

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**JOHN
DeWITT**
Chairman



**SCOTT
EHRlich**
Chair-elect



**WESTON
KURZ**
Treasurer



**LARRY
WOOD**
Immediate Past Chair



**MITCH
ANDERSON**



JOHN is Managing Broker for RE/MAX Alliance of Greeley, and recently served two terms as President of the Greeley Area Realtor Association as well as a District Vice President for the Colorado Association of Realtors. A seventeen year resident of Greeley, John has been involved with a variety of area boards and commissions, including an advisory position to Leadership Weld County. John understands that economic development is the key to future prosperity in any region and is especially excited about the future of Greeley and Weld County.

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SCOTT is President of Ehrlich Dealerships, representing several automobile lines in Greeley. Scott has long been active in a variety of area community activities, including the Boards of the Boys and Girls Club and the Greeley Chamber of Commerce. As founder of the College Promise program, he is pleased that hundreds of local students will have the opportunity to pursue their future armed with an education from Aims Community College. With direct responsibility for a company that boasts 150 employees, Scott feels it is important that he participate in efforts to stimulate the growth of higher-paying jobs in the community.

WESTON is the Senior Vice President of 1st Bank, Greeley. Over his ten years in banking, he has worked with many small business owners, and understands their vital role in the economic success of the community. He serves on the Boards of the Weld County Housing Authority and Northern Colorado Active 20/30 Children's Foundation, and is a past Commissioner on the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority. He is a participant in Leadership Northern Colorado—Class of 2010. Weston recognizes the important role that Upstate plays in the community, and he is committed to its continued success in supporting economic enhancement.

LARRY has been involved with commercial and real estate lending throughout his career, and is currently EVP Chief Lending Officer First National Bank, an affiliate of First National Bank of Omaha. His involvement with economic development is motivated by his conviction that Weld County is one of the most promising areas in Colorado, and by his desire to help it reach its full potential. Larry currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Aims Community College.

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MITCH has been associated with agriculture from the time he was a child, learning the practice from his grandfathers and his father. For the past twenty years, he has been employed with Agland, Inc., a company with more than 100 years history. Starting as a Merchandiser, he has held the positions of Director of the Dry Edible Bean Division; and Director of Retail Operations, Field Division; before accepting his current position of General Manager in 2002. Mitch earned a Bachelor degree in Agriculture Business from Iowa State University.

DON
CUMMINS

DON is a member of the Ft. Lupton Development Corporation. A graduate of UNC, Don is a retired seismologist and educator. He has been involved in a multitude of activities in south County, and was key in the planning, building and operating of the Aims Community College South Campus. Don is a former Mayor of Ft. Lupton, and has served as a member of the Boards of the Ft. Lupton Fire District, Ft. Lupton Housing Authority, and is currently a member of the United Power Board of Directors.

JOHN
GIBSON

JOHN is responsible for marketing and daily operations as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of JeHN Engineering, a civil engineering, project management and surveying firm with thirty years of service to Colorado and the Western United States. Since moving to Greeley, John has held management positions with engineering and power companies both nationally and internationally. John holds degrees in Biology/Chemistry and Law. He currently Chairs the Upstate Colorado Marketing Committee, a group charged with developing goals and strategies around broadening Weld County's exposure and profile.

MONICA
MIKA

MONICA is a fourth generation Coloradan, with a strong heritage in agriculture. She serves as Director of Administrative Services for Weld County, providing leadership in all aspects of general administration support for Weld County government. Monica previously served thirteen years as the Director of Planning Services for Weld County. Her efforts resulted in streamlining and simplifying numerous complicated land use processes. She is a fellow of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

ROY
OTTO

ROY was appointed City Manager of Greeley in August 2005. A graduate of Greeley West High School, Roy is passionate about making a positive contribution in his service to the City. Roy's previous professional local government management experience includes positions in St. Petersburg and Seminole, Florida, where he directed several city departments. Roy served as Greeley Assistant City Manager for more than six years prior to being named City Manager. He values the partnership between Upstate and the City, and considers Upstate to be an integral part of the City's economic development efforts.

