



# **Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program**

**Eleventh Annual Report  
2012 Internship**



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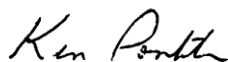
The Honourable Dan D'Autremont  
Speaker  
Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan  
129 Legislative Building  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is my honour to transmit to you for Tabling in the Legislative Assembly, the Eleventh Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program (2012).

I want to thank you and all Members of the Legislative Assembly for your support of this very important program. I also want to thank the Members who worked with the Interns and assisted in this learning experience.

Sincerely,



Ken Pontikes  
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## Overview of the Program

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program (SLIP) provides four senior university students or recent graduates with an opportunity to experience the day-to-day operations of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Interns are paired with elected members of the Assembly (MLA) who serve as mentors and provide a practical perspective on the role and work of MLAs. During their seven-month internship, participants are assigned for approximately three months with an MLA from the government caucus and for another similar period with an MLA from the opposition caucus.

In addition to the practical experience provided through the MLA mentors, the Program contains significant academic components. The interns receive six academic course-credits at either the University of Saskatchewan or the University of Regina. These credits are determined through evaluations of the interns' participation during the Program and through the preparation of individual research projects and group reports on assigned activities and travel experiences. The travel experiences include visiting parliaments and legislative assemblies in other jurisdictions in order to allow for comparisons with their internship experiences in Saskatchewan.



## 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns



**Elliott Bourgeault**  
Regina, SK

Bachelor of Arts  
(Political Studies & German)  
University of Regina



**Cody Gieni**  
Ormiston, SK

Bachelor of Arts  
(Political Studies & Economics)  
University of Saskatchewan

In Progress:  
Master of Public Administration  
Johnson-Shoyama School of  
Public Policy  
University of Saskatchewan



**Jason Kiefer**  
Drake, SK

Bachelor of Arts  
(Political Studies & Philosophy)  
University of Regina



**Regan Reese Seidler**  
Regina, SK

Bachelor of Arts  
(Economics)  
St. Thomas More College,  
University of Saskatchewan

In Progress:  
Master of Arts  
(Political Studies)  
University of Saskatchewan

Biographies for each intern appear in Appendix A of this report.

## 2012 Legislative Mentors

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program thanks the following Members of the Legislative Assembly who volunteered their time to serve as mentors to the 2012 Interns. Without their participation and leadership, this Program would not be possible.



Top Row (Left to Right):

Danielle Chartier, Saskatoon Riversdale; David Forbes, Saskatoon Centre; Greg Lawrence, Moose Jaw Wakamow; Warren McCall, Regina Elphinstone-Centre

Bottom Row (Left to Right):

Scott Moe, Rosthern-Shellbrook; Kevin Phillips, Melfort; Cathy Sproule, Saskatoon Nutana; Corey Tochor, Saskatoon Eastview

Since 2002, 52 former and current Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan have mentored Saskatchewan Legislative Interns. This year, six MLA mentors – Danielle Chartier, Greg Lawrence, Scott Moe, Kevin Phillips, Cathy Sproule, and Corey Tochor – participated in the Program for the first time. Warren McCall served as a mentor to his sixth intern and David Forbes to his fifth intern.

For a complete list of MLA mentors since the inception of the Program, please refer to the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program's website: [www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship](http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship).

### **2012 Highlights**

- Four interns participated in the eleventh internship under the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. Since 2002, 47 university students have participated in the Program.
- Six Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan volunteered to serve as internship mentors for the first time.
- The interns participated in the first “northern tour” – travelling to La Ronge, Missinipe, and Grandmother’s Bay.
- The comparative-study tour was undertaken in two components – Toronto and Ottawa in March and Berlin and London in June.
- Through a financial sponsorship provided by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the interns attended the national conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- As part of the internship’s community-service component, the interns met with officials of the United Way of Regina and volunteered at Souls Harbour Rescue Mission in Regina.
- The 2012 interns established a Twitter account (@SLIPinterns).
- The interns were invited to provide individual editorial articles for the fall 2012 edition of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association’s quarterly publication, *The Urban Voice*.
- The sixth annual SLIP Steak Night event was a near sell-out and raised \$ 1,676 to enhance the interns’ out-of-country travel experiences.
- Mr. Ken Pontikes has been re-appointed to a third term as director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program.



## **Components of the 2012 Program**

### **Orientation Component**

The Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly organized orientation meetings for the interns. Most of these meetings took place during the first two weeks of the internship.

The interns met with the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart (Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan), the Honourable Dan D’Autremont (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan), and the Honourable Mr. Justice Ralph K. Ottenbreit (Saskatchewan Court of Appeal). The interns also met with staff and officers of the Legislative Assembly, representatives of the government and opposition caucuses, and representatives of the news media and of central agencies in executive government. The interns also met with former Saskatchewan Legislative Interns who talked about their internship experiences and provided suggestions on how to maximize the current interns’ experience.

A list of the people who met with the interns as part of the orientation component is provided in Appendix C.

### **Core Component**



The interns began their assignments (“term one”) with four members of the Legislative Assembly (two from the government caucus and two from the opposition caucus) on January 23, 2012. These assignments continued until April 20, 2012. The interns were then reassigned (“term 2”) to another four members from the other side of the House (two from the opposition caucus and two from the government caucus). The second term assignments concluded on July 20, 2012.

