



# Interagency Committee of State Employed Women

## January/February 2020 Bulletin

### January Professional Development Training



The ICSEW's upcoming membership meeting is scheduled for **January 21 at 8 a.m. to 1p. m. at the Department of Labor and Industries, 7273 Linderson Way SW Tumwater.**

Betty Lochner will be speaking on *Dealing with Difficult Relationships*. Betty helps organizations and individuals achieve success in business and career goals, communication and collaboration.

Her focus is teaching small changes that make a huge difference in workplace communication and culture. Her goal is to empower individuals and leaders to create happier, more productive work-

places and more fulfilling lives. Betty's areas of expertise include: human resources consulting, organizational training and professional development for work groups, workplace and business relationships coaching, and confident communication .



ICSEW will be accepting household donations at the training for SafePlace. Please bring a donation and enter a raffle. Some suggested items include:

- \*Bathrobes/towels
- \*Electric blankets
- \*Toiletries
- \*Heating pads
- \*Sheets
- \*Toys

### Laura Watson Named Director of Ecology

Governor Jay Inslee has named Laura Watson director of the

Washington State Department of Ecology today. She replaces Maia Bellon, who Inslee appointed in 2013.



Watson is currently the senior assistant attorney general in the Ecology Division of the Attorney General's Office. As chief legal counsel to the Director of the Department of Ecology, she provided advice and representation to Ecology's 10 environmental programs and to the agency's administration.

Watson was also a former deputy solicitor general at the Solicitor General's Office in the Attorney Gen-

eral's Office.

She served as Washington's lead counsel on several legal challenges to the Trump administration's rollback of environmental protections and is representing Washington in its challenge to EPA's proposed repeal of Washington's fish consumption rule.

She has also defended the state's environmental laws in the Washington State Supreme Court, including a case that upheld the state's multi-million dollar hazardous substance tax. More recently, she defended a case about the state's landmark greenhouse gas regulation, the Clean Air Rule.

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Watson has advised on a wide array of Washington's most pressing environmental issues including: cleanup at the Hanford nuclear site, toxics reduction strategies, protection of the State's Clean Water Act authority against federal intrusion, and options for achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Watson volunteered with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, providing legal advice to low-income residents. She currently volunteers with Quixote Communities, a non-profit organization that builds and operates tiny homes, which offers permanent supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals.

Watson earned her law degree from the University

of Washington School of Law. She earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy, with a women's studies certificate, from the University of Pittsburgh. She lives in West Olympia with her husband, Dan, who is a professor of mechanical engineering at St. Martin's University. Their daughter, Violet, is in middle school and is spearheading the family's efforts to become a zero-waste household.

## Read More on our blog:

[icsew.wa.gov/category/sblog](http://icsew.wa.gov/category/sblog).

## Become an InterAct Blog Contributor

The ICSEW is looking for talented individuals to contribute to its **INTER-ACT BLOG**.



We accept articles for our regular features as well as topics on our [values](#).

- **Agency in the spotlight** highlights agency programs that support state employed women and/or exhibits any of the ICSEW values.
- **People Who Make a Difference** recognizes all people, regardless of gender, who have made notable accomplishments or have inspirational stories.

Submissions can be sent to [icsew@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:icsew@ofm.wa.gov) with "InterActblog" in the subject line.

All representatives are required to submit one blog entry per term. Guest blogs are also welcome, provided they meet our guidelines.

**To view blog guidelines, click on the [communications subcommittee](#) tab on [icsew.wa.gov](http://icsew.wa.gov).**

## 2020 Women's Spring Summit



Cornerstone Coaching & Training, will be hosting its 2020 Spring Summit March 20, 2020 at South Puget Sound Community College, 4220 6th Ave SE Lacey.

Learn How to be a More Confident Communicator. Topics include:

- ⇒ The Confident Communicator
- ⇒ Small Steps to Big Change
- ⇒ Mastering Conversations with Confidence-Shift and Share
- ⇒ How to Stop Undermining Yourself
- ⇒ Jazzercise Break

Early bird registration is \$129 and available until February 15 or until the event is full.

More information can be found at <https://www.cornerstone-ct.com/>