MIKE
TROTTER

MIKE is owner and President of Front Range Roofing Systems, LLC, headquartered in Greeley, with offices in Denver and Fort Collins. He serves as a director on both the Western States Roofing Contractors Association and Colorado Roofing Association, and is active in the National Roofing Contractors Association. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in Business. Mike is interested in proactive growth of both northern Colorado and Weld County.



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DR. JO
BARBIE



Jo was selected Superintendent of Schools for Weld County School District RE-1 in Gilcrest, LaSalle and Platteville in 2000. She holds a Doctorate from the University of Denver and Master and Bachelor degrees from the Montana State University system. Jo serves on the boards of the Colorado Association of Superintendents and Senior Administrators and Youth and Family Connections. She has served as Chairperson of the Northern Colorado Superintendents Council and as President of the Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals.

JULIE
COZAD



A professional planner for the past several years, Julie is currently employed as the Planning Manager at Tetra Tech in Longmont. She has extensive experience in all areas of development, including real estate and infrastructure due diligence. Julie serves as a Milliken Town Trustee, a member of the Governing Board of St. Anthony North Hospital, and the Chair of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization Council. She has been a Gold Board Member of the Adams County Economic Development Board. Julie graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor in Cell Biology and Chemistry.

JASON
FAST



Jason is the Vice President of Business Development for Mishler Construction, a full service commercial construction firm located in Frederick, Colorado. A licensed real estate broker since 1994, his focus with Mishler is in marketing, sales and project development. As a lifelong resident of Weld County, Jason strongly supports the economic growth of northern Colorado. As husband to Gina and the father of three boys, he is passionate about helping to develop projects and communities that will benefit current and future generations.

JOAQUIN
GALLEGOS



Joaquin is Vice President of Business Banking for Wells Fargo Bank, and represents the northeast quadrant of Weld County on the Upstate Board. His priority is to help business owners grow their companies and become profitable. Joaquin's education at Colorado State University focused on agricultural business finance and marketing, with a second degree in soil and crop sciences. His interest in economic development comes from his desire to build strong communities and local economies that allow local residents to find suitable employment opportunities in their own community.

JOHN
GATES



A life-long Greeley resident, John retired from the Greeley Police Department in 2003, having completed 25 years of service. Since then, he has served as the Director of School Safety and Security for Greeley-Evans School District 6. He has enjoyed his service on numerous community boards and commissions, including the Greeley Independence Stampede Committee, the Island Grove Regional Treatment Center Board of Directors, the Suicide Education Support Services Board of Directors and Youth and Family Connections. John was elected to a term on the Greeley City Council in 2009.



DARRELL
HOBBS

Darrell serves as State Farm Insurance Agency Field Executive for north-east Colorado. Prior to his current position, Darrell served in a similar role with the company in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he managed a group of over fifty State Farm employees and agents. He is excited to be back in Greeley, and looks forward to his role in support of local economic development. A graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Darrell has been employed in various positions with State Farm since 1997, including a role as a State Farm consultant in the Denver area helping agents to run their businesses more effectively.

HANS
JESPERSEN

Hans is currently quite busy in his role as General Manager for Vestas Blades, with oversight responsibility for both the Windsor and Brighton locations. His responsibilities include running a six-line preprag factory for Vestas in Windsor, where he reports directly to the President of Vestas Blades in Denmark. Hans was trained as a Mechanical Engineer at Odense Teknikum, in Odense, Denmark. He has held positions around the world, and has been responsible for product development efforts in six different countries. Hans brings a valuable perspective to the Upstate Board with his expertise in manufacturing and renewable energy to support economic development.

BARB
KIRKMEYER

Barb was elected to the Weld County Board of County commissioners for the second time in 2008—having previously served as Commissioner from 1993-2001. Between her terms on the Board of Commissioners, she managed the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, receiving a commendation for her role as the State Coordinator in overseeing the State of Colorado's response to Hurricane Katrina. Barb earned her Bachelor degree and a teaching certificate from the University of Colorado. She is a fourth-generation Coloradoan who was raised on a dairy farm.