Members of the Legislative Assembly from both caucuses volunteer each year to serve as mentors to the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns. Written mentorship proposals are prepared by each MLA. After a meeting between the interns and the volunteer MLA mentors from each caucus, the interns decide on the pairing of each intern to each mentor. The 2012 interns and MLA mentors were paired (first term and second term) as follows:

Elliott Bougeault:	Scott Moe (Government MLA Rosthern-Shellbrook) Warren McCall (Opposition MLA Regina-Elphinstone Centre)
Cody Gieni:	Kevin Phillips (Government MLA Melfort) Cathy Sproule (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Nutana)
Jason Kiefer:	David Forbes (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Centre) Greg Lawrence (Government MLA Moose Jaw-Wakamow)
Reagan Reese Seidler:	Danielle Chartier (Opposition MLA Saskatoon Riversdale) Corey Tocher (Government MLA Saskatoon Eastview)

During their assignment to private members, the interns were given opportunities to accompany their assigned members to meetings, conferences, and consultations. The following is a partial list of the organizations in Saskatchewan that individual interns visited with their assigned mentor:

Carmichael Outreach  
Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. (CLASSIC)  
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools  
Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon  
Ideas Inc.  
Meewasin Valley Authority  
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry  
Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services  
Saskatoon Food Bank  
Saskatoon Jewish Community  
Saskatoon Health Region  
SGI  
St. Mary's Community School  
The Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity  
The Lighthouse Supported Living  
Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users

The interns also visited constituency offices and experienced the work that MLAs do to address the concerns and interests of their constituents. All expenses incurred by the interns in participating in these events and activities were paid by the Program.

### **Academic Component**

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program provides interns with six academic credits towards an undergraduate degree, through its recognition as a course at the University of Saskatchewan (Political Studies 482.6) and the University of Regina (Political Science 480). Interns are required to register in one of these courses in order to participate in the Program. In addition to the course credits, enrolment in these courses provides each intern with student benefits, such as liability insurance, Workers' Compensation coverage, and health benefits.

At the end of the internship, each intern received a grade which recognized his or her participation in the program. Each intern’s final grade was determined by the director, based on the following weighting:

<u>Grading Component</u>	<u>Weighting Factor (%)</u>
Evaluation of several individually-prepared research projects on topics pertaining to legislative processes, public policy, politics or public administration	55
Evaluation of a jointly-prepared report on the interns’ comparative study (out-of-province) trip	15
Evaluation of each intern’s activities with his or her assigned MLA	10
Evaluation of the interns’ joint participation in a community-based activity in a volunteer capacity	10
Evaluation of each intern’s completion of assigned administrative duties relating to their internship	10

With respect to the research projects, the interns prepared briefing notes and commentaries on municipal issues identified from resolutions discussed during the 2012 convention of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, national issues arising from meetings held during the out-of-province tour to Ottawa and Toronto, and provincial issues debated during the spring session of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

Each intern also wrote an article, on a topic of his choice (but related to municipal issues), which was published in the Fall 2012 edition of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association’s quarterly publication, *The Urban Voice*. The four articles prepared by the interns were:

Elliot Bourgeault	Reusing Germany’s Approach to Recycling
Cody Gieni	Does Co-operation Mean Amalgamation?
Jason Kiefer	Changing Low Voter Turnout
Reagan Reese Seidler	Ontario Town Re-imagines Concept of ‘Federal Government’ to Battle Industry Canada

The articles can be accessed on-line at:  
<http://www.kelmanonline.com/httpdocs/files/SUMA/urbanvoicefall2012/index.html>.

### **Intern Development Component**

The intern development component is undertaken through a special fund (“intern development fund”), which is supported by university, corporate, and organizational sponsors, as well as donations from individuals. The fund is administratively managed by the University of Saskatchewan.

### ***In-Province Meetings and Events***

The intern development fund is used to support special projects that are identified by the interns to enhance their experience in the Program. These projects include transportation and accommodation costs related to the interns' travel to other jurisdictions, as well as attendance at workshops, conferences, meetings, and consultations with major organizations and with people in leadership positions from various sectors of Saskatchewan. The interns are responsible for all of the logistical arrangements associated with these projects.

In 2012, the interns' in-province experiences included attending the following conventions, meetings, and events as observers/visitors:

- Convention, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Panel, Cooperative Union Central of Canada
- Convention, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- Convention, Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations, Health Care Quality Summit
- Conference, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
- Convention, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association
- Meeting, Board of Directors, Prince Albert Model Forest
- Winter Assembly, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations



The annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities was held in Saskatoon in 2012. The conference provided this year's interns with an opportunity to meet many national political leaders and municipal politicians. Attendance at this conference required the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program to pay student observers' registration fees. The cost of these fees was fully funded by a generous financial contribution by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association. In addition to listening to the keynote speakers, attending workshops, and participating in several tours of municipal projects and programs in Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns were invited to a youth reception that was attended by several young municipal leaders from across Canada.

The 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns were also provided the opportunity to meet with the following community and political leaders:

- Current and former Provincial Political Representatives*
- Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister, Environment
- Hon. June Draude, Minister, Social Services
- Hon. Tim McMillan, Minister, Energy and Resources
- Mr. Rick Swenson, Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan
- Mr. Victor Lau, Leader, Green Party of Saskatchewan

*Provincial Government Deputy Ministers*

Mr. Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister, Energy and Resources  
Mr. Chris Dekker, CEO, Enterprise Saskatchewan  
Mr. Al Hilton, Deputy Minister, Government Relations  
Mr. Al Hilton, Deputy Minister, Public Safety, Policing and Corrections  
Ms. Clare Isman, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration  
Mr. Van Isman, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs  
Ms. Alana Koch, Deputy Minister, Agriculture  
Mr. Doug Moen, Deputy Minister to the Premier  
Mr. Rob Penny, Deputy Minister, Highways and Infrastructure  
Ms. Elizabeth Quarshie, Deputy Minister, Environment  
Ms. Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister, Education  
Ms. Wynne Young, Deputy Minister, Parks, Culture and Sport

