This bill prohibits an employee who has been offered another pension and rejects that pension, to accept duty disability benefits.
- **Employee benefit transparency** will be another hot button issue in the forthcoming session. Last session, the Assembly considered AB 579, legislation requiring Tony Evers, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to gather information about health care benefits from each Wisconsin school district and report information about how they are being purchased and requirements for their offering. This legislation needs to be reconsidered in the next session, so as to create greater transparency and ensure that school districts are providing employees with the ability to shop around for a health insurance policy that best suits their needs.

I have has 12 years of hands on experience negotiating with various public sector unions and understand the need for reform. Act 10 was helpful but did not go far enough and to provide the needed tools to effectively manage public sector employees. We should also reclassify correctional officers out of protected status.

Colleges and Universities:

- **Reworking reciprocity agreements** with neighboring states so that it is no longer more expensive for Wisconsin students to attend UW-sanctioned institutions of higher learning, than those from Minnesota. Wisconsin college students are leaving the state in droves to attend college and university in Minnesota as it is cheaper to do so, thanks to reciprocity agreements passed by the aforementioned states in 1992.
- **Tuition freeze for students enrolled in Wisconsin public universities.** This was passed last session and I suspect, will remain a focal point of the College and University Committee's work in the forthcoming session.
- **The reduction of college and university costs** by restructuring the way state-based financial aid and student loans are awarded. If the state and federal government were eliminated from this process

altogether and instead, private institutions were solely responsible for the financing of student loans, college and university admission would be more affordable for all Wisconsinites. Last term, the legislature attempted to pass a bill that would have created the Wisconsin Student Loan Refinancing Authority. Since when is it the state government's responsibility to assist student's with paying for an education?

- **Technical Schools** must expedite changes in their curriculum to meet the needs of local employers. I believe they need to be held more accountable and create more synergy with the high schools with in their districts

As a County Board Chairman I was responsible for making board appointments to 2 different technical schools in the State and have seen firsthand how the system has failed. Taxpayers in Ozaukee County provide the same amount of revenue to MATC as they do to Ozaukee County. Yet the board of directors remains unelected and largely unaccountable to the taxpayers.

Ways and Means Committee:

- **Abolishment of the state income tax** and replacement with a flat tax or sales tax based on the total amount of money one earns or spends annually Texas, Florida and Alaska are all considering adoption of an analogous proposal, next session.
- **Reconsideration of AB 116**, elimination of the Estate Tax. This legislation would eliminate Wisconsin's estate tax beginning with deaths occurring on January 1, 2015.
- **Creation of a refundable individual income tax credit** for tuition expenses paid for dependents who attend certain public and private elementary and secondary schools. This legislation, known as AB 195, was proposed last session by Representative Dean Kaufert and Senator Glenn Grothman. This item could be removed in school choice was completely expanded or a true voucher system was created.
- **Amend the Cap on New Construction limits** for local units of government. The current formula has created an environment where they must spend it or lose it. I am in favor of letting them carry the amount they budget under new construction over for an extended period of years – currently 1 year.

As a former County Chairman I understand the relationship between the State and local government and believe there are some real opportunities for cost savings here. As a small business owner for 25 years I have an appreciation for the burden of high taxes.

Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform:

- **Badgercare** is certain to be a hot button issue, as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has, in a sense, expanded the program by shifting the downtrodden and lowest income Wisconsinites onto this state-funded health insurance program. Abuse of the program and fraud are rampant and need to be addressed next term by the legislature.
- **Medicaid expansion** will also need to be addressed, as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act had reformed the ways in which states are able to collect and use Medicaid funds. Legislation was drafted last session to address Medicaid expansion and eligibility, but it failed pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.
- **The restructuring of state employee** compensation packages will be another critical issue that will be at the forefront during the upcoming legislative session. Act 10 provided municipalities and school

districts with the tools necessary to restructure compensation and benefits packages for employees. Further restructuring is certain to continue in the forthcoming session, as Act 10 has been a resounding success.

- **Drug testing for any government benefits.** I support drug testing for continuation of government benefits at all levels.

Again my experience as a County Board Chairman and a business owner would be a valuable asset in this area.

Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate:

- **Appropriations for the establishment of grant to the City of Milwaukee** for the GR/Own Project. This was a favorite of liberal Democrats last term, as it provides a \$2,000,000.00 grant to the City of Milwaukee to transform foreclosed properties into community assets that improve health and spark economic growth.
- **Reconsideration of AB 158**, creating statutes as it relates to the homeownership mortgage loan program. This legislation would allow the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to make, buy, or assume loans to finance the construction, financing, or rehabilitation of certain residential properties.
- **The establishment of experience requirements for real estate brokers.** AB 240 sought to address this specifically last session, but it failed pursuant to Senate Resolution 1.

I have been active in real estate for over 25 years and have owned and or managed thousands of rental properties throughout Wisconsin.

Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-term care:

- **The admission of Family Care enrollees to mental health institutes** will likely be one of the major issues addressed by the Aging and long-term care committee, this session. AB468 addressed this issue last term, but it failed to pass and is currently being rewritten.
- **Establishment of an alert system for missing adults.** This was proposed last session as well, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. The legislation creates a statutory requirement that the Department of Justice administer an alert system to disseminate information regarding missing adults who are cognitively impaired.
- **Supplemental Payment Program and reimbursement rates** will be a huge issue in the next budget. I served as the chair of a county health and human services committee and have a solid understanding of many of the programs. I also understand the direct correlation between State mandates and the counties that must carry out those mandates.

Assembly Committee on Small Business Development:

- **A reduction in the Wisconsin business and corporate tax rate**, so as to bolster global competitiveness and incentivize companies to relocate to Wisconsin. The legislature addressed this issue two sessions ago, but failed to do so last term. With sixty-three seats in the Assembly, it is evident that this will once again be addressed by the legislature.

- **Modification of the jobs credit** to provide an increased credit to small businesses. This legislation, first proposed last session, allows individuals who operate small businesses in Wisconsin, to claim the job tax credit in an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the wages paid to eligible full-time employees.
- **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation** grant programs are in need of reform.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Education:

- Abolishment of Common Core standards and shifting of curriculum development to local school districts. This allows for the development of district-specific education standards.
- Elimination of the Department of Public Instruction, allowing school districts to directly control the operations of their respective schools.
- Expansion of the school choice program, so as to ensure that parents are afforded with the right to select the school that best suits the needs of their child. The choice program should be expanded to include parochial and private schools, not just those funded by state tax dollars.
- Strict standards should be developed to hold educators accountable for the performance of their students on statewide and federal examinations. That said, additional mechanisms must be developed to reward first-rate educators and terminate those whose students fail to achieve the adequate levels of proficiency.

Labor:

- Passage of right-to-work legislation, so as to provide employees with greater autonomy and right to choose whether or not they want to unionize.
- End the abuse of the State Retirement Disability Fund. Achieving this goal requires passage of AB 854 and the establishment of stricter provisions for violators of the law.
- Make the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction more transparent, by requiring the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to report to Governor Walker and the legislature on the employee benefit and compensation packages developed and offered by each school district in Wisconsin.

Colleges and Universities:

- By reworking neighboring reciprocity agreements, the legislature can ensure that tuition at taxpayer funded institutions of higher learning, are cheaper for Wisconsin students than those who reside in Minnesota. Every year, Wisconsin loses thousands of students to Minnesota, as it is cheaper for Wisconsin residents to attend schools in the University of Minnesota system than our own taxpayer funded institutions.
- Freezing tuition for another two years ensures that college will remain affordable and all Wisconsin residents will have access to a world-class education at some of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning.
- We can make college education more affordable by taking the state and federal government out of the student loan industry, and instead, allowing financial institutions to provide loans and aid to students in need of educational assistance. This requires preventing the establishment of the Wisconsin Student Loan Refinancing Authority.

- In order to reform the tech schools we must make bold reforms starting with the elimination of their taxing authority and a tuition freeze.

Ways and Means:

- Greater expansion of the state economy through the abolishment of individual income taxes. By abolishing the state income tax, hard-working Wisconsin taxpayers will be able to keep more of their money, and in turn, use that money to stimulate the state's economy. The legislature should consider replacing the state income tax with an flat tax, so as to ensure that revenue is generated and the state remains on a sound fiscal footing.
- Eliminating the estate tax makes it easier for families to cope with the loss of loved ones and does not require them to pay taxes on the assets of those who perished.
- The refundable income tax credit, used for educational purposes, affords parents with the ability to send the child to the school of their choice, creates greater transparency, and shifts the control of a child's education from the state to parents.

