

Candidates for Officer Positions

Position Sought: Chair and the Voting Director/Liaison to the DFL SEC

Name: **Kay Hendrikson**

Statement: Hello Senior Caucus!

First let me say thank you for your support these last two years!

I continue to want to make a difference in Senior Citizens lives across Minnesota through grassroots statewide political efforts.

Together we have accomplished a tremendous number of achievements, most of which have never been done before:

- We Increased membership to almost three (3) times what it was when I was elected.
- We are now able to determine who is a member and when their membership is due.
- We eliminated membership dues!
- We increased our treasury balance.
- We increased endorsements of candidates to over 50 candidates statewide.
- We implemented successful GOTV efforts through multiple methods, including over 10,000 statewide post cards to voters, and in some districts improved voter turnout by highly increased percentages.
- We moved to successful use of virtual meetings, eliminating the need to travel in bad weather or over long distances in MN.
- We improved coordination of Chapter information & communication.
- We enriched a credible social media presence through website, Facebook, monthly messages, and multiple email streams.
- We delineated, improved, and increased committee involvement.
- We improved our governance process.
- We aligned with DFL party in multiple areas, including Code of Conduct to remove bullying.
- We improved attendance at all of our statewide events.

I have experience in the Senior Caucus. I was a Local Chapter Chair for five years and I was your statewide DFL Senior Caucus Chair and Voting Director for the past 2 years.

Other statewide organizations I've been involved in include the MN Board on Aging for almost 5 years and the Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities for almost 6 years. I worked at the State of MN for almost 20 years implementing policy across Minnesota.

Other credentials I have include:

- I ran a Minnesota statewide guardianship program for adults with disabilities for over 10 years.
- I am actively involved in my local SD for the past 10+ Years.
- I am considered an expert in running organizations.
- I have two graduate degrees in Policy and Administration in running organizations.
- I have extensive experience in public speaking and policy development

I appreciate your vote for Chair of the DFL Senior Caucus and as Voting Director.

Position Sought: Vice Chair

Name of Candidate: **Don Slaten**

Statement: I have served as South Metro Caucus director, South Metro Caucus vice chair, director/officer search committee; as a member of nominations committee, calling committee, guest speaker committee, Gala committee, Caucus meeting site committee.

I've held positions on the State Senior Caucus as director/officer search committee, Gala committee, Day on the Hill committee, guest speaker committee, Annual Meeting committee, Annual Summer Social committee, PAC committee. I have been a member of the Senior Caucus since 2013. The position of Vice Chair is a partnership. And that is what Chair Kay Hendrikson and I are, A PARTNERSHIP

In addition, as a Machinist Union member for 50 years, I have a deep connection to a statewide network of contacts. I ran for the Minnesota House twice in both 2014 and 2016. I was chair of Senate District 54 (now SD41) for 12 years, and CD2 vice chair for 4 years. I have been the vice chair for both the South Metro Caucus and the State Senior Caucus for the past 2 years. Experience matters.

I want to continue to expand the membership of the Senior Caucus. In the past 2 years I have personally recruited over 150 new members to the Caucus. A membership of a thousand total members is achievable within the next 2 years. We need to greatly increase our outreach to minority DFL members.

Position Sought: Treasurer

Name: **Nancy Stroessner**

Statement: Hi! My name is Nancy Stroessner, and I live in Apple Valley. I am running for re-election as your DFL Senior Caucus Treasurer. I believe in the goals of the Senior Caucus, to advocate for seniors and make our voices heard. In addition to serving as your Treasurer since September 2021, I am currently a member of the state-level DFL Constitution, By-laws, and Rules Committee (CBRC), and just finished serving as Chair of SD56 for seven and a half years. I was Treasurer of CD2 for five years, and have an MBA in Finance.

Position Sought: Secretary

Name: **Janet Conn**

Statement: In 1977, I got involved with the DFL Feminist Caucus, which taught me about the world of electoral politics. In 2000, I became active in Compassion & Choices, the national end-of-life rights organization, and served as president of the Minnesota chapter for many years. A few years ago, I joined the DFL Senior Caucus, and have been the secretary for the past two years. Outside of politics, I spent 25 years with Target, where I was the Manager of Payroll Dept, and then the Payroll System Administrator.

