The Maryland Chapter of the National Organization for Women

Congratulates MLAW on 23 years of advocating for women's and family issues.

Great Achievements

Still More to Accomplish

Maryland NOW pledges to add our voices to MLAW's to enact critical legislation and policies in support of women and families.

www.marylandnow.org

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead, Anthropologist & AAUW Member

The American Association of University Women Maryland wishes to thank all of our coalition partners and the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women for 23 years of advocacy for progressive legislation and policy that promotes and protects the well being of Maryland women and their families.

For more than 75 years, AAUW Maryland has convened diverse communities to take action on pay equity, freedom from discrimination and violence, health care, education, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) opportunities. Through our public policy priorities, fellowships and grants, Legal Advocacy Fund, and other programs, AAUW Maryland amplifies all of our voices with trusted research and advocacy informing our work.

To learn more about AAUW Maryland visit our website at http://aauw-md.aauw.net/
For 23 years, MLAW has been the statewide voice for Maryland women and families, serving as the only nonpartisan, statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals that mobilizes networks, groups, and individuals to help pass legislation to make Maryland a better place for women and families.

Between 1994 and 2017, MLAW supported 84 successful pieces of legislation that have made a difference for women and families in Maryland. This legislation has addressed domestic violence, sexual assault, economic justice, human rights, health care, family law, and criminal justice. In the 2017 legislative session, two of the seven bills on the MLAW Legislative Agenda passed the General Assembly.

MLAW provides visibility for legislation affecting women and families. The fall conference develops our MLAW Legislative Agenda and a legislative reception in Annapolis during the legislative session introduces the Agenda to advocates and legislators. These events focus legislators' attention on our issues and raise their visibility throughout the state. We distribute the annual Legislative Agenda to every Maryland legislator. In collaboration with our advocacy partners, we submit testimony, advocate for bills, and promote our Agenda through our website, Facebook page, and e-newsletter.

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women is proud of its achievements during the last 23 years, but there is more to be done. Join us and help us continue to make a difference for Maryland women and families.
Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

MLAW 2017 FALL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA CONFERENCE
Mobilizing the Power of Maryland Women in a Time of Uncertainty

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 • HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
                Networking with legislators and advocates

10:00 – 10:30 am Welcome and Introductions
             Michaele Cohen, President, MLAW
             Delegate Ariana Kelly, President, Women Legislators of Maryland

10:30 – 11:30 am Panel Discussion:
                Michelle Siri, Moderator
                Delegate Terri Hill, Maryland House of Delegates
                Toni Van Pelt, National Organization for Women (NOW)
                Patricia McHugh Lambert, Executive Alliance (Network 2000)
                Luis Larin, Working Matters

11:30 – 12:30 pm Legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session
                Presentations by Lead Groups
                Caren Williams, Moderator

12:30 – 1:00 pm Call to Action – Ruth Martin
               Wrap-Up – Joanna Diamond and Dante Bishop
               Agenda sign-on
               Membership and email sign-up
               Resource and tip sheets
               MLAW Legislative Reception – Thursday, February 8, 2018

1:00 pm

1:00 – 3:30 pm Advocacy 101 Workshop (optional)
              Michaele Cohen and Cynthia Lifson

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Working to End Sexual Violence in Maryland

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January 18, 2018
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Harry Browne’s Restaurant
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The Maryland Women’s Heritage Center commends MLAW for making women’s herstory more just and equitable under the law!

www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org
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The Anne Arundel County Democratic Women are proud to work with MLAW to be a strong voice for Maryland women and families.

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter @AACODW or visit our website www.aademocraticwomen.org

SAVE THE DATE -- MARCH 11, 2018
Our annual Women’s History Month event

The Prince George’s County Commission for Women
Our mission is to improve the quality of life for women and girls by advocating, initiating, and championing programs and legislation to strengthen families and communities.

The Prince George’s County Commission for Women
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Director
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive
First Row: Linda Thomas, Crystal Prater, Gaydy Brown, Victoria Hamilton, Shirley Schreffler, Amber Dieso
Back Row: Tami Watkins, Jennifer Jones, Lisa Rowe, Jackie Rhone, Peggy Mackin, Director Belon-Butler
Not Pictured: Monique Davis, Anea Jordan, Sonya Lyatsky, D. Michael Lyles

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Delegate Ariana Kelly (District 16/Women’s Caucus Chair)

Ariana Kelly is a lifelong advocate for Montgomery County. She has a proven track record in Annapolis and Washington on issues that matter to Montgomery County, including health care, the environment, and education. In 2010, Ariana Kelly was elected to Maryland’s House of Delegates representing the 16th District, which includes Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and Potomac. A Deputy Majority Whip, Ariana Kelly serves on the legislature’s Health and Government Operations Committee, and Chairs the Health Occupations and Long Term Care Subcommittee and the Montgomery County Delegation Economic Development Committee. She also Chairs the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families and the Task Force to Establish Paid Family Leave. She is President of the Women Legislators of Maryland, the caucus of 60 diverse women State Senators and Delegates serving in Maryland’s General Assembly.