Public Benefit Reform:

- Eliminating Badgercare incentivizes low-income Wisconsinites to become more self-reliant and accountable for their health and well-being. Additionally it creates greater competition in the health insurance marketplace, by forcing individuals to shop around for coverage that suits their individual needs.
- Determining the best uses for Medicaid dollars and the establishment of a premium-support model for this outmoded program provides the legislature with the ability to assess the most effective means for spending these dollars. A Wisconsin-centered approach to Medicaid reform only strengthens the program, reduces fraud and expands Federalism—the cornerstone of our republic.
- By restructuring the state employee benefits packages, we are able to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, prevent double-dipping and ensure that public employees have greater flexibility when it comes to purchasing health insurance and investing pension funds. I believe we should have a tiered premium system based on wellness and how proactive one is in improving their health
- Drug testing for any government benefits reduces benefits to those that abuse the system and creates more availability for those truly in need

Housing and Real Estate:

- Developing specific grants for housing and restoration of dilapidated properties in Milwaukee will cause a systemic problem, as every municipality in the state will begin requesting grants from the state to improve dilapidated homes and businesses, and take ownership of foreclosed properties. These foreclosed homes could be purchased by private organizations and churches for the sake of providing housing to low-income citizens.
- The establishment of additional statues for the Wisconsin Economic Development Authority emboldens public-private partnerships and, in turn, increases the state's involvement in the real estate industry.
- AB 240, if enacted would ensure that everyone involved in the real estate industry is properly licensed and can submit evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Examining Board that the applicant has practiced as a salesperson under the supervision of a licensed broker for at least two years.

Aging and Long-term Care:

- Greater transparency will be created by requiring the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to notify a county that has financial responsibility for an individual who is receiving Family Care benefits, if an enrollee's admission to a mental health institute. Additionally, it would require every CMO to maintain detailed records of individuals who can be contacted in the case of an emergency, for each enrollee.
- The creation of an Amber Alert system for cognitively impaired adults makes it easier for the Department of Justice to disseminate information about missing adults who are cognitively impaired and provide civil immunity to those who choose to participate in the alert program. Developing a mechanism for finding missing persons, whether children or adults who are cognitively impaired, is of paramount importance.
- Careful consideration must be given to the supplemental payment program as it benefits both the county owned nursing homes and the state. We should also look at the effectiveness of Family Care at the nursing home level.

Small Business Development:

- Since 2011, Wisconsin has created more than 100,000 new jobs, the unemployment rate has declined precipitously and more than 25,000 new businesses have been created. To continue this progress and attracting corporations to Wisconsin, it is imperative that the legislature, this session, reduces or eliminates the state's corporate/business tax. Doing so will attract new businesses to the state, create jobs and grow every facet of the state's economy.
- Small businesses are the lifeblood of Wisconsin's economy, and providing them with a tax credit will create jobs and revenue and put more Wisconsinites back to work. Additionally, the tax credit would encourage individuals to start new small businesses.
- I would oppose the establishment of a grant program from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, as it affords this organization to determine the recipients of public grants without a thorough review and limits the grants to specific industries and sectors. Instead, grants should be awarded to businesses that make revolutionary breakthroughs, developed new patents and afforded workers with the skills necessary for succeeding in the twenty-first century workforce.

Committee Request Form

Name: JAMES W. EDMING

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natural resources

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environment

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

- 1. HEALTH - yes VICE CHAIR
- 2. VETERANS VICE ~~CHAIR~~ yes CHAIR
- 3. NATURAL RESOURCES yes
- 4. AG - yes
- 5. SMALL BUSINESSES - yes
- 6. TOURISM - NO

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

- 1. I'M ON THE HOSP. BOARD NOW
- 2. MY WORK WITH AMERICA LEGION
- 3. 38 YEARS RECREATION DEER-BEAR-THURLEY
- 4. BEEN INVOLVED IN AG ALL MY LIFE
- 5. I STARTED SEVERAL BUSINESSES
- 6. MY EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESSES + HOW IMPORTANT TOURISM

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

- 1. MED. CARE
- 2. VETS COMMUN HOME
- 3. MY WORK WITH SPORTSMAN
- 4. I FARM SO AGRICULTURE
- 5. TRYING TO START NEW BUSINESSES IS TOUGH
- 6. OFTEN TIMES THE MONTH IS KINDA FORGOTTEN

What are your solutions for those concerns?

