

## BILLD ALUMNI NOTES: A FOND FAREWELL TO THOSE LEAVING THE LEGISLATURE

The end of the calendar year marked the end of legislative service for many graduates of the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development. CSG Midwest extends its thanks to these departing alumni for their service and for being an active part of our organization. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

### ILLINOIS

Rep. Tim Butler (class of 2016) • Sen. Jacqueline Collins (class of 2004) • Rep. Tom Morrison (class of 2011)

### INDIANA

Sen. Phil Boots (class of 2007) • Rep. Doug Gutwein (class of 2009)

### IOWA

Sen. Joe Bolkcom (class of 1999) • Rep. Timi Brown-Powers (class of 2015) • Sen. Kevin Kinney (class of 2015) • Rep. Jarad Klein (class of 2014) • Rep. Charlie McConkey (class of 2017) • Rep. Joe Mitchell (class of 2010) • Sen. Zach Nunn (class of 2015) • Sen. Ras Smith (class of 2018) • Rep. Cindy Winckler (class of 2004) • Rep. Mary Wolfe (class of 2011)

### KANSAS

Rep. Blaine Finch (class of 2013) • Rep. Brad Ralph (class of 2019) • Rep. Kathy Wolfe Moore (class of 2013)

### MICHIGAN

Sen. John Bizon (class of 2017) • Sen. Marshall Bullock (class of 2021) • Rep. Beth Griffin (class of 2017) • Sen. Ken Horn (class of 2007) • Rep. Padma Kuppa (class of 2019) • Sen. Wayne Schmidt (class of 2009) • Rep. Mary Whiteford (class of 2016) • Rep. Tenisha Yancey (class of 2018)

### MINNESOTA

Rep. Greg Boe (class of 2022) • Rep. Jim Davnie (class of 2002) • Sen. Chris Eaton (class of 2013) • Rep. Sondra Erickson (class of 2000) • Rep. Barb Haley (class of 2017) • Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen (class of 2010) • Rep. Rena Moran (class of 2011)

### NEBRASKA

Sen. Mark Kolterman (class of 2015) • Sen. Brett Lindstrom (class of 2017) • Sen. John McCollister (class of 2016) • Sen. John Stinner (class of 2016) • Sen. Matt Williams (class of 2015)

### NORTH DAKOTA

Sen. JoNelle Bakke (class of 2009) • Rep. Bill Devlin (class of 1998) • Rep. Ron Guggisberg (class of 2012) • Rep. Kim Koppelman (class of 1997) • Sen. Dave Oehlke (class of 2007) • Rep. Mark Owens (class of 2006) • Rep. Chet Pollert (class of 2001)

### OHIO

Sen. Jay Hottinger (class of 1995) • Rep. Emilia Sykes (class of 2018)

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Sen. Timothy Johns (class of 2014) • Rep. Jamie Smith (class of 2017) • Rep. Marli Wiese (class of 2019)

### WISCONSIN

Rep. David Bowen (class of 2017) • Rep. Gary Hebl (class of 2008) • Rep. Mike Kuglitsch (class of 2012) • Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (class of 2014) • Rep. Sondy Pope (class of 2003) • Sen. Janis Ringhand (class of 2013)

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## Q & A WITH BILLD ALUMNI: THREE RETIRING BILLD GRADUATES REFLECT ON THEIR LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

### ILLINOIS REP. TIM BUTLER | CLASS OF 2016 | SERVED 2012-2022

**I'm most proud of:** "Illinois had gone a decade without a capital construction program, but in 2019, with a newly elected governor, the General Assembly passed the historic Rebuild Illinois program in overwhelming bipartisan fashion. I was proud to be the top Republican on the Appropriations-Capital Committee and a part of the team that negotiated the program over several months. This was a forward-thinking capital program and has allowed us to leverage tremendous resources to shore up the infrastructure of Illinois."



**I'd like to be remembered:** "I'm hopeful people will look back on my career as someone who defended and respected the institution at a time of tremendous conflict and, honestly, peril. I have tried to carry myself as a bipartisan collaborator who lives up to his word, respects fellow legislators, and puts my head down to do work."

**Work I'm leaving undone:** "The top issue I wish we could address in Illinois is reversing the economic decline of our rural counties and mid-sized communities outside of the Chicago area. ... We have to make it a priority that those regions prosper as well."

### WISCONSIN SEN. JANIS RINGHAND | CLASS OF 2013 | SERVED 2011-2022

**I'm most proud of:** "I am very proud of the strides we have made in encouraging young people — mainly high school students and displaced workers — to enter into skilled trades programs offered at tech colleges. With the retirement of Baby Boomers, there are many openings for very skilled jobs that provide a career at a family-supporting wage."



**I'd like to be remembered:** "As someone who took time to visit with my constituents and colleagues, whether it was a single issue or an ongoing discussion across the aisle. I believe I always respected others' opinions."

### NORTH DAKOTA REP. KIM KOPPELMAN | CLASS OF 1997 | SERVED 1995-2022

**I'd like to be remembered:** "As a statesman — a good, honest legislator who got things done, but more importantly, as one who respected all those he worked with and so treated them with respect. I hope constituents will remember me as a responsive and effective legislator who was accessible, listened, got things done and represented them well."



**Insights I have learned:** "In a citizen legislature, like we have in North Dakota, people come to it with an amazing blend of life experiences. Being willing to learn from one another, to learn the legislative process, and to learn how to shape good public policy. I leave the Legislature older, wiser and, I hope, better than when I came to it."

## APPLICATION SEASON BEGINS FOR 2023 BILLD PROGRAM

As legislative sessions begin across the region, CSG Midwest — with the help of BILLD alumni — is reaching out to newer lawmakers about the chance to apply for a BILLD fellowship. Here are details about the 2023 Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Program.

- Designed for legislators in their first four years of service.
- Deadline to apply is April 17.
- Program will be held Aug. 18-22 in Madison, Wis.
- Learn more, and find the application, at [csqmidwest.org](http://csqmidwest.org).



BILLD Steering Committee Officers | Co-Chairs: Illinois Rep. Anna Moeller and Iowa Sen. Amy Sinclair | Co-Vice Chairs: Michigan Rep. Ann Bollin and Kansas Rep. Jarrod Ousley

Through the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development, or BILLD, CSG Midwest provides annual training on leadership and professional development for newer state and provincial legislators from this region. This page provides information related to the BILLD program, leadership development and legislative leadership. CSG's Midwestern Legislative Conference BILLD Steering Committee — a bipartisan group of state and provincial legislators from the Midwest — oversees the program, including the annual selection of BILLD Fellows.