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## 2008 Planning Meeting

Progressive 15 E Update  
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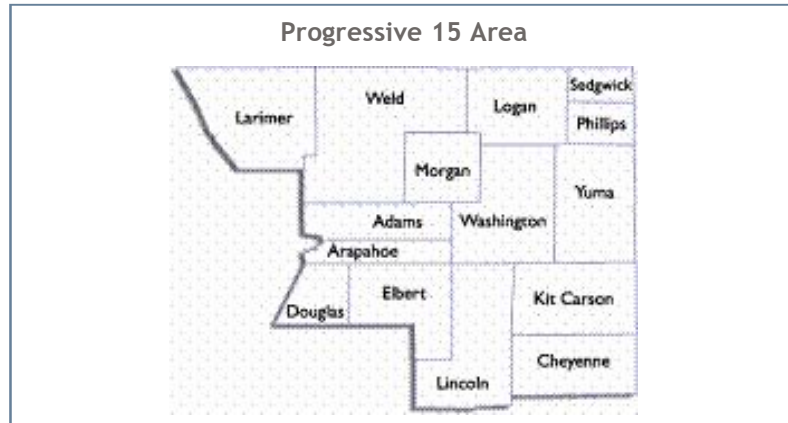
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### Greetings!



## Legislative Day - January 30th, 2008

**Still time to sign up!!!! We now have 10 state elected senators and representatives and 3 appointed officials joining us for lunch. Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper will be our keynote speaker at lunch talking about the rural / urban connection.**

**We are also excited & hoping both Representative Joe Rice and Senator Steve Ward will be make it. They are scheduled to return from Iraq shortly before and have indicated they will join us if the**

**State of Colorado**

**State Boards and Commissions**

**military is on schedule.**

**Governor Bill Ritter will be speaking with us at the Capitol about 9:30 am. We will also be hearing from the 208 Health Commission; State Water Engineer Dick Wolfe; Carbon offset Credit Program for Agriculture; Attorney General John Suthers; Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff; Don Elliman, OED; Rep Jim Riesberg; Rep Mary Hodge; Rep Cory Gardner; Senator Nancy Spence; Senator Stephanie Takis; Senator Greg Brophy and Senator Steve Johnson.**

**We are still waiting to hear from Lt Gov Barbara O'Brien; Senate President Peter Groff; Senator Ken Gordon; Rep Jerry Sonnenberg and Secretary of State Mike Coffman.**

**Additionally, the long awaited Northeast Colorado Vision report will be presented.**



**Member Registration**



**Non Member Registration**



**Spouse / Media Registration**

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## **Progressive 15 Board of Directors and Standing Committee Chairs Plan for 2008**

Progressive 15 is ready for 2008. They are excited as they feel 2008 will be a big year for political issues and have put a process in place to keep our members engaged and advocate for the region.

1. Your 2008 Officers remain the same: David Foy, Chairman; Judy Giacomini, Vice Chairman; Danyel Brenner, Secretary and Jon Becker,

Treasurer. Joining the board is Perry Buck who will be representing Weld County members.

2. Standing Committees will be led as follows:

Vice Chair of Business Affairs Council - Del Beattie, Mayor Town of Limon

- Health - Chair: Kindra Mulch Kit Carson Human Services
- Education & Workforce
- Economic Development & Tourism - Chair: Ron Prascher, Brush Chamber
- Telecommunications Chair: Abel Chavez, Qwest; Co-chair: Edie Ortega, CenturyTel
- Transportation Chair: Randy Grauberger, PB Co-chair: John Metli, Elbert County Commissioner

Vice Chair of Natural Resources Council - Chuck Rech, CW Rech & Co

- Agriculture & Public Lands Chair: Ron Swehla, Seaboard Farms
- Energy Chair: Kari Linker, Morgan County Economic Development
- Water Chair: Deni Coryell, City of Burlington

Vice Chair of Task Forces Council - Debbie Knudsen, Town of Cheyenne Wells

- Membership Investment Structure
- Financial Audit

3. The following counties will have member caucuses this year:

- Yuma
- Elbert
- Douglas
- Arapahoe
- Lincoln
- Adam

4. Meetings have been set and will be held as follows:

- Spring Meeting March 27-28 in plus Board meeting
- Board Meeting June 27th in Cheyenne Wells
- Standing Committees July 15 (Transportation, Telcomm, Health Care) & July 16 (Economic Development & Tourism, Education/Workforce) in Limon
- Standing Committee July 22 in Wray (Agriculture & Public Lands,

- Energy & Water)
- Fall Meeting September 17-19 in Brighton plus board meeting
  - Board Meeting December 8th in Fort Morgan

## Legislative Tracking Report

During session we will be sending out to members a weekly legislative tracking report listing bills we are monitoring and which Progressive 15 standing committee you need to contact if you have input either pro or con.

Periodically we might also send out an Action Alert to members giving them contact information to provide input to their elected officials.

Our standing committee are working to be more active this sessions and will be making use of conference calls to allow more members to participate in the discussion of their choice.

If we miss something you think we should be monitoring please let us know.

## Conference Calls

The distance to travel to meetings has led us to try to accomplish more of our standing committee work by conference calls.