- 1. GET MORE FUNDING FOR OUR HOSPITALS
- 2. MAKE SURE VETS GET THE HELP THEY NEED
- 3. MAKE SMARTER DECISIONS ON WILDLIFE MGMT.
- 4. MAKE SURE FARMERS ARE TREATED EQUAL
- 5. EASE THE REQUIREMENTS TO START NEW BUSINESSES

Committee Request Form

Name: Bob Gannon AD-58

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Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

1. Children and Families -yes 4. Health -NO
2. Public Benefit Reform -yes 5. Small Business Development -yes
3. Insurance -yes 6. Corrections -yes

What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

Children and Families & Public Benefit Reform: Having served 6 years on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Washington County and as the current president of Family Promise of Washington County, I've gained valuable experience working with those facing great challenges. Family Promise is a program serving homeless women and children, housing them in local churches on a weekly rotation.

Insurance & Health: I have 33 years as an owner of a large independent insurance agency. Richards Insurance Agency handles all lines of insurance, including property & casualty, health insurance, life insurance, and employee benefits.

Small Business Development: As a past board officer for the West Bend Economic Development Corp and past president of the West Bend Chamber of Commerce, as well as a serial entrepreneur, having owned and operated many small businesses, including insurance agencies, hotels, banquet facility, restaurant, and investment real estate, I'm very well versed in business development.

Corrections: No specific experience, just the desire to use the corrections area to help fill the shortage of qualified employees that our state employers face.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

Children and Families & Public Benefit Reform: Governor Walker has already come out for drug testing as well as making a work component a mandatory part of receiving entitlement benefits. Wisconsin employers are facing a shortage of applicants for open positions at their companies, which I can attest to through my business ownership, but also anecdotally through my business insurance clientele. This is at the same time that we are facing a record amount of individuals and families

participating in government entitlement programs. Many of these individuals are excellent candidates to help fill these open employment opportunities.

Insurance & Health: Wisconsin currently is a major exporter of insurance products and policies to the nation, and this is mainly due to a good regulatory climate between the insurance carriers and the state. Those thousands of jobs can only continue with continued attention to keeping that positive relationship between the insurance industry and the Commissioner of Insurance's office.

Health insurance is a major concern for employers nationwide, with the takeover of decisions via the "Affordable Care Act", as well as the push to expand Medicaid by the Obama administration. WI needs to continue to push back against the federal government, and do everything in our power to keep as much control at the state level as possible.

Wisconsin also needs to think out of the box as far as insuring its employees. Walker says he's considering going the self-insured route for this program, and while this may make sense, it's only moving around the policy administration and benefit payments. What is needed is something similar to the "Serigraph Solution", where employees are rewarded for making good health care choices, including going to providers that are more cost effective, while said providers are also showing excellent results.

Washington County has multiple employers that have already laid the foundation for these plans, including Serigraph Sales, West Bend Mutual Insurance, Steel Craft, and the West Bend School District. For example, the West Bend School District is now providing family benefits at \$9,400 per year, where the state is at close to twice that amount.

Small Business Development: Taxes and regulation are the constant problems for small business, and now due to the proliferation of entitlement programs; employers are competing with their government for entry level employees.

Corrections: Repeat offenders are always the bane of the corrections department. Prisoners leaving the system ready for work will definitely have a better chance of staying out of the penal system.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

Children and Families & Public Benefit Reform: Reinstate a version of "Wisconsin Works", making work a mandatory component of an entitlement benefits program. These programs need to be judged based on their outcomes, not on how many people they serve. If need be, we need to be prepared to pay benefits as a supplement to work, in order to break the cycle of long term dependency.

Insurance & Health: Protect the positive environment encouraging insurance carriers to continue to expand.

Push back against the Obama administration, demanding state's rights on health care. Allow flexibility and incentives to employers to rethink the delivery of health care to employees.

Small Business Development: Continue the transformation of WEDA, and make this a stronger resource for small business. Create incentives for employers to move entitlement recipients off of programs and onto their payrolls.

Create a regulatory environment that allows business to be fully aware of what needs to be done to get the permits and agency approvals to proceed on their projects, on a defined time table that holds regulators accountable.

Corrections: Work with employers to identify positions that would be available for prisoners, then work with the corrections department in building programs to prepare the inmates for these employment opportunities.