In the legislature, Ariana Kelly was the lead sponsor for Maryland’s Contraceptive Equity Act, as well as legislation requiring parental leave and investing in child care. She has been a supporter of important issues including Maryland’s fracking ban, marriage equality, and paid sick leave.

Delegate Terri Hill, MD (District 12)

Delegate Terri Hill serves as a representative on the Health and Government Operations Committee. She is a member of the Insurance and the Estate & Trusts subcommittees. Her years of experience as a member of many community groups as well as the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, National Medical Association, American Medical Association, American Medical Women’s Association, Maryland State Medical Society, Anne Arundel County Medical Society, Howard County Medical Society, and Board of Directors for the American Red Cross of Central Maryland have well equipped her to address many of the issues currently facing Maryland. She is also a founding member of the Howard County Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women and the Thurgood Marshall Democratic club. In addition, she is the recipient of many awards including the 2012 Mother of Mary Lange Service Award and Towson University’s Distinguished Black Marylander Award. Delegate Hill received her Bachelors in bioelectric engineering from Harvard University and her Medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has lived in the district for over 45 years and is a graduate of Wilde Lake High School.
FALL CONFERENCE 2017

Speaker Bios (continued)

Toni Van Pelt, President, National Organization for Women

Toni Van Pelt, a longtime feminist and humanist activist, was elected president of NOW in July 2017. She is also president of the NOW Foundation and chair of the NOW Political Action Committee, and serves as the principal spokeswoman for all three entities. Van Pelt oversees NOW’s multi-issue agenda, which includes: achieving constitutional equality for women, advancing reproductive rights and justice, promoting racial justice, stopping violence against women, winning civil and human rights for the LGBTQIA+ community, and ensuring economic justice.

Spurred to action by attacks on reproductive rights in her home state of Florida, Van Pelt has served in leadership positions at all levels of NOW since 1989. She is a past president of Florida NOW (1996-2003) and past director of NOW’s southeast region—in addition to serving two terms on the national board (2010-2014). Van Pelt began her journey with the organization as the treasurer of the Upper Pinellas NOW chapter, and remains fiercely devoted to grassroots activists working at the local level.

Van Pelt is a longtime advocate for secular humanism, and the separation of church and state. Prior to joining the National Action Center full-time, she lobbied for policies driven by the empirical scientific evidence as opposed to faith. She is co-founder, president, and public policy director for the Institute for Science and Human Values. A former vice president and public policy director of the Center for Inquiry, Van Pelt organized and directed one of the first public policy offices of the secular humanist movement in Washington, D.C.

Van Pelt is a former member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and her past career as the owner of a travel agency specializing in international travel has given her the opportunity to expand her worldview through global travel. She is committed to building an inclusive, intersectional, and intergenerational feminist movement.

Luis Larín, Leadership Organizer, United Workers

Luis Larín is a Leadership Organizer with United Workers, a human rights organization committed to work with dignity for low-wage workers. Luis, of indigenous Mayan ancestry, began organizing in his native Guatemala against the fair trade agreements that were impoverishing his country. When he came to the United States Luis experienced poverty as a day laborer. He first joined United Workers as a leader with the Camden Yards Campaign, which won a living wage for stadium workers in 2007. Since then he has coordinated several successful grassroots campaigns and field teams, including winning a settlement for Inner Harbor ESPN Zone workers against the Walt Disney Corporation in 2013, the passage of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in Baltimore City by ballot initiative in 2016, and the passage of the Healthy Working Families Act for earned sick leave in Maryland in 2017. @unitedworkers
Patricia McHugh Lambert, President-Elect, Executive Alliance

Ms. Lambert is a principal litigator with the law firm of Pessin Katz Law. She has over 30 years of experience in handling complex commercial litigation and insurance matters. Ms. Lambert has worked on national class actions, significant litigation and regulatory matters for Fortune 500 companies. She has also assisted small and mid-sized companies and business executives with contract, real estate and commercial disputes that needed to be resolved quickly and efficiently. Ms. Lambert is best known as an attorney who knows the field of insurance. She has represented insurers, policyholders, and insurance producers in disputes both in court and before the Maryland Insurance Administration.

In addition to being a business owner and trial attorney, Ms. Lambert is an active community leader that is interested in equity and equality issues. She is a member of the Executive Committee of United Way of Central Maryland and the President Elect of Executive Alliance, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of women executives. In her role with Executive Alliance, she has worked diligently to have women appointed to governmental boards and commissions. She is also actively involved in Executive Alliance’s effort to pass legislation setting numeric goals for the appointment of women to corporate boards.
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A Commission of the Maryland Department of Human Services

The Maryland Commission for Women is a 25-member advisory board first established by the Governor in 1965 and set in state law in 1971. Commissioners are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor, with confirmation by the Maryland State Senate, and serve without compensation. The Commission’s duties outlined in its enabling legislation include:

- Study the status of women in our state
- Recommend methods of overcoming discrimination
- Recognize women’s accomplishments and contributions
- Provide informed advice to the executive and legislative branches of government on the issues concerning the women of our state.

The Commission’s 2018 programs are:

- Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame
- Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy
- Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards
- Women’s Health and Wellness Resources
- Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour

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