*Municipal leaders and officials*

Mayor Don Atchison, City of Saskatoon  
Ms. Kiley Bear, Communications Director, City of Prince Albert (and 2007 SLIP Intern)  
Mr. Charlie Clark, Councilor, City of Saskatoon  
Mayor Pat Fiacco, City of Regina  
Mr. Troy Hagen, Chief, Regina Police Service  
Mr. Dan Heney, Deputy Fire Chief, City of Prince Albert  
Ms. Mairin Loewen, Councilor, City of Saskatoon  
Mr. Clive Weighill, Chief, Saskatoon Police Service

*Other leaders and officials*

Mr. Colin Craig, Prairie Director, Canadian Taxpayers Association  
Ms. Joanne Grant, CEO, Regina United Way  
Ms. Stefani Langenegger, Political Journalist, CBC News (Saskatchewan)

***In-Province Tours***

The 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns toured the Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Boundary Dam power station near Estevan.

The interns also arranged the first SLIP tour of communities in northern Saskatchewan. A "northern tour" has been a goal of the program for many years and in 2012, the interns were able to take the first steps to participating in such a tour.

The interns visited La Ronge, Missinipe, and Grandmother's Bay. The interns were assisted in organizing the tour by Mr. Doyle Vermette (MLA Cumberland) and Mr. Al Rivard (constituency assistant to Mr. Vermette). While in La Ronge, the interns met with the following individuals:

Ms. Laura Burnouf, President, Northern Region I, Métis Nation Saskatchewan  
Mr. Earl Cook, Culture and Language Coordinator, Nortep-Norpac  
Mayor Gordon Stomp, Northern Village of Air Ronge  
Mayor Thomas Sierzycki, Northern Town of La Ronge

The visit to northern Saskatchewan also included an opportunity to do some fishing.

### ***Out-of-Province Experiences***

An important element of the Program's intern development component is the comparative study tour which involves the interns' travel to other jurisdictions. The purpose of this tour is to allow the interns to compare legislative and government processes against those which they have observed and experienced in Saskatchewan. The tour is organized by the interns and is funded through the intern development fund and through additional fund-raising undertaken by them.



In 2012, the interns' comparative study tour was divided into separate Canadian and international trips. The Canadian trip occurred from March 4 to 10, 2012, and involved meetings in Toronto and Ottawa. The international trip occurred from June 23 to July 7, 2012 and involved stops in Berlin (Germany) and London (England). The interns have filed a report on their tours, which can be accessed by contacting the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Excerpts of this report have also been published in the program's *2012 Alumni Report*. A list of meetings and events attended by the interns during their tour is provided in Appendix D.

### **Community-Services Component**

Each year, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns are required to participate in a community based activity in a volunteer capacity. In addition to providing personal support, the interns have an opportunity to learn about the objectives, structure, administration, challenges, and successes associated with a community event or organization.



The 2012 interns decided to meet with officials of the United Way of Regina and learn not only about the role of this organization, but also about the role of non-profit organizations, generally, in Canada and Saskatchewan. The interns also served as volunteers at one of the United Way's affiliated agencies, Souls Harbour Rescue Mission in Regina. This agency provides programs and support to people experiencing the challenges of poverty and addictions. Its services include providing emergency help, such as food, clothing, shelter, life-changing recovery programs, and affordable housing.

We thank Joanne Grant, Chief Executive Officer, and Laura Murray, Community Initiatives Manager, of the United Way of Regina for their participation and assistance with this component of the 2012 internship.

### **Administrative Component**

The interns perform various administrative duties pertaining to the operation of the Program. These duties vary from year to year depending on the Program's administrative requirements which cannot be otherwise provided through its existing support.

The following duties were assigned to the 2012 interns:

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| Elliott Bourgeault   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Manager</li></ul>   |
| Cody Gieni           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arranging comparative-study tour</li></ul>   |
| Jason Kiefer         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arranging in-province meetings, conferences, seminars, etc. with organizations and individuals, including guest speakers</li><li>• New Initiative – Arranging tour of northern Saskatchewan</li></ul>  |
| Reagan Reese Seidler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitating communications with former interns, including preparing the first draft of the Alumni Report</li><li>• Arranging social, community-service, and fund-raising events</li><li>• Administering a communications strategy for the Program, including managing correspondence on behalf of all interns</li><li>• Promotion and recruitment</li></ul> |

While individual interns assumed lead responsibility for managing a specific administrative duty, all interns were expected to assist their colleagues to ensure that the activities associated with these duties contributed to the Program's overall success.

### **2012 Special Events**

Each year since 2007, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns have organized a SLIP steak night or barbeque event which provides an opportunity for Members of the Legislative Assembly and officials of the Assembly to have an informal supper with current and former interns and other supporters of the Program. The net proceeds from this event are used by the interns to enhance their experience during their comparative study tour. The money can be used to finance entry to museums, side-tours to significant points of interest, or attendance at cultural or sporting events occurring at the time of the tour.

The 2012 steak-night fund-raiser has held at Bushwakker Brewing Company in Regina. After expenses, the event generated net proceeds of \$1,675.68.

We thank Grant Frew, Promotions Manager for Bushwakker Brewing Company, for his assistance in organizing this event.