Employee morale seems low, while employee turnover is high, thus there needs to be some introspection on what needs to be done to get to satisfactory staffing levels, reducing costly overtime, as well retaining employees, which saves on training costs.

Committee Request Form

Name: Dave Heaton, 85th District

Committees on which you wish to serve as a member:

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| 1. Workforce Development | <i>NO</i> | 4. Energy and Utilities | <i>NO</i> |
| 2. Judiciary | <i>- yes</i> | 5. Veterans & Military Affairs | <i>- yes</i> |
| 3. Insurance | <i>- yes</i> | 6. Children and Families | <i>- yes</i> |

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What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve on your desired committees?

- 1. Workforce development:** Over sixteen years professional experience in attorney and business roles, over 11 years of which I spent in the private sector. As an attorney, even in government, I was involved in policy issues that were inextricably linked with business and economic challenges affecting the public interest and impacting workforce issues within a state. As a businessman in the insurance industry I have helped business policyholders and other commercial partners wade through the challenges of managing risk. Having worked extensively around the tort system as an attorney and businessman, I learned to help craft solutions to complex problems and achieve agreement even among people with whom my company's interests were strongly opposed.
- 2. Judiciary:** The same experience described in item one above applies here. In addition, having worked as an attorney in government and in the private sector (criminal, civil, and regulatory law) provides a very broad view and diverse array of legal experience that will assist the Committee in addressing the myriad of legal issues it will face.
- 3. Insurance:** Experience described in items 1 and 2 also apply here. Additionally, insurance is an area where my depth of knowledge and expertise is significant. Again, having worked in both legal and business roles provides a very well-rounded base of knowledge.
- 4. Energy and Utilities:** As an assistant states attorney in Cook County, Illinois at the beginning of my legal career, I handled numerous regulatory proceedings and litigation involving regulated utilities (electric and gas) and telecommunications companies. With the People as my client, it was my job to protect the public interest. This often included advocating to protect ratepayers and consumers. This regulatory law experience early in my career helped me develop a very balanced viewpoint that shaped the rest of my career (spent in the private sector) and my outlook on public policy. I understand and have experience wrangling with the perceived

competing interests of private industry's right to profits and consumers' and the general public's interest in efficient, reliable and affordable public utility and telecommunications services. I also understand the basic framework of regulatory law and the industries operating within it.

5. **Veterans and Military Affairs.** Six years in the Air Force National Guard, and a profound respect and love for the men and women of the Armed Forces and the mission with which they are charged. In addition, my knowledge of the law will assist in addressing some of the issues the Committee will face.
6. **Children and Families.** I am a father to three young children. I have volunteered my time to organizations that are family oriented and that help educate children (Junior Achievement instructor). In my profession in the insurance industry, I am constantly working to achieve efficiencies and identify areas where spending can be reduced. To the extent the Committee focuses on identifying fraud waste and abuse in social welfare programs, my professional experience will help me assist in those efforts.

What are the major issues these committees will need to address?

1. **Workforce Development:** Developing a well trained workforce equipped with the skills necessary to meet the needs of businesses large and small. Developing strong relationships between that education system and businesses of our state and local communities is key. In addition, there is a marketing element that could prove crucial in building public support for the worker training initiatives the Committee takes up and in spreading the word that Wisconsin truly is open for business. The Committee should work to identify creative ways to send a balanced message to students young and older that white collar jobs, while important, are not the only path toward a fulfilling career, a dignified living, and to achieving family sustaining jobs. Every person has a unique set of talents and varied capabilities. Our government should work to provide opportunities to match the individuals set of skills and aptitude with the right education and career path.
2. **Judiciary:** To meet the demands of an ever changing world, in terms of technological advances, changing public viewpoints, and new risks and dangers that come with these changes, the Committee should look to adapt the law to keep up with changing circumstances. We also face what some view as a constitutional crisis. The Constitutions have served our state and country well and we must always look to them for guidance as we address the changes in society.
3. **Insurance:** Without a robust insurance and reinsurance industry in the state and nation, we will not enjoy a robust *economy*. It is of paramount concern that the legislature work to achieve a balance between the insurance industry's profit interests and the interests of the public and policy holders in fair insurance practices. Additionally, an over litigious society is a burden on business and families who have to pay the costs of increased premiums as a result. Tort reform should continue to play a role in lessening those burdens. Insurance is one of the most heavily regulated industries in Wisconsin, and rightly so. However, we should always be looking to identify ways that we can streamline inefficiencies in the regulatory system.