Position Sought: Membership Chair

Name: **Jennifer Willette**

Statement: My name is Jennifer Willette and I'm running for Membership Director and Outreach and Inclusion Officer. I work full-time as an IT Business Analyst at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. I am an active steward with the

Minnesota Association of Professional Employees. I served two terms on the Board of Directors for my local Senate district (SD47) and three terms as Precinct Chair. This included chairing or serving on pre-convention committees for Nominations, Rules, and Credentials over the last decade. I also co-managed a campaign for Minnesota House of Representatives.

Candidates for At-Large Director Positions

Name: **Tim Bonham**

Statement: I have spent many years active in the DFL Party. Now, being retired and a Senior, I want to work to see that Senior issues are supported by the DFL. Often the party & elected officials seem not to consider them. For example, though Seniors are the largest demographic age group in the state (there are more seniors than children in Minnesota), the Governor's address & budget talked extensively about funding for children & families, while seniors were barely mentioned. I also want to ensure that the Senior Caucus functions efficiently and cost-effectively for its members.

Name: **John Corcoran**

Statement: My Name is John Corcoran, and I would like to continue on the DFL State Senior Caucus Board Of Directors as an at-large Director. I have been on the Board off and on for many years, and helped with Day on the Hill, State Fair, Annual Meetings, picnics, and all of the "Gala" Events and will continue to do so. I am a member in good standing and one of the founding members of the South Metro Senior Caucus for many years. And I will always be available for any help needed for all OUR Minnesota STATE SENIORS CAUCUS EVENTS!

Name: **Alston Dutchin**

Statement: *none provided*

Name: **Roger Gehrke**

Statement: *none provided*

Name: **Gary Hansen**

Statement: I'm active in DFL and other Democratic Party activities. I am a South Metro Chapter board member and secretary. I serve on the DFL Platform and

Issues Committee. I'm a precinct chair and a member of the SD52 Central Committee. As an Eagan City Council member, I chair the Minnesota Democratic Municipal Officials organization, and I serve on the DMO National Board and Executive Committee as secretary. As a retiree and senior citizen, I am very much aware of the important issues impacting seniors, and I'm committed to advocating for their needs and concerns.

Name: **Marie Hauser**

Statement: My educational background includes a B.A., A.B.S. in Nursing, R.N., Board Certification in Psychiatric Nursing. a Master's Certificate in Public Health. and certification in Emergency Management.

I am a member of PERA and MN Nurses Assoc. unions. I have been the U. Of M. Medical School Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Teaching Team Nurse Team Leader, Nurses Bargaining Team member and strike leader in negotiations with Fairview Hospital. I have also served as a Minneapolis Health Dept. Pandemic Planner and a Minneapolis Central Neighborhood Board member. I served as Minneapolis Capital Long Term Improvement Committee member. I was elected to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. DFL, Stonewall DFL, and Labor endorsed. I also served as the Middle Mississippi Watershed Management Board Vice President.

I am a long time DFL member and activist, a state delegate, senate district central committee, precinct delegate, ward delegate, and campaigned for DFL and national Democratic candidates. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: **Linda Hopkins**

Statement: I, Linda Hopkins, ask for your support to continue to be an At Large Director for the DFL Senior Caucus. I have been a Democrat for decades, door-knocking and phone-calling for candidates. I support the goals of the Senior Caucus. I currently serve as the administrator of the Senior Caucus' Facebook page, including managing members' posts and responding to new member requests. I also serve on the Political Affairs Committee.

My background includes being an attorney for over 20 years, in technology law and Social Security Disability law. I am a nationally published legal author. I have written Social Security disability legislation for both Senator Al Franken's office and the U. S. Department of Defense. I have advised Democratic U. S. Senator candidates. Also, I've worked with the Office of the President of the United States, the Department of Justice, and foreign governments on national economic policy. I write a blog on the U. S. Constitution.

My goal is to continue development of the Facebook page as an attractive and informative site for our members. I wish to continue to promote seniors' issues statewide and the influence of the DFL.