## **Alumni Support and Engagement**

An alumni newsletter, known as the *Alumni Report*, is published annually by the Program and is distributed to all former interns. It is also posted on SLIP's website. The 2012 edition of the *Alumni Report* was published in October 2012.

The annual newsletter provides an on-going link between former interns and the Program. Alumni are profiled in the newsletter. Through their accomplishments, we are able to promote the career-development potential of the Program to students and potential sponsors.

## **Partnerships**



The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program partnered with the Saskatchewan Social Science Teachers Institute so that the 2012 interns could participate in a joint briefing session provided by the Court of Queen's Bench. The Institute is a professional development program provided to Saskatchewan's teachers.



The 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns provided organizational support to the Women in the Legislature (WiL) program. This program, which is organized by students at the University of Saskatchewan, endeavours to inspire women with an interest in parliamentary governance and encourages them to become active in political life. In 2012, 17 undergraduate women attended a one-day briefing event at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

## **Finances**

### **Allocation of Funding**

#### ***Core Program***

The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan provides funding for scholarships for four Saskatchewan Legislative Interns (\$14,000 each in 2012), for all expenses incurred by these interns during their mentorship with private members of the Assembly, and for the honorarium and expenses of the Program's director.

#### ***Intern Development***

Most of the funding for the intern-development component of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program is generated through initiatives and requests undertaken by the Program's director and other supporters. Another source of intern-development funding is obtained through direct application by the interns to financial programs that support student travel experiences, such as those offered by the Program.



## **Funders and Sponsors**

Funders and sponsors of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program have been categorized according to the amount and use of their contributions. The following are the sources of funding for all components of the 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program:

### **Financial Partners**

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association



The Cooperators Group



University of Regina



University of Saskatchewan



### **Corporate Sponsors**

First Canadian Title



Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)



Travel CUTS (University of Saskatchewan)



### **Program Sponsors**

Canadian Study of Parliament Group  
Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations  
Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

## **Intern Sponsors**

Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan and  
University of Regina  
Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan  
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Regina (Goldman Travel Fund)

## **Donors**

Nicole Hamm, 2011 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern  
Dawn Gibbons, 2009 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern  
Kyle Toffan, 2005 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

## **2011-12 Financial Statements**

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program's statement of revenues and expenses for the period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, inclusive, has been provided in Appendix B of this report. The Program's finances are administered through three funds. The core program is funded by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The funding received from financial partners, corporate sponsors, and donors for the intern development is administered by the University of Saskatchewan. A credit union account has been established to manage the interns' fund-raising activities.

During 2011-12, the three funds realized revenues of \$103,012 and expenses of \$102,804, for an overall surplus of \$209. In comparison, the 2010-11 fiscal year ended with an overall surplus of \$1,663.

The balance sheet at September 30, 2012 for the intern development fund, and the interns' fund-raising account has also been provided in Appendix B. The core component of the Program is fully funded by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and as such, ends each year without a surplus or a deficit. The intern development fund has been in existence since the Program began and had an accumulated surplus of \$14,226 as at September 30, 2012. The interns' fund-raising account ended the year with cash of \$375 and a credit-union membership share of \$5. The combined accumulated surplus for all funds was \$14,606 on September 30, 2012; this compares with \$14,398 on September 30, 2011.

## **Governance**

### **Memorandum of Agreement**

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program exists through a memorandum of agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. The memorandum, signed in 2007, formalizes the universities' support for, and participation in, the Program. The agreement articulates the role of the director and the SLIP Advisory Committee, the academic credits provided by both universities to the Program's interns, the provision of liability insurance coverage to the interns, and the administration of the Intern Development Fund.

### **Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Advisory Committee**

The program's advisory committee provides governance for managing the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. The committee consists of the following individuals:

- The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- One representative from the University of Saskatchewan
- One representative from the University of Regina
- One representative from each of the Government and Opposition caucuses
- The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- The Director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly serves as the chair of the committee.

The committee did not meet during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

### **Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Selection Committee**

Applications for the internships are accepted from university students and recent graduates who identify Saskatchewan as their permanent residence. Each year, the current interns take a lead responsibility for promoting the Program to students.

All SLIP applications are reviewed by the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program's Selection Committee which creates a short-list of applicants who will be considered for the Program, conducts interviews of the short-listed applicants, and makes the decisions on the applicants who will be offered internship positions. The decisions of this Committee are final and are not subject to review or reconsideration by funders, sponsors, elected members of the Legislative Assembly or any other body or program or other elected or appointed bodies who participate with the Program.

The members of the Selection Committee are nominated by various university, administrative, and caucus bodies associated with the Program. After nomination to the committee, the members are not accountable to these bodies, but rather to the Program and to ensuring that the best possible applicants are offered internship positions.

The members of the SLIP Selection Committee who selected the 2012 interns were:

- Dr. Joseph Garcea, Head, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan
- Dr. Tom McIntosh, Professor of Political Science, University of Regina
- Ms. Monique Lovatt, Manager of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
- Mr. Ken Pontikes, Director, Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program
- Ms. Nicole Hamm, 2011 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

The SLIP Director served as the chair of this committee.

The 2012 interns were selected during the Program's 2010-11 fiscal year. Another selection committee was established in 2011-12 to select the 2013 interns. The 2013 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns are:

Mr. Simon Hutton, University of Saskatchewan  
Ms. Michelle Neufeld, University of Saskatchewan  
Ms. Jenna Orban, University of Regina  
Ms. Paula Steckler, University of Saskatchewan

### **Officers and Staff**

The Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, serves as the honorary patron of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. He is also the chair of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Advisory Committee.

