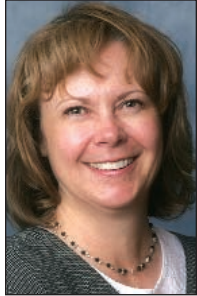


Business Advice

Group supports HR professionals

The Western Colorado Human Resource Association is an organization dedicated to supporting local businesses and the human resource functions within their facilities.



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First chartered in 1975, the WCHRA is an affiliate chapter of the national Society for Human Resource Management based in Grand Junction and has more than 100 members who support human resource professionals enhancing the human resource aspects of Western Slope companies.

One of the most important things the WCHRA works to do is support local businesses through their HR professionals. The WCHRA works to provide a knowledgeable resource network for HR professionals, offering support to those large companies whose HR professionals are involved as well as providing resources and support to small businesses that do not have a dedicated HR professional on staff.

Many qualified HR professionals serve on the board of the WCHRA and are available to consult with and support businesses in the Grand Valley.

These officers and directors are members of the Mesa County business community who are dedicated to providing the best practices available to their organizations and sharing their knowledge and commitment with WCHRA members and the community at large.

The 2007 board of directors includes: Lisa Martin, SPHR, vice president of human resources for Hilltop Community Resources, president; Barbara Burr, SPHR, human resource manager for the Mesa County Public Libraries, vice president and

president-elect; Debbie Balmer, PHR, executive secretary at Western Colorado Community College, secretary; and Eileen Gavin, SPHR vice president of human resources for American National Bank, treasurer.

The board also includes the following program area directors: Margie Arney, PHR, human resource manager for Harbert Lumber, director of certification; Darla Fortner, human resource manager for Enstrom Candies, webmaster; Terri Gird, HR analyst for Hilltop, director of marketing and public relations; Amy Allen, commercial lines specialist for Colorado West Insurance, director of legislative activities; Jean Ann Kochevar, SPHR, HR consultant for Rocky Mountain Health Plans, director of K-12 education; Rose Anne Plante, PHR, HR analyst for Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, director of professional development; Patrick Schutz, SPHR, assistant professor of management at Mesa State College, student chapter advisor; Michelle Smith, public affairs specialist for S.M. Stoller, director of diversity; Fay Timmerman, PHR, manager of Westaff, membership director; Pene Walker, PHR, human resource leader at Community Hospital, historian; and Shelly Williams, PHR, benefits specialist with the City of Grand Junction, director of member communications.

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