Name: **Gene Jacobson**

Statement: *none provided*

Name: **Pat Kelly**

Statement: *none provided*

Name: **Jean Lee**

Statement: *See email blast.*

Name: **Dwayne King**

Statement: I am a life-long Democrat, one of the Founders of the DFL Senior Caucus. I served on the Committee that drafted our Charter and presented the Charter to the first Caucus Annual Meeting in May of 2007. I have served 6 terms on the Caucus Board of Directors, served in the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 1970s, and served 15+ terms on the DFL State Central Committee. I now serve on the Caucus Governance Committee, responsible for drafting proposed Charter changes, and for the first time, Caucus Bylaws. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: **Bill Middlecamp**

Statement: I am Bill Middlecamp, resident of Apple Valley, and I ask for your support to continue as Director at Large. Since my retirement from Software Engineering in 2019, I have become increasingly involved in my passions around electing Democrats and advocating for Climate and Environmental issues. My technical skills have been useful in serving the DFL Sr. Caucus as the Technology Committee Chair, an appointed role. Being a director allows me to make motions and vote at the board meetings, which is important because technology provides a foundation for many of the activities of the caucus. I thoroughly enjoy serving and working with every member.

Name: **Joe Mullery**

Statement: I ask for your vote for election to the Senior Caucus Board. My main goals are improvement of laws and services affecting seniors, electing senior-friendly officials, and uniting seniors to work together. I believe I have many attributes that other Board members don't have. During my 20 years in the legislature, I developed an expertise on legislation affecting seniors. Before that, I lobbied for the Minnesota Senior Federation and the Attorneys' Association on Senior Issues. I chaired the Political Involvement Committee of the Senior Caucus, including endorsements, legislative issue development, and interviewing noted officials.

Name: **Pamela Parker**

Statement: Pam is currently Vice Chair of the Mpls Area DFL Senior Caucus, a member of the DFL Senior Caucus PAC, and Chair of Senate District 62. She has been involved in the DFL since 1968 but had to reduce involvement in 2005 to care for her husband, who passed away in 2019. Pam has worked in senior advocacy and health care since 1972. She was VP of Hennepin County AFSCME Local 33, started an advocacy agency for nursing home residents, was the State's first long-term care ombudsman, Director of Long-Term-Care for the MN

Department of Human Services (DHS), and retired in 2014 after 34 years with DHS managing health care programs for seniors and people with disabilities. Since retirement, she has continued to work part-time nationally on Medicare and Medicaid issues for low-income seniors.

Name: **Darrell Paulsen**

Statement: My name is Darrell Paulsen. I am currently a Director of the Disability Caucus - DFL and same as the legislative chair. Also, I am currently the outreach and inclusion officer for senate district 44. I am very active around issues that impact seniors and our older adults.

Name: **James Reed**

Statement: I, along with six others, founded the DFL Senior Caucus in 2006. I volunteered to act as Senior Caucus Secretary and did so for the first fifteen years of the caucus. I'd like to continue as a DFL Senior Caucus Board member as I bring background and experience to the board.

I am active in the DFL and a Senate District Director. I've attended and given testimony at the Minnesota legislature. I have door-knocked, marched in parades, passed out literature, and attended the DFL Dinner for years. I wear my Senior Caucus tee-shirt when marching. I have background and experience.

Name: **Sandy Sandoval**

Statement: I am Sandy Sandoval, and am interested in working in this caucus, making a better world for our children, grandchildren, and ourselves.

I joined the South Metro Chapter many years ago and have served as Secretary or Board Director for all of those years. I joined the State Board as a Director 2 years ago, and I would like to be considered a candidate for another 2 years on the board. I have also been serving as Co-Chair of the Events Committee for those 2 years. I have also worked for the Democratic party. I have served my local party DFL as a Senate District Secretary or Director, Events Organizer and Fundraiser, and Convention organizer for 12 years. I did substantial work to turn a red district

to a total blue district during that time. I also served on the board of CD 2 for at least 12 years, and SCC delegate for 10-12 years. I have been an SCC Convention delegate many times, and was elected as DNC Convention Delegate in 2016, which was held in Philadelphia. I also am a member of the DFL Environmental Caucus. I've served as an election judge in Scott County.

Name: **Tony Scallon**

Statement: I have been active in the Democratic Party since I was 18. I have been active in the DFL since I came to Minnesota serving with the College Democrats and being active in the DFL party. I have served on the Minneapolis City Council for 14 years. I helped to organize the Minneapolis DFL Senior Caucus, which is now one of the largest chapters. I have served on the Minnesota DFL Senior Caucus Board and their PAC group. I am excited about serving another term and contributing to our legislative issues.

Name: **Cindy Spellman**

Statement: I am currently serving as a director for Senior Caucus and would like to continue in that position to help further the goals of the SC and increase our status among MN DFL seniors. I update the website with current information; being part of the board helps keep me aware of needed changes and posts.