

Spouses' Leadership Committee (SLC)

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Mikey Hoeven, First Lady of North Dakota, Chair*

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A six-member, bipartisan Spouses' Leadership Committee (SLC) guides the Spouses' Program agenda and activities. The Committee is composed of the respective spouses of the NGA chair and vice chair, and four additional members—the spouses of two Democratic governors and two Republican governors—who are elected each year by the full body of governors' spouses.

The SLC chair is afforded the opportunity to identify an issue, or set of issues, that serves as a focus for Spouses' Program sessions during the NGA Winter and Annual Meetings. For the current program year, the spouses will address wellness and preventive health issues. In recent years, other topics of concern have included early childhood learning and development, family and children's literacy, volunteerism and service-learning, the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse and alcohol and substance abuse, environmental conservation, healthy lifestyles and physical fitness, and mentoring and leadership development.

**(For the 2009-2010 program year, Mikey Hoeven, First Lady of North Dakota, was elected by the NGA Spouses' Leadership Committee members to serve as Chair.)*