Mr. Ken Pontikes serves as the director of the Program and chair of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program Selection Committee. Mr. Pontikes has been appointed to the director position by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. This appointment is made by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, based on a joint recommendation of the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina and following a review by the SLIP Advisory Committee. Mr. Pontikes is serving in his third term as director, with the appointment continuing until October 31, 2014.

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program does not directly employ any staff. Staff support is provided through the universities and the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The staff support for 2012 was provided by the following individuals:

Mr. Ken Pontikes, Professional Affiliate, University of Saskatchewan  
Ms. Monique Lovatt, Manager of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol, Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan  
Mr. Blair Pisiso, Administrative Officer and Graduate Student Program Co-ordinator, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan.

### **Acknowledgements**

Many individuals support and assist with the operations of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship program. Among the most important are the Government and Opposition caucuses who allow the interns to work within their offices each year and the individual members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan who volunteer to mentor an intern over a three-month period. SLIP is fortunate to have the support of MLAs on both sides of the House who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences with the interns.

Several people provided organizational advice and assistance to the interns with respect to the comparative-study tours. In particular, we want to thank the following:

Toronto	Eithne Whaley, Program Administrator, Ontario Legislative Internship Program
Ottawa	Joanne Cartwright, Program Administrator, Parliamentary Internship Program Grant McLaughlin, Intern, Parliamentary Internship Program
Berlin	Janneck Herre, Bureau Chief, Partnership of Parliaments Nathalie Neumann, Programme Assistant, Public Affairs, Culture and Academic Relations, Embassy of Canada Alfons Schöps, Executive Director, Partnership of Parliaments
London	Juan Aranda-Espejo, Programme Assistant, Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy, High Commission of Canada (London) Ben Charnock, International Visits Manager and Policy Officer for British Overseas Territories, Ministry of Justice Luseane Chesham, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of Canada Kevin Farrell, Political Officer, British High Commission (Ottawa) Karen Georgiou, International Relations Officer, Overseas Office, House of Commons Zac Mead, International Relations Officer, Overseas Office, House of Commons Matthew Osborne, Assistant Desk Officer, U.S.A. and Canada, North America Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Nick Shaw, Climate Strategy Officer – Americas, Department of Energy and Climate Change

Finally, we thank our 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns who participated in the Program in a non-partisan manner and who respected the need to protect the confidentiality of the information they handled. They were excellent representatives of the Program and of our province during meetings and events in Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom. We extend our best wishes to Elliott, Cody, Jason, and Reagan in their future endeavours.

### **Contact Information**

Further information about the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program can be obtained from the Program's website at: [www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship](http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship). Also, the Program's Director, Ken Pontikes, can be contacted by e-mail at [kpontikes@sasktel.net](mailto:kpontikes@sasktel.net) or by mail at:

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## Appendix A

### SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2012 INTERNS

**ELLIOTT BOURGEAULT** was born and raised in Regina. He received his secondary education at Miller Comprehensive High School where he received a number of academic awards, including placement on the Major Honour Roll in each year and two Top Academic awards. He was very involved in his high school's music program and performed with several different groups. In his final year, he successfully spearheaded an effort to establish a school newspaper and acted as chief editor and layout designer.

Outside of high school, Elliott studied piano at the Conservatory of Performing Arts in Regina where he received a number of awards and scholarships, including the Regina Conservatory Silver Medal for Piano in 2007. In 2008, he received his Grade Ten Piano Certificate with First Class Honours from the Royal Conservatory of Music and has since been working towards his ARCT in Piano Performance. He has continued to remain active on the piano while working as an accompanist for both the Conservatory of Performing Arts, as well as for other private and public performances.

In 2007, Elliott began attending classes at the University of Regina, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Political Science and German. He has received a number of scholarships and awards throughout his university career, including four Academic Silver Scholarships and the Ambassador of Germany Book Prize in 2009 and 2010. He has also been on the Dean's Honours List for several semesters. In 2008, he served as a student representative for the University of Regina's Faculty of Arts Council and has also volunteered his time to act as a University Ambassador. He convocated in June of 2012.

In the fall of 2009, Elliott embarked on a three-month backpacking trip through Europe, during which he met a wide variety of people and had many life-changing experiences. Aside from allowing him to strengthen his command of the German language, this trip also helped him to gain some perspective on the world and his place within it, while also fostering a keen interest in international communication and cooperation. Elliott hopes to eventually work abroad and represent Canada and Saskatchewan on the world stage.

In his spare time, Elliott enjoys playing the guitar both on his own and in several musical groups. He has volunteered to play in a band at a number of birthday and retirement parties, and enjoys writing and recording his own music. He participates in outdoor activities such as backcountry hiking, fishing, and hunting, but also enjoys staying indoors with a good book, newspaper, or movie.

In September of 2012, Elliott will be moving to Germany where he will be living and working for a year as an English language assistant.

