



WYOPASS 2012-2013 Board Member Election Candidate Biographies

In order by office, then last name

As of 11-21-2011

Below are biographies for the 2012-2013 Candidates for the WYOPASS Board of Directors. Please review the information for each candidate. **Please fax, email, or mail the ballot to WYOPASS Administrative Consultant Debbie Ehlers no later than December 15, 2011. The fax number is 307-266-1925. Faxed ballots must include the member's name.** Please call Debbie at 307-234-9442 if you have any questions. A pdf ballot is on the WYOPASS website at www.wyopass.org.

TREASURER CANDIDATES (*Two-year term*)

Ray Price, Fremont County Planning Director, Lander

Ray Price began his planning career with the Fremont County Planning Department in 1978 as Assistant Planner. He brought his academic credentials of a B.S. from Michigan State University in Physical Geography and a M.A. from Western Michigan University in Geology, plus one year of experience with the City of Battle Creek Planning Department. Ray served as WYOPASS Secretary/Treasurer in the early years of the organization and has served as Treasurer since 1998. Ray earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Wyoming in 1993. Ray spends his spare time exploring the backcountry of Wyoming, climbing, hiking, and backpacking.

Don Threewitt, AICP, Commercial Leasing Manager, Office of WY State Lands & Investments

Don Threewitt was born and raised just outside of St. Louis, Missouri, and found his way to Wyoming in 2008. He spent the better part of the 1990s as an executive chef and food and beverage director at a few places around the Denver metro. From 2000 to 2007, he tried his hand at the booming construction business in that region, opening a commercial flooring company in 2001 and subsequently a commercial interior finish company in 2002. In 2007, he figured out that he didn't want to work that hard anymore. He entered grad school and earned his M.U.R.P. while running the company. He sold off the company along the way, and began work for an economic development firm in Southeast Metro Denver. With a gnawing suspicion about the state of the economy, he began looking for work as a local government planner, and decided to plant roots in Cheyenne. In mid-2010, the State made him an offer he couldn't refuse, and he accepted a position as the Commercial Leasing Manager for the Office of State Lands and Investments. His focus is on wind energy, the development of carbon capture and storage (CCS), and other commercial programs.

He has been a contributor to *The Western Planner* news on and off since 2008, and was selected for the APA Small Town and Rural National Policy committee in 2009. Other activities include Wyoming Rural Development Council (Community Assessment team member), Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board (member), Cheyenne Capital Avenue Bronze Project (founding member), and various family and personal activities.

From his varied history in business management, non-profit Board membership, and grant administration, Don gained extensive experience with accounting and reconciliation, budget management, and the decision-making process required for effective, responsible fiscal stewardship.

SECRETARY CANDIDATE (*Two-year term*)

Robin DeBolt, Land Development Coordinator, Sheridan County

Robin DeBolt was born and raised in Wyoming, growing up in Dubois and Sheridan. After graduating from Bassist College in Portland, Oregon, Robin went to work for Meier and Frank Department Stores in Portland, part of the May Company-later purchased by Macy's, as a buyer for several years. Budgeting, marketing, business plans and visual merchandising were all components that went into planning the upcoming year's business. Many of the skills Robin used in juggling current business with future business have aided Robin in transitioning to her current position with Sheridan County as the Land Development Coordinator. As with retailing, Robin has found that land use planning is a constant changing, challenging career that often forces people to think outside the box. Robin has been with Sheridan County since 2003 and handles all of the current applications for rezones, CUP's, variances, mobile home parks, quarries, and subdivisions.

While being a member of WYOPASS for the last several years, and usually attending both the spring and fall conference, it wasn't until January of 2011 that Robin became more involved with the association when the board appointed her to serve as Secretary to fill Megan Lehman's unexpired term when she was elected as the 2011-2012 WYOPASS Vice-President.

Being one of those kids that couldn't wait to graduate and move out of Wyoming, Robin has found that in terms of raising a family, Wyoming is hard to beat. While never missing the opportunity to explore other communities, especially the big cities, Robin appreciates the opportunity to help preserve the qualities that we all love about Wyoming. For the last three years, Robin has been an active member of the North Main Neighborhood Association, a grassroots effort to revitalize the north area of Sheridan.

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES (*Two-year term*)

Charles Bloom, AICP, Associate Planner, City of Laramie

Charles Bloom has served as the At-Large Board Member since 2010 and recently was the host of the 2011 Fall WYOPASS Conference. Charles desires to continue his role with the organization and desires to be re-elected.

Charles has spent six years as an Associate Planner with the City of Laramie Community Development Department. Prior to Laramie, he was employed by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas as a Planner II and Historic Preservation Administrator. Charles has a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado. Charles' experiences have included adoption of a Unified Development Code; creation of a historic district design guidelines, and overseeing certified local Government grants.

Charles describes himself as an outgoing person who is always open to new ideas, is ready for new solutions. He desires to for all Wyoming Planners to be more involved with statewide planning issues and functions and believes the "small town" feel of Wyoming allows for easy open dialogue.

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES Continued

Jana McCarron, AICP, City Planner, City of Rock Springs

Jana McCarron has been a planner for the City of Rock Springs for the past five years; four of which she has held the position of City Planner. Originally from Kansas City, Jana received a B.A. in Geography from the University of Kansas City-Missouri (1984) and an M.S. in Land Use Planning from the University of Nevada-Reno (1995). She has spent most of her 27-year career in the public sector, including employment at all levels of government (federal, state, county, and local).

Prior to moving to Rock Springs, Jana worked for the City of Modesto, California, for seven years. In Modesto, she focused primarily on long-range planning and special projects, including development of a Strategic Action Plan for the City. In her current position, she is overseeing development of a new Master Plan for Rock Springs and expects to undertake a rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance once the Master Plan is complete. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, reading, and exploring the beautiful desert landscape in southwest Wyoming.

Brett Walker, AICP, Development Planner, City of Cheyenne

After an internship with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and a brief stint with the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department as a Planning Technician, **Brett Walker** began his career in earnest with the City of Cheyenne in 2008, where he has continuously served as staff representative to the Planning Commission and City Council. As a Development Planner, he works with applicants, fellow employees, the governing body, and the community at large in reviewing development actions, organizing and resolving interagency comments, and presenting detailed staff reports and recommendations to the Planning Commission. While he has extensive training in comprehensive and strategic planning, Brett has been primarily involved with a wide range of current planning projects. His professional interests include Development Agreements and Public/Private Partnerships. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Colorado, where he majored in American Studies, and a Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

Originally from Boulder, Colorado, Brett married his High School Sweetheart, Moana, and has an 11-month old baby daughter, Viola Rose. He enjoys spending time in his shop and working on his nearly 100-year old house. While he has been known to read (comic) books, Brett is an avid golfer and movie junkie.