

# Capitol Journal

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Meeting the Public & Government Affairs Needs of  
Business & Associations

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### Special Points of Interest

- ? The Colorado House of Representatives has 65 members.
- ? The Colorado Senate has 35 members.
- ? The legislative session is 120 days long.
- ? Each House has 12 standing Committees.
- ? The Republicans control the Colorado Senate, the Colorado House of Representatives, and the Governors of five.
- ? Early voting begins October 23, 2000
- ? The General Elections is Tuesday, November 7th

## KYLE GROUP OPENS IT'S DOORS

On July 1st "The Kyle Group" opened its doors for business.

"Excitement is the key word" commented President and CEO of the corporation, Henry C. Kyle III, better known to legislators, staff, clients and colleagues as "Corky". "With a new company, comprised of several top public affairs, government relations, business and association professionals, The Kyle Group is in a better position to serve the needs of its existing clients as well as, attract new clients with new and exciting issues to present to the public policy makers of the State.

Other members of The Kyle Group are Lynn Ellins, President,

dent of The Ellins Law Firm, Dorothy Webber, President, Ace Management, Kenton Kuhn, President, Intellinet and Carrie Cook, Northwest Mutual. "We will be interviewing public affairs professionals over the next couple of weeks stated Corky, President and CEO of the Kyle Group. "This addition will round out the team and allow us to be the full service public affairs firm I want us to be."

Corky has over twenty years in public affairs. "My approach to public affairs is to partner with clients and collectively affect those issues important to the clients" stated Corky. Commenting further,

The Kyle Group is commented to "making government work for the client". Another way The Kyle Group involves clients in the legislative process is through its web site. WWW.TheKyleGroup.Com takes some of the mystery out of the political process. Understanding the power of the web enabled the Kyle Group to create a web site that allows clients direct access to their legislator, obtain a copy of a bill or act, and or listen to floor debate. Collectively, The Kyle Group and Clients can get the job done.

## FOCUS ON: STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD

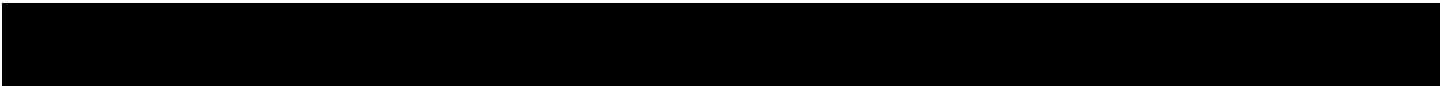
With each issue of the Capitol Journal we will focus on a particular state agency or department.

This issue we are focusing on the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) State Electrical Board.

The State Electrical Board is located at 1580 Logan, Suite 550, Denver, Colorado 80203. It is

telephone number is 303-894-2300, and the fax number is 303-894-2310. The web address for the State Electrical Board is [www.dora.state.co.us/Electrical/](http://www.dora.state.co.us/Electrical/). The Program Administrator is George Waterhouse. The purpose of the State Electrical Board is to license journeymen electricians, master electricians, and residential wiremen. It is the regula-

tory agency that maintains information on registered electrical apprentices and electrical contractors. The Board also performs electrical inspections on new and remodeled facilities throughout the state in its areas of jurisdiction and inspects all public schools throughout the state. Questions send e-mail to: [Electrical@dora.state.co.us](mailto:Electrical@dora.state.co.us)



“Men are born to succeed, not Fail”

Henry David Thoreau

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UNDERSTANDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE: FIVE MOST OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

Question 1 : What is the effective date of House Bill 00-1194, Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Answer: Per H.B.00-1194, the Fair Campaign Practices Act became effective at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2000.

Question 2: What are the more significant changes to existing statutes and rules? Answer: Contribution limits. Foreign contributions prohibited. Limits for District Attorneys. Reporting Frequency. Corporate Contributions. Voluntary electronic filing. Union contributions.

More frequent reporting. Elimination of Voluntary spending Limits.

Question 3: May State candidates accept corporate contributions? Answer: Yes. State candidates may accept contributions from natural persons, political committees, political parties, corporations and labor organizations.

Question 4: What are the new limits on contributions to state candidates? Answer: Governor \$5000. Lt. Gov. & SOS: \$2500. St. Treasure/Atty. Gen.:

\$2500. St. Sen. & Dist. Atty: \$1500. Bd. Of Ed./Bd. of Regents: \$1000. St. Rep.: \$1000.

Question 5: Are there contributions limits to political parties and political committees? Answer: Political parties cannot accept contributions in excess of \$25,000 per year, per contributor. Political Committees are limited to accepting \$25,000 from any person, per year.

“No Man’s Life, Liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session” NY Legislature 1864

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KEY WEB SITES THAT SHOULD BE BOOK MARKED

How many times have you gotten on the web and forgotten to bookmark that site that had all of the information that you needed. Well stop kicking yourself here are some sites that you can bookmark on your next visit to the web.

State Offices:

Sec. Of State: www.sos.state.co.us

DORA : www.dora.state.co.us

Div. Of Insurance: www.dora.state.co.us/Ins.