**CODY GIENI** was born in Regina, but raised on his family's farm near Ormiston and in Moose Jaw and Prince Albert. He graduated from Central Collegiate Institute in 2004. During his high-school years, he was active in the Student Representative Council. Although his tenure was generally a success, he failed to deliver on his campaign promise of bringing an ice cream machine into the student lounge. Playing football became a passion, as the Central Cyclones rose to provincial champions three times during his residence. In grade twelve, Cody served as a captain and was awarded both offensive linemen and special teams' player of the year. Cody completed a Bachelor of Arts in Honours from the University of Saskatchewan in 2008, focusing on political studies and economics. He was active in the Political Studies Students Association and served as both the Political Students' Representative and Social Director. His fondest memory was attending the annual Canadian Political Studies Students' Association Conference in St. John's. Cody spent his summers working in the reforestation industry and was often involved in planting trees or conducting regeneration surveys in the northern areas of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Travel has always played a large role in Cody's life, beginning with his intimate knowledge of Highway 11 between Moose Jaw and Prince Albert. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he spent the winter of 2009 working throughout Scotland and Northern England for the Scottish Forestry Commission. During what was one of the harshest winters in United Kingdoms' history, Cody took a hiatus from his forestry work and toured the Republic of Ireland and the Middle East. Travelling throughout Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, Cody often found himself meeting new friends whose cultures were so incredibly different than his own.

In the winter of 2010, Cody travelled to south-east Asia. Beginning with an extended stay with his family in Hong Kong, he travelled extensively throughout Malaysia, Thailand, and Laos and eventually Taiwan.

Upon returning to Canada, Cody was hired by the Saskatchewan Boreal Forest Learning Centre, a non-profit organization which both advocates and provides venues for more outdoor education in Saskatchewan's high schools. Employed as a program developer, he helped the organization gain financial sponsorships, as well as expand its function and scope. He managed its interpretive trail project which saw the utilization of Saskatchewan artists and corporate sponsors. He also managed the Big River Workforce Assessment Survey, which was carried out within the Prince Albert Model Forest. During this project, Cody was responsible for interviewing, recording and presenting the opinions of over 100 forestry workers and a number of forestry businesses on the state of the area's forestry industry.

In the fall of 2011, Cody began his Masters of Public Administration through the Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan. He hopes to gain a better understanding of policy development and implementation in efforts to make positive changes in a province he believes is set for great things.

Cody and his partner, Carlie Letts, recently bought a house in Saskatoon where Cody will be moving in the fall of 2012. He now has the option of finishing school and starting work in some part / full time capacity.

**JASON KIEFER** is from Drake. He attended Lanigan Central High School where he participated in many sports and clubs, never missed the honour roll, was active in the Student Representative Council as co-president, and was the valedictorian of his class. Through the travel club, he had the good fortune to tour some of Europe, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Through his church, he was privileged to experience World Youth Day in Toronto. This included touring through Ottawa, Montreal, and Niagara Falls before arriving at Toronto. The truly amazing part of the event was seeing people from everywhere around the world coming together and embracing attitudes that did not negatively focus on cultural differences or differences of any type.

After high school, he took some time off to save for post-secondary education and to figure out what program interested him the most. He worked as a farm labourer in his home area and then moved to Alberta to be closer to a couple of his older brothers and their growing families, while getting a job as a shop technician in the oil field.

Upon deciding a career path, he began this pursuit with a focus on the study of politics. He attended the University of Regina, originally working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in political science. After the first year, he gained a new-found respect and admiration for the field of philosophy, eventually adding it as a second major. In 2011, he convoked with a Bachelor of Arts degree, double majoring in political science and philosophy.

During his first summer break from University, he acquired his IA driver's license and went back to Alberta to work for one of his brothers hauling oil and water. This unique experience gave him a new perspective on an old task (driving). Again, this also allowed him to spend more time and become closer to some members of his family. Two summers were spent hauling oil, while other summers he has worked for Viterra out of his home town.

Twice he has grown his hair out long enough to donate and he also gives blood regularly while encouraging others to do the same. (You get free cookies and juice while helping others. Talk about a "win-win" situation). His interests also include reading and learning new things, spending time with family and friends, playing or watching sports and movies, and listening to music. Years back, he and a group of friends would bus to Rider games in an old camper van. They rarely missed a football game. Today, they have season tickets and can be found cheering loudly for the Green and White in section 23.

Following the internship, Jason is unsure about his immediate future plans. His long term goals remain unchanged as he will pursue law school; however, he is undecided about either taking other schooling or joining the working sector for the time being. No matter what he decides, he cherishes his time in SLIP and will utilize the knowledge gained going forward.



**REAGAN REESE SEIDLER** is a native son of Regina. He studied in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Campbell Collegiate and earned IB certificates in French, English, History, and Biology. In his senior year, he gained a reputation as a successful debater, winning numerous tournaments and speaking awards across the province. After winning the provincial championship, he went on to represent Saskatchewan at the CanWest National Public Speaking Tournament in Winnipeg in 2008. The same year, he was awarded the Top Crown Prosecutor Award at the Court of Queen's Bench Mock Trials, was Leader of the Opposition at Model Legislature, and was recognized by the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association as the Youth Volunteer of the Year. Upon graduation, he was honoured with the Campbell Debate Award. Reagan continued his success in debate at the university level, winning both tournaments and speaking awards, as well as serving as a judge to national championships.

Reagan also has a broad background in music. At Campbell, he was the Vice-president of the award-winning Chamber Choir, a tenor section leader in the beginner Concert Choir, and a member of the school's top jazz choir, The Classics. During his tenure, Reagan wrote and arranged a number of the songs performed by the senior choral groups. He began teaching piano and voice professionally in high school at the Long & McQuade Academy of Music. He continued to teach in university as a volunteer with the Heart of the City Piano Program.

Reagan is now a student of St. Thomas More (STM) College at the University of Saskatchewan. He is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in economics and minor in political studies. Among his academic honours are the Roy E. Lloyd Scholarship in Economics, the Knights of Columbus Leadership Award, and inclusion on the Dean's List. He has twice published in the student liberal arts journal, *In Medias Res*.

