

LEADERSHIP & ELECTED OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Boards & Commissions Fellowship Alaska

The first class of our Boards and Commissions Fellowship program in Alaska launched this year, and two of our alumni have already been appointed. **Dalecia Young** was appointed to the State of Alaska's Maternal and Child Death Review Board, and **Tammalivis Salanoa** was appointed to the Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission.



Dalecia Young is now serving on the Alaska Maternal and Child Death Review Board



Tammalivis Salanoa is now serving on the Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission



The first class of Boards and Commissions Fellows in Alaska

CVM Conference Highlights

Our state affiliate partners leading Boards and Commissions Fellowship programs presented at the 2025 Conservation Voters Movement (CVM) Conference, with fellows and staff from Colorado and North Carolina speaking on the panel in May.



Presentation by Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos, who leads the Boards and Commissions Fellowship Program in Nebraska



(L to R) Tremona Purvis, alumna, North Carolina; Patricia Ferrero, Conservation Colorado Education Fund; Gabriel Cervantes, alum, Colorado; Rogelio Rodriguez, Conservation Nebraska; Samantha Miller, Conservation Voters for Idaho Education Fund; Kerry Wiggins, North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Foundation



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Celebrating Our Boards & Commissions Fellowship Alums

Our alumni are doing great work in their communities. **Shelly Buchanan**, an alumna of the 2023 class with Conservation Voters for Idaho Education Fund, is now serving on the Ada County Development Impact Fee Committee. In this role, she helps to manage the growth of one of the fastest-growing parts of the country and to provide critical services like fire and ambulance services to residents. Read more about Shelly [here](#).



Shelly Buchanan, member of the Ada County Development Impact Fee Committee in Idaho

Alumni from our Idaho and Colorado Boards and Commissions programs have stepped up to run for seats on the Boise City Council and in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Looking Ahead



Arizona

We'll be leading a training for Chispa AZ leaders on October 4, 2025 on how board and commission service can help build power for communities. Chispa leaders will learn about board and commission vacancies in their areas, the process for applying, and priority positions in Arizona. We'll also provide help with resumes and cover letters.



We held a similar training for Stewardship Utah leaders in March. Watch the video [here](#).



New Jersey

The 2025 Boards and Commissions Fellowship Grant was awarded to New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Education Fund to launch their program in 2026.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

LCV Education Fund's Leadership and Elected Official Development program helps to make our country's leadership more reflective of its population and ensure that voices that have historically been excluded are included in environmental policymaking.

Our **Boards and Commissions Fellowship** is a grant program through which LCV Education Fund supports our state affiliates' work to provide in-depth leadership training to environmental champions. Since 2020, our affiliates have held trainings in six states: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, North Carolina, and South Carolina. This program serves to:

- Recruit diverse leaders to serve on boards and commissions.
- Develop skilled policy leaders who could one day serve in elected office or in other positions.
- Position more environmental champions to shape environmental policy in their communities.

LCV Education Fund's Boards and Commissions Fellowship program has already **trained more than 160 people, with at least 50 serving on state and local boards**, and many others working as mentors and leaders across the country.

Our annual **governance trainings** for newly elected officials support environmental champions in local and state office to become the most effective leaders possible. These trainings also introduce leaders to opportunities for support from partner organizations like Climate Cabinet and the Lawmaker Network, which can serve as resources for developing policy, communicating with constituents, and more.

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