Gov. Web Page www.state.co.us.

Attorney General: www. Ago.state.co.us

State Treasurer: www.treasurer.state.co.us

Health Care Policy & Finance: www.chcpf.state.co.us

Dept. of Labor & Employment: www.cdle.state.co.us

Div. Of Real Estate: www.dora.state.co.us/Real-estate

Office of Policy & Research: www.dora.state.co.us/or/

Go to www.thekylegroup.com

“Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable”

Sydney J. Harris

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CITIZENS TO VOTE ON 12 INITIATIVES NOV. 7TH

When citizens begin their voting for the upcoming general election, not only will they have the usual items to vote on, they will be voting on a dozen different initiatives. Here they are;

- ? Medical Use of Marijuana
? Amend TABOR-Tax Cuts
? Women’s Health Information Act
? Prohibiting Certain Open

- Pit Mining.
? Natural Lands & Open Space Conservation Act
? Capitol Building Restoration.
? Background Checks-Gun Shows.
? Citizen Management of Growth
? Amendments to Labor

- Peace Act
? English Language Education in Public Schools
? Providing Additional K-12 Funding
? Labeling Genetically Engineered Foods

## WWW.THEKYLEGROUP.COM: YOUR KEY TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS

Never before have we had so many options to help us gather information on issues or subjects within the political process. The obvious source of information is the web.

Taking advantage of the web is a must and each of you should be taking advantage of and accessing is "WWW.TheKyleGroup.com

The first official day of operation was August 1, 2000. Since that date, there have been in excess of 1500 hits to the site. "This tells me that the clients

are using the site and getting the political information they need." state Corky Kyle, President of The Kyle Group. " I have tried to make the site user friendly for all of my clients"

Designed by Intellinet, the site affords clients the ability to download announcements, files, legislation, calendars, etc. all with a click of the mouse.

Clients can go directly to the monthly calendar , which is updated monthly by each of the client groups. This allows clients to know of upcoming legis-

lative events, association activities, and other activities unique to the groups.

Also the site encourages client members who do not know who their legislator is to go directly to the legislator locator , provide the necessary information and the program will let the client know who his legislator is and immediately send an e-mail to that legislator. Immediate access to the policy makers.

Take advantage of this opportunity. You'll be glad you did.

**"Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment."**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### NOTES

## ELECTION STRATEGIES: SURVEY'S THAT WORK!

During an election year it is critical that the association or business gather sufficient information about candidates to enable the association or business, to make a decision as to whether or not to support a candidate.

One of the most effective methods of gathering information is through the use of a candidate

survey.

In developing your survey , ask yourself the following questions to help you design the survey that works for you;

- \* What is the purpose of the survey?
- \* What kind of information do I want from the candidate?
- \* Is the survey easily read? Is it

understandable?

- \* Should it be one page or two?

Answering this questions truthfully, will provide you with the purpose and focus to get you the information you want. The end result will be a survey that provides you with the information you need to make the right decision.

**"A Lobbyist is the person we hire to protect us from the people we elect"**

### NOTES

## MAKING YOUR MEETINGS SUCCESSFUL

With today's fast paced business life style, we are faced with having to attend, facilitate, and participate in a meeting or meetings.

Meetings are a principal form of association activity. Meetings are where the business of associations is conducted.

Meetings can be with col-

leagues, business associates, staff, of volunteer committee member.

We all remember those meetings that were productive and those that weren't.

To make your meeting a success, follow these key points

**A successful meeting will:**

- \* Provide adequate notification to participants.
- \* Have an agenda.
- \* Have a purpose for the meeting.
- \* Results are disbursed to attendees.

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Let us help you with your public  
and government affairs needs.  
Together we can get the job done.  
Call Us!!

**“The most obvious  
advantage of com-  
petition is greater effi-  
ciency: more bang  
for the buck”**

### Notes

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## IRS REQUIRES REGISTRATION OF STATE & LOCAL PAC'S

More than 500 associations signed on to a letter urging a common-sense change to the recently enacted Section 527 disclosure legislation. This filing obligation comes after the enactment of H.R. 4762, calling for new disclosures of political organizations.

This new law, designed to shed light on the activities of certain secretive groups, was drafted in a way to require some state pac's to essentially duplicate their efforts and make disclosures to both their state regulatory authorities and the IRS.

ASAE has asked the IRS to issue guidance that would ex-

empt such state groups from coverage under the new disclosure law, but as of this writing their has been no response to this request.

Shown below are some of the specifics regarding the organizations that are covered under this new law: Groups that otherwise fit under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code (reserved for political organizations) are not required to file Form 8871, or the subsequent regular reports if any of the following are true: 1. They already must file regularly with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC); 2. They reasonably expect annual gross receipts

always be less than \$25,000.00 in each taxable year: or 3. They are Section 501© organizations that file Form 1120-POL and are covered under section 527 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption include those 501© (6) organizations that do engage in political activities, but 6 not through a separate segregated fund/PAC. For instance, certain states allow corporate political activity, and in those states 501©(6)s and other organizations may engage in such activity without using a separate PAC. More on this next month.