Lately, Reagan has devoted his time to student politics at the University of Saskatchewan. He most recently finished a term as president of the STM Students' Union where he enacted widespread change, including a constitutional division of powers and the development of the students' union first strategic plan. He has served on a number of committees at STM, including Corporation, Faculty Council, the Board of Governors, and the Finance & Investment Committee. Reagan is a member of the Canadian Catholic Students' Association and attended its national leadership conference in 2010.

Previous to the internship, Reagan spent the past three summers with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Indian Head. During his undergraduate years, he also kept a part-time job at the STM Library. As a consequence of the internship, Reagan has secured funding at the University of Saskatchewan and will be pursuing a master's degree in politics. His research and thesis will focus on corporate social responsibility. While recognising plans change, his current career goal is to enter the financial sector. His leisure interests include golf, CBC Radio 2, and classic cinema. He is in the midst of writing a lyric opera he expects never to complete.

## Appendix B

### SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INTERN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND INTERNS' FUND-RAISING ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet  
September 30, 2012

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 380.40
Due from University of Saskatchewan (Note 1)	14,225.80
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,606.20</b>

<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	
Intern Development	\$ 14,225.80
Interns' Fund-raising Account (Note 2)	380.40
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 14,606.20</b>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
Core Program, Intern Development, and Interns' Fund-raising  
For the Period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012

	2011-12			2010-11
	Core Program	Intern Develop- ment	Interns' Fund- Raising	Total
<b>Revenues</b>				
Legislative Assembly of Sask.	\$ 79,767.46			\$ 76,503.04
University of Regina		\$ 4,950.00		4,950.00
University of Saskatchewan		4,975.00		4,950.00
The Cooperators Group		8,000.00		6,500.00
SGI		1,300.00		1,300.00
First Canadian Title		1,000.00		1,000.00
Sask. Urban Municipalities Association		796.00		796.00
University of Regina Students' Union		0		500.00
Donors		275.00		50.00
Interns' Fund-raising (Note 2)			\$ 1,948.91	1,154.50
Interest Revenue			0.09	0.22
<b>Total Revenues (Notes 2 and 3)</b>	<b>\$ 79,767.46</b>	<b>\$ 21,296.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,949.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,012.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Director – Honorarium	\$ 14,379.67			\$ 13,701.77
Interns – Scholarship	56,000.00			56,000.00
Travel – Director	2,485.52			1,998.02
Travel – Interns	4,720.83	\$ 21,340.08	\$ 1,659.97	20,861.05
Intern Selection (Note 4)	1,016.36			1,287.20
Administrative and Other Expenses	1,165.08		36.30	1,397.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,767.46</b>	<b>\$ 21,340.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,696.27</b>	<b>\$ 95,245.08</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	Nil	\$ (44.08)	\$ 252.73	\$ 1,662.68

**Notes to Financial Statements:**

1. All cash for the Intern Development Fund is being held, on behalf of the program, by the University of Saskatchewan.
2. An account held by the Affinity Credit Union is used to manage the interns' fund-raising activities. The fund-raising activities include the annual steak night/barbecue. The funds raised through these activities are used to finance various cultural and sporting events occurring during the interns' comparative study tour (\$1,659.97 in 2011-12). The fund-raising revenue for the steak night is reported as net of the associated steak night expenses.
3. The Program received in-kind support from the Canadian Study of Parliament Group, the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Travel CUTS (University of Saskatchewan), and the University of Saskatchewan. The value of this in-kind support is not included in the SLIP financial statements.
4. Intern selection expenses pertain to the travel, accommodation, and meal costs associated with interviewing candidates for the 2013 internship. These costs were incurred in 2012 by candidates and by members of the Program's selection committee.

## **Appendix C**

### **SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2012 ORIENTATION COMPONENT**

During the orientation component of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, the 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Interns met with the following people:

#### **Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan**

His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

#### **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

##### ***Office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly***

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker

##### ***Legislative Assembly Services***

Ms. Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian  
Ms. Michelle Giese, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian  
Mr. Vern Kawaleski, Special Constable  
Ms. Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian  
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Jeremy Phillips, Manger, Information Systems  
Mr. Randy Pidhorodetsky, Network Analyst  
Ms. Leslie Polsom, Director of Reference Services  
Mr. Greg Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Q.C., Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel  
Mr. Maurice Riou, Special Constable  
Ms. Holly Schafer, Network Analyst

##### ***Committees of the Legislative Assembly***

Ms. Kathy Burianyk, Senior Committee Clerk  
Ms. Stacey Ursulescu, Committee Researcher

##### ***Caucus Operations***

Mr. Gerald Proctor, Chief of Staff, Government Caucus  
Ms. Carolyn Rebeyka, Interim Chief of Staff, Opposition Caucus

#### **Officers of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

##### ***Chief Electoral Officer***

Mr. Dave Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer

##### ***Children's Advocate***

Mr. Bob Pringle, Children's Advocate

##### ***Conflict of Interest Commissioner***

Mr. Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner

**Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Mr. Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner

**Provincial Auditor**

Ms. Bonnie Lysyk, Provincial Auditor

**Provincial Ombudsman**

Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Provincial Ombudsman

**Ministries and Agencies of Government**

**Executive Council**

Ms. Melinda Carter, Protocol Officer

Mr. Cole Goertz, Executive Director, Government House Business and Research

Mr. Rick Mantey, Cabinet Secretary and Clerk of Executive Council

Ms. Nancy Martin, Senior Policy Advisor, Cabinet Planning Unit

Ms. Linda Spence, Acting Chief of Protocol

**Finance**

Ms. Corinne Barnett, Consultant, Performance Management Branch

**Justice and Attorney General**

Ms. Dawn Blaus, Communications Officer

**Public Service Commission**

Ms. Karen Aulie, Assistant Chair, Human Resource Client Service and Support Division

