

2018 Legislative Forum Speaker Biographies

Ken Gallagher has been with the Office of Strategic Initiatives and its previous incarnations (Office of State Planning, Office of Energy and Planning) since 1988. For most of that time he has been involved with statewide mapping and GIS coordination, chairing the state's GIS Advisory Committee (now GIS Technical Advisory Committee) since 2000. He has been New Hampshire's State Data Center liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau since 2010 and produces the state's annual population and housing supply estimates. Mr. Gallagher studied earth sciences as an undergraduate at Dartmouth College and geography for a master's degree at the University of North Carolina.

Will Stewart was named the Executive Director of Stay Work Play in September 2017. In this role he is responsible for the overall management of Stay Work Play and oversees the development, growth, and implementation of organization's mission, programs, and budget. He also serves as the organization's key spokesperson and as an advocate for the attraction and retention of younger workers in the New Hampshire.

Will brings significant experience in economic development, community relations, media relations, and government affairs. He most recently served as President of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce. Other past roles he's held include Vice President of Economic Development & Advocacy at the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Community Services Specialist for NeighborWorks Southern New Hampshire; and news reporter for HippoPress.

Sylvia von Aulock is the Executive Director for Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC). Her career has been focused in the public sector working for such agencies as Washington State DOT, City of Seattle's Drainage and Wastewater Utility, and as Town Planner in Exeter, NH. Sylvia's thorough planning experience, solid education, and positive approach has already helped her make her mark with SNHPC's 14 communities.

Sylvia's educational history began in 1977 when she successfully undertook a Bachelor's Degree program in Civil Engineering at Rutgers University in NJ and later earned a Masters in Landscape Architecture from SUNY in Syracuse.

Sylvia enjoys weaving together her years of experience and education with her skills as an artist, comedian, gardener, garage sale negotiator, and team captain to bring about positive solutions to the challenges she encounters.