BRAD
LEAFGREN

Brad is a fourth generation Weld County native who continues to be involved with production agriculture. He is Vice President of Credit at Mountain Plains Farm Credit Services, a member-owned agricultural lending institution serving northern and western Colorado. Brad serves on the Board of the Weld Food Bank, on the Advisory Council of the Weld County Extension, and as a trustee of the Colorado 4-H Foundation. He views his involvement with Upstate as an opportunity to positively influence how our region will be developed to the benefit of future generations.

DR. MARSI
LIDDELL

Dr. Marsi Liddell is an advocate for workforce development as an essential piece of local economic development. She became President of Aims Community College in January, 2003. Marsi serves as Past President of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges. Her passion for community development extends to involvement on several boards, including the CEO Advisory Board for United Way, Weld County Workforce Development Board, Greeley Chamber of Commerce, Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's CEO Committee, and the Colorado Energy Coalition.

SARAH
MacQUIDDY

After nine years as President of the Greeley Convention & Visitors Bureau, Sarah was selected as the new President of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce in July 2005. She was appointed to the Colorado Tourism Office in 2000 by Governor Bill Owens, serving as its Chair in 2002. Sarah served ten years with United Way of Weld County as the Campaign Director. As President of one of Upstate's strategic partners, Sarah recognizes that our success in attracting new business to Weld County will depend on building effective organizational networks.



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ARLAN
MARRS



A Colorado native, Arlan graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Animal Science. He has dairy farmed in Fort Lupton for the past 30 years. Arlan has been quite involved with community leadership roles, having served two terms on the Weld County Planning Commission, and having chaired the Weld County Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. A strong advocate of agriculture, Arlan has completed the Colorado Agriculture Leadership Program, and is a Past-Chairman of the Dairy Days Program with the Colorado Farm Show.

RICH
MONTGOMERY



Rich is the Vice President of the Broe Group, responsible for the real estate transactions along Broe's transportation affiliate railroads, OmniTrax. His role is to bring new industry to OmniTrax railroads throughout North America. Rich has more than twelve years of experience as a specialist in the acquisition, disposition, and development of land and industrial real estate. In a former job, he was a commercial real estate broker with Grubb & Ellis Company. Rich earned a Bachelor Degree in finance from San Diego State University.

KAY
NORTON



Kay Norton became the 12th President of the University of Northern Colorado in July 2002. She had previously served four years as UNC's Vice President for University Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Kay's law practice spanned 22 years, including serving as Vice President of legal and government affairs and general counsel at ConAgra Red Meats Company in Greeley, where she supervised legal operations. She also had a private law practice and has served as Assistant County Attorney for Weld County.

TOM
NORTON



Tom was elected Mayor of Greeley in 2009. Having earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Masters in Civil Engineering, Tom's career has included work as a Registered Professional Engineer, businessman, elected official and public servant. Tom served as State Representative from 1986-1988, and as State Senator from 1988-1998, including six years as Senate President. He was appointed Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation in 1999. In his role with CDOT, he was responsible for the direction and management of an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion.

DOUG
RADEMACHER



Douglas Rademacher is a fourth generation farmer/rancher from the southwest part of the County. He has been married for 33 years, has three children and two granddaughters. He has served on several boards in the past including water boards, fair board, American Pride Co-op, and was a volunteer firefighter with Mountain View Fire for 24 years—22 of those years as Battalion Chief managing up to three stations. He has also served as a Weld County Councilman for six years before being elected as Commissioner in 2006. He has been on numerous committees while in office.

DEREK
TODD



Derek has served as the Town Administrator for Frederick, Colorado since June 2005. Prior to coming to Colorado, Derek was the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Renton, Washington. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Brigham Young University, and a Master of Public Administration from the George Romney Institute of Public Management, also at Brigham Young. Derek currently serves on the Policy Committee for the Colorado Municipal League, and is the 2010 President of the Metro Denver City/County Management Association.

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