If you of you have conference call bridges through your employer that we could use at no charge (or very little) we would really appreciate it. Qwest has donated the use of theirs for the Telecommunications Standing Committee. Thanks guys!!

Hopefully some of you would be able to adopt a committee or maybe you can only do one or two. Any help will be greatly appreciated and recognized.

Contact Cathy at 970-768-2230 or [cathy@progressive15.org](mailto:cathy@progressive15.org) if you can help.

## 2007 Legislative Hall of Fame Honorees

This year the following have been chosen to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for their work on behalf of Northeast Colorado.

John Hamlin, deceased 1973-1982 and 1983 - 1986

Roland "Bud" Moellenberg, deceased 1991-1992 and 1993-1996

Lowell Sonnenberg, 1969-1972

These gentlemen will be honored at the Legislative Day at the State Capitol on January 30, 2008

## Membership

### New Members

Jim Whitmore  
Colorado Mining Association  
Perry Buck

### Renewals

- Ports-to-Plains
- Douglas County
- Mitch Albert
- Ann Soehner
- Curt Soehner
- Tri State G & T
- Lewis Frank
- Town of Hugo
- PB
- High Plains Bank
- City of Yuma
- Byers Development
- United Power
- Mountain View Electric
- Morgan County
- Burlington Record
- Northeast Colorado Housing
- Lucile Bledsoe
- Haxtun Telephone
- City of Holyoke
- Brush Area Chamber
- Sedgwick County
- Yuma County
- City of Brush
- First Pioneer National Bank in Holyoke

## News From Around the State

1. USDA - RD currently accepting letters of intent for the Section 90006 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loan and Grant

- program. [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/co](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/co) Questions contact April Dahlager 720-544-2909
2. Colorado Council on the Arts announces online applications for Artist and Organizations now available at <http://coloarts.org/grants/apply/artist/index.htm> and for Success through Art (StART Schools) at [http://coloarts.org/programs/education/schools\\_districts/](http://coloarts.org/programs/education/schools_districts/)
  3. Governor Ritter seeking input for ideas for Government Efficiency Project. go to [www.colorado.gov/governor](http://www.colorado.gov/governor) and click on government efficiency page
  4. Governor's Forum on Colorado Agriculture on February 28, 2008 [www.colorado.gov/ag](http://www.colorado.gov/ag)

## Calendar

	DATE	EVENT	P 15 ATTENDING	FOR MORE INFORMATION
<b>2008</b>				
<b>January</b>				
	16-17	Club 20 Legislative Day		
<b>P 15 Event</b>	17	P 15 Board Retreat		
	23	Action 22 Legislative Day		
	28	Colorado Tourism Office Day at the Capitol		
<b>P 15 Event</b>	30	Legislative Day at the State Capitol		
<b>February</b>				
	28	Governor's Forum on Colorado Agriculture		<a href="http://www.colorado.gov/ag">www.colorado.gov/ag</a>
<b>March</b>				
<b>P 15 Event</b>	27-28	Progressive 15 Spring Meeting and board meeting in Sterling		
<b>April</b>				
	23-25	EDCC Spring Conference in Burlington		
	28-30	Multi-Family Housing Conference in Colorado Springs		
<b>May</b>				
	12-16	CASTA Spring Conference		<a href="http://www.coloradotransit.com">www.coloradotransit.com</a>
<b>June</b>				

	9-11	CCI Summer Conference		
	17-21	CML Summer Conference		
<b>P 15 Event</b>	27	Board Meeting in Cheyenne Wells		
<b>July</b>				
<b>P 15 Event</b>	15-16	Committee Summit in Limon		
<b>P 15 Event</b>	22	Committee Summit in Wray		
<b>August</b>				
	25-28	Democratic National Convention		
<b>September</b>				
	1-4	Republican National Convention		
	5-6	Club 20 Fall Meeting		
<b>P 15 Event</b>	17-18-19	Progressive 15 Fall Meeting with candidates forum and board meeting in Brighton		
	22-26	CASTA Fall Conference & Expo		<a href="http://www.coloradotransit.com">www.coloradotransit.com</a>
	26-27	Action 22 Fall Conference		
<b>October</b>				
<b>November</b>				
<b>December</b>				
<b>P 15 Event</b>	8	Board & Committee chair Retreat in Fort Morgan		

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## Board of Directors

County	Representative	Alternates
Adams	Barry Gore	
Arapahoe	Chuck Rech	Mitch Albert
Cheyenne	Debbie Knudsen	Dannie McMillan
Douglas	Melanie Worley	
Elbert	John Metli	
Kit Carson	Danyel Brenner, Secretary	Bob Churchwell
Larimer		
Lincoln	Del Beattie	Maye Gene Lee
Logan	Judy Giacomini, Vice Chair	Gary Nichols
Morgan	Jon Becker, Treasurer	Kari Linker
Phillips	Nancy Berges	Vince Kropp
Sedgwick	Randy Renquist	Darris Cumming
Washington	David Foy, Chairman	Merle Vigil
Weld	Perry Buck	
Yuma	Carol Boden	Don Rutledge

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