4. Energy and Utilities:

WPS is charged with ensuring adequate reliable, efficient public utility services at a reasonable price. Everyone in the state uses electric energy and everyone should bear an equitable share of the costs. Federal mandates aimed at reducing emissions from coal fired plants is going to hurt Wisconsin businesses, in particular manufacturers, paper mills and other heavy industries in Wisconsin. That translates into increased costs for businesses that need to use a lot of electricity to operate and ultimately hurts families and the consumers of products made in Wisconsin. On the telecom side, the ever increasing demand for broadband communications for businesses and schools and scarcity of broadband facilities in rural areas is a continuing challenge.

5. Veterans and Military Service: Need to maintain a strong, well trained National Guard and Reserve forces. Take care of our veterans. Access to medical, including mental health service for veterans, particularly outside the largest population centers. Helping Veterans wade through the red tape inherent in VA programs. Maintaining, encouraging respect for the sacrifices military servicemen made and educating the public about their contributions and the debt we owe veterans.
6. Children and Families: Promoting strong, prosperous, independent families through common sense economic, education, and social welfare programs is essential to the larger goal of economic growth. A strong, vibrant education system and an economy that provides family sustaining jobs is the best way to protect families and children. Our society should provide help to those who truly cannot care for themselves and encourage independence in those who can. Identifying the ones who truly can't care for themselves and distinguishing them from others who *can* is a challenge. Crafting an effective plan to decrease the numbers who fall within the former category of people and increase the numbers in the latter category. Identify and address fraud waste and abuse to martial scarce resources to those who truly need help.

What are your solutions for those concerns?

1. Workforce Development:

Consider a pilot program to create a regional Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation office in a part of the state that is underperforming in the State's economic recovery. The pilot program office should be strategically located in a region of the state that is geographically situated for convenient access by other parts of the state through highways. Consider reallocating some of the funding previously allocated for the Madison based offices and personnel to the new pilot location. This new office will help bring that economic recovery to a part of the state that has been left behind but nonetheless shows promise. By limiting it to a pilot program initially the Committee would be proceeding in a fiscally responsible way and providing the State an opportunity to examine progress and success without the level of expense associated with a widespread rollout. In the alternative, if the Committee does not wish to reallocate funds previously allocated toward the main Madison office, it

could consider introducing a new budget item allocating a modest amount of new funding to the pilot WEDC regional office.

Continue to adequately fund workforce training programs to meet demands of 21st Century jobs and the needs of local businesses. The Committee can focus on building partnerships between the education system and employers. Continue to fund grants that include contributions from local employers toward technical college programs. Focus on marketing campaigns that tout the success stories around the state that developed from these partnerships. Develop programs for guest speakers and motivational speakers to address students and educate them about why its important to match their unique talents and skills with education and curriculum choices that will make them useful to local employers and get them a job. This should include education about the needs of local businesses for specific technical skills and the monetary and other rewards that await them if they excel in these skills.

2. Judiciary:

A revamp of the Code of Criminal Procedure has already been discussed and will likely be a topic for the Committee in the new session. While we have a first class judicial system that is by no means considered anti-business, it is, nonetheless, useful to consider further tort reforms that will strike a balance between securing justice for the person wronged and maintaining reasonable limitations that support the message that Wisconsin is open for business. Examine ways to increase access to the justice system. This may take the form of partnering with the legal community to help Veterans wade through the red tape of the VA or helping people in rural areas underserved by the legal community. Examine new challenges emerging in cyberspace to identify any gaps in the law that could be filled to address emerging issues.

3. Insurance:

Work with the Department of Insurance, the industry and policy holder representatives to identify regulations that could be streamlined for efficiency. This would help avoid many complaints to the Department by policy holders saving them headaches and expense as well as lessening the pressure on State resources which could be used in other areas. While we have a first class judicial system that is far better than in many states, it is, nonetheless, useful to consider further tort reforms that will strike a balance between securing justice for the person wronged and maintaining reasonable limitations that support the message that Wisconsin is open for business. The insurance industry is also a great source of data, expertise, and other resources that can help government. Government should be looking at ways to partner with the insurance industry where it can do so without jeopardizing its role in regulating the industry. For example, are we working closely enough with industry to address increasingly sophisticated insurance fraud scams that cause rates to go up and hurt families and society in general? Moreover, Wisconsin has a rich insurance industry history. There may be ways that government, technical colleges and insurance companies can identify workforce gaps in certain technical fields and work together to create training programs to address those gaps and create new jobs.

