

2016 WACOPS Legislators of the Year

Congratulations and thank you to the four listed WACOPS Legislators of the Year - 2016, as announced at the January legislative/membership meeting:

Ann Rivers (R), District 18

Representative Rivers has been the 18th Legislative District's state senator since mid-2012 and was re-elected to the Senate in 2016. She is not only a member of the Senate Republican Caucus, but also the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus. The MCC, composed of Republican and Democratic senators, is built around a set of shared principles and committed to governing in a more inclusive and bipartisan way.

Rep. Rivers serves on the Senate Transportation Committee, Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee, Senate Health Care Committee and Senate Rules Committee.



Rivers

Rivers is focused on strengthening Washington's economy, protecting our state's taxpayers by prioritizing and controlling state spending, offering each child in Washington an opportunity to succeed in school, and making sure the projects Southwest Washington needs for a solid transportation system are moving forward.

Rep. Rivers' primary occupation is as president of a governmental and public-affairs consulting firm based in La Center where she resides with her husband and two sons.

Rep. Rivers is an active community member who belongs to the Greater Clark County Rotary and other organizations, and volunteers for events such as the American Cancer Society's West Clark County Relay for Life (publicity chairwoman). She also has served/is serving on the board of directors for several organizations, including *Innovate Washington*. *Rep. Rivers was also selected as a WACOPS Legislator of the Year in 2012.*

Rep. Drew Hansen (D), District 23

Rep. Hansen has represented the 23rd Legislative District (most of Kitsap County) since 2011. He serves as Chair of the Higher Education Committee, and also serves on the Appropriations and Judiciary Committee.

Entering the 2016 Legislative session, Representative Hanson was committed to ensuring that public records requests for body cam footage would not break the bank for cities and counties and would not negatively impact public safety staffing. Representative Hanson recognized that the rush to implement body cam programs was a detriment to law enforcement officers and developed a task force within sideboards that were acceptable to WACOPS and provided us with two task force members.



Hansen

As a legislator, Hansen is focused on job creation and job training. When the Legislature is not in session, Hansen practices law as a partner at Susman Godfrey LLP. He lives on Bainbridge Island with his wife, Julie, and their two young children.

Rep. Dan Kristiansen (R) District 39

Representative Kristiansen has served in the Washington State House of Representatives since 2003, and is the leader of the House Republican Caucus. Dan represents the 39th Legislative District, which includes parts of King, Snohomish, and Skagit counties. He is a Snohomish County native who has lived in the Snohomish/Monroe area for more than 30 years. Representative Kristiansen’s top priorities as a legislator are to improve Washington’s economy, encourage job growth, preserve existing jobs and attract more employers.



Kristiansen

Representative Kristiansen provided outstanding leadership during the 2016 session including allowing his caucus to vote their conscience on the body cam task force legislation, supported protections for law enforcement officers placed on Brady Lists, along with other WACOPS priority legislation.

Sen. Steve Conway (D) District 29

Having served the 29th District as a State Representative for 18 years, Senator Conway is now the Democratic senator for the Pierce County district that includes South Tacoma, East Hill. He is a member of the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee, chairs the Select Committee on Pension Policy and also serves on the Senate Ways & Means and Senate Health Care committees.



Conway

He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, with a Master’s degree in history and a Doctorate in Philosophy. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics. Steve recently retired as a business agent for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 81.

While the majority in the Senate attempted to merge LEOFF 1 into the woefully underfunded teacher’s pension plan, Sen. Conway made every attempt possible to derail the effort including an amendment and roll call vote during the budget process. When the bill became a study, Senator Conway insured that WACOPS and the LEOFF 2 Board had true input.



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