Ms. Dawna Griffith, Director, Talent Development Branch

**Other Participants**

**Saskatchewan Court of Appeal**

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ralph K. Ottenbreit

**Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench**

Ms. Jennifer Fabian, Registrar/Executive Legal Officer

**Saskatchewan Legislative Intern Alumni (Former Interns)**

Fabian Contreras, 2004 Intern

Justin Leifso, 2006 Intern

**Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy**

Dr. Michael Atkinson, Executive Director

Mr. Jim Marshall, Senior Policy Fellow

Mr. Dan Perrins, Director of Outreach and Training

Dr. Ken Rasmussen, Associate Director

**Saskatchewan Federation of Labour**

Ms. Cara Banks, Executive Assistant

Mr. Larry Hubich, President

Mr. Heath Smith, Communications and Research Officer

**Saskatchewan News Network**

Mr. Murray Mandryk, Columnist, Regina Leader-Post and Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

## Appendix D

### SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2012 COMPARATIVE-STUDY TOURS

During the 2012 comparative-study tours, the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns met with the following people:

#### Toronto

##### ***Officers and Officials of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario***

Ms. Tonia Grannum, Clerk of Committees  
Hon. Dave Levac, Speaker  
André Marin, Provincial Ombudsman

##### ***Other Participants***

Ms. Christina Blizzard, Political Columnist, The Toronto Sun

#### Ottawa

##### ***Parliamentarians of Canada***

Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator, Saskatchewan  
Mr. Scott Brison, Member of Parliament, Kings-Hants  
Ms. Libby Davies, Member of Parliament, Vancouver East  
Hon. Lillian Dyck, Senator, Saskatchewan  
Hon. Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament, Wascana  
Mr. Tom Lukiwski, Member of Parliament, Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre  
Mr. Justin Trudeau, Member of Parliament, Papineau  
Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture  
Mr. Brad Trost, Member of Parliament, Saskatoon Humboldt

##### ***Officers and Officials of Parliament***

Mr. Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons  
Mr. Michael Ferguson, Auditor General of Canada  
Mr. Sahir Khan, Expenditure and Revenue Analysis, Parliamentary Budget Office  
Mr. Charles Robert, Principal Clerk of the Senate  
Mr. Kevin Vickers, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Commons  
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Speaker

##### ***Departments, Agencies and Crown Corporations***

Mr. Graeme Clark, Director General, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade  
Mr. Stephen Lecce, Deputy Director of Communications, Prime Minister's Office

##### ***British High Commission (Ottawa)***

Mr. Kevin Farrell, Political Officer  
Mr. Euan Wallace, First Secretary  
Mr. Clive Wright, Head of Foreign Policy Team

## Berlin

### ***Berlin House of Representatives***

Hon. Martin Delius, Caucus Whip, Pirate Party Caucus  
Hon. Anja Schillhaneck, Deputy Speaker

### ***Partnership of Parliaments***

Mr. Janneck Herre, Bureau Chief  
Mr. Alfons Schöps, Executive Director

### ***Other Participants***

Mr. Henry Alt-Haaker, Bureau Chief, Office of the Minister of Justice  
Ms. Alexandra Fliedner, Intern, German Foreign Ministry  
Mr. Claus Koggel, Ministerial Counselor, German Bundesrat  
Ms. Agnes Kolodziej, Political Affairs Officer, Embassy of Canada (Berlin)  
Ms. Angelika Pendzich-von Winter, International Exchange Programs  
Dr. Ulrich Strempele, Outreach and Social Media, Federal Press Office

## London

### ***Officers and Officials of the Palace of Westminster***

Mr. Eliot Barrass, Second Clerk, Foreign Affairs Committee  
Ms. Judith Boyce, Second Clerk, Defence Committee  
Ms. Sarah Hartwell-Naguib, Clerk, Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Mr. Zac Mead, International Relations Officer, Overseas Office, House of Commons  
Ms. Liz Paratt, Media Officer, House of Commons  
Mr. Crispin Poyser, Clerk, Overseas Office, House of Commons  
Ms. Susannah Street, Clerk of the Table Office, House of Lords

### ***Commonwealth Parliamentary Association***

Ms. Claire Bowman, International Relations Officer  
Mr. Andrew Imlach, Director of Communications

### ***Foreign and Commonwealth Office***

Mr. Henry Burgess, Deputy Head, Polar Regions Unit  
Mr. James Crean, Desk Officer, NATO Team  
Ms. Hannah Fryers, Desk Officer – U.S., Canada, Australia Climate/Strategy Team  
Ms. Marianne Kalloor, Deputy Head, Commonwealth Unit  
Ms. Hinesh Rajani, Desk Officer, 2012 Olympics Unit  
Ms. Carla Thomas, Desk Officer, Canada Team

### ***High Commission of Canada***

Mr. Scott Proudfoot, Minister-Counsellor for Political Affairs and Public Diplomacy

### ***Other Participants***

Mr. Ben Charnock, International Visits Manager and Policy Officer, Ministry of Justice  
Mr. Chris Flatt, Deputy Director, Corporate and Constitutional Division, Scotland Office  
Mr. Edwin Kilby, Head, European Policy, Ministry of Justice  
Mr. Nick Shaw, Climate Strategy Officer (Americas), Department of Energy and Climate Change  
Mr. Neil Stevenson, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Justice