4. Energy and Utilities

Work with our elected congressional representatives to identify ways we can help encourage more common sense energy policy coming out of the USEPA and FERC. Consider ways that Wisconsin, which is strapped with enforcement responsibility of many federal energy and environmental programs, can do so in common sense ways that won't hurt our economy. Also need to focus on equitable rating structures that take into account the different users: heavy industry, small businesses and farms, residential, and those that use DG systems. With respect to telecom, the legislature must work with the industry as well as local municipalities, school districts, and businesses in rural areas to realistically assess the broadband needs of these various groups. Then identify the real costs to build, expand and maintain the facilities and networks in rural areas to support that broadband demand.

5. Veterans and Military Service:

Examine ways to increase access to the justice system for Veterans in need. This may take the form of partnering with the legal community to help veterans wade through the red tape of the VA, relaxing the licensing process for out of state attorneys who provide pro bono services to veterans in Wisconsin. Perhaps work with the VA and various bar associations to create a certification program that trains legal professionals to help veterans with the red tape involved in accessing VA services. In particular, the Hmong veterans who sacrificed so much for this country during the Viet Nam War have unique needs that could be addressed if they had better access to legal services.

6. Children and Families:

Scarce public resources should be directed to welfare programs that operate efficiently and get assistance to those who truly cannot care for themselves. We have found examples of widespread abuse in some of our welfare programs such as Food Share. We have also found concrete examples that demonstrate that when we make wise investments in programs that identify fraud and abuse, the initial outlay in tax dollars is more than covered in savings to the tax payers when the fraud and abuse is uncovered and halted. We need to continue to invest in these programs and even increase investment. We need to look at creative ways to continue to identify fraud and abuse. In some areas and circumstances it makes sense to utilize private companies who specialize in a certain area. However, we should also consider ways to educate some members of the public who may incorrectly think that gaming the system a little doesn't hurt anyone. Finally, we should identify ways to make the system more accountable and provide incentives for the welfare recipients to better their own lives and get off the system where possible.

Toftness, Jenny

From: Cody Horlacher <codyhorlacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Toftness, Jenny
Subject: Committee Request Form

Jenny,

I could not edit the document for the committee request forms. That being so, I hope this email will work in its place.

I am requesting the following committees in order of preference as follows:

1. Criminal Justice and Public Safety *yes*
2. Judiciary *-yes*
3. Campaigns and Elections *-yes*
4. Education *-yes*
5. Small Business Development *-NO*
6. Agriculture *-NO*

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Campaigns
Education

As for experience relating to each committee:

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1. Criminal Justice- I am currently an ADA for Walworth County and work with prosecuting criminal cases on a daily basis. I work in public safety everyday. I additionally worked in the Public Defender's office during law school and understand issues and concerns from the Defense bars perspective.
2. Judiciary- Having a law degree puts me in a unique perspective for the caucus in the role of the judiciary and how it operates. During law school I interned for Justice Gableman. Before law school, I interned in the Walworth County DA's office and got to work with several of the current members of the Bench. It's important to maintain the integrity of the judiciary and maintain a climate of separation of powers. The bench is not to be used as an end-around of the legislature.
3. Campaigns and Election- I have worked with the Republican party for almost 10 years on all major and most minor elections in the district. I've seen campaigns from the view of volunteer, County GOP chairman, and candidate. I think the current system needs serious re-evaluation.
4. Education- Given that I have gone through the educational system more recently than most of the other in the caucus I am in a distinct vantage point to bridge the gap between those making the rules and those feeling the effects of those decisions. I have made it my goal since the primary to reach out to schools in the district to find out what they are doing and what competitive advantages each bring to the table. I've met with principals and other school officials to start the dialog.
5. Small Business Development- Before, during, and after the primary campaign I've reached out to area businesses to find out what rules and regulations impact them the most. Particularly in Jefferson and Fort Atkinson, many small business have gone out in the last 10 years and main street in both cities have empty storefronts. I want to change that.