

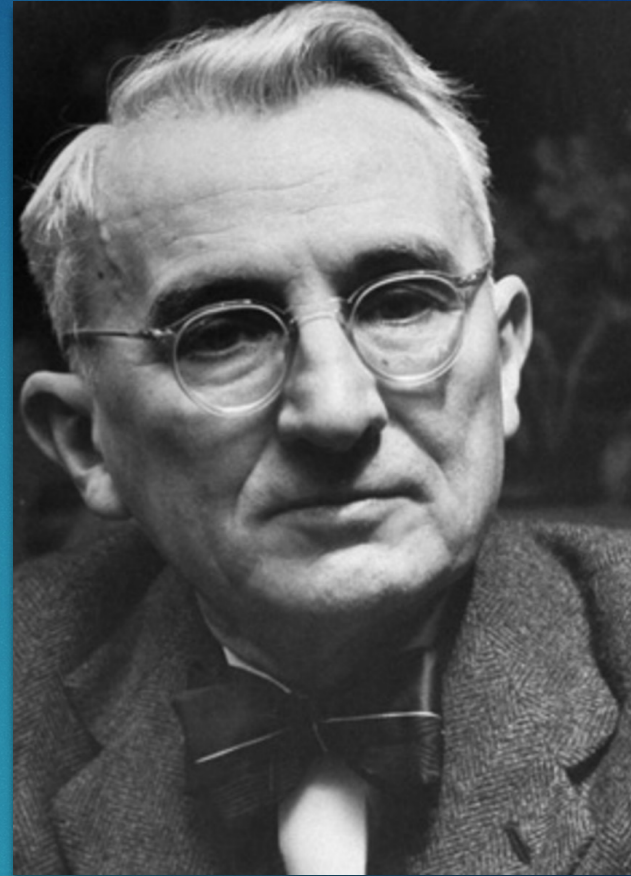
# HOW TO INTERACT WITH YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

# Goals from this Presentation:

- ▶ How to Be Heard
- ▶ Who/Where to Communicate
- ▶ WV Legislature and Your Representatives
- ▶ The Legislative Process
- ▶ Other Organizations/Allies

# Dale Carnegie

- ▶ “Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”
- ▶ “When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but with creatures bristling with prejudice and motivated by pride and vanity.”
- ▶ “You attract more flies with honey than vinegar.”
- ▶ Be POSITIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC



# How to Be Heard:

- ▶ **Be Seen.** Attend events where your public officials will be. “90% of it is just showing up.”
- ▶ **Write letters (emails, yes).** Do letter-writing campaigns:
  - specific to your issue
  - personal
  - important to the recipient (an accomplishment of theirs, family; health, etc)
- ▶ **Hold Public Events/Tours/Open-Houses.** INVITE your target audience
- ▶ **Make Phone Calls**

# How to Be Heard:

- ▶ **Social Media sites** (provide honest, accurate information)
- ▶ **Volunteer for Campaigns**
  - candidate
  - Issue/advocacy
  - charity
- ▶ **Fundraising** (Last, but NOT least)

# Who/Where to Communicate:

- ▶ **Your Public Officials.** Elected, appointed; Community, County, State and Federal.
- ▶ **Non-Government Organizations/Advocacy Groups**
- ▶ **Your Neighbors.** If the issue affects your community, you need to tell them.
- ▶ **The Media:** Newspapers, TV, Radio, electronic media/social
- ▶ **Schools** – Secondary and Higher Education
- ▶ **Your Own Events**

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# MAJOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

## **VERY POWERFUL (Especially Finance and Judiciary)**

- They decide what gets on a committee agenda
- They will only run bills that they want passed that are either Caucus Bills or Majority Party Bills
- Expect the member to vote for their bills both in committee and on the floor
- A vote against a majority bill is considered a slap in the face and members will be punished (ex. Removed as chair or vice chair or from a committee)



# GET TO KNOW YOUR LEGISLATORS

- ▶ Refer to them by their title (Senator/Delegate)
- ▶ Meet with them! Call them! Invite them!
- ▶ Tell them your concerns and the impact to your county and the state
- ▶ Be the person they call for answers

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# INTRODUCED BILLS

- ▶ If a bill has a low number it generally means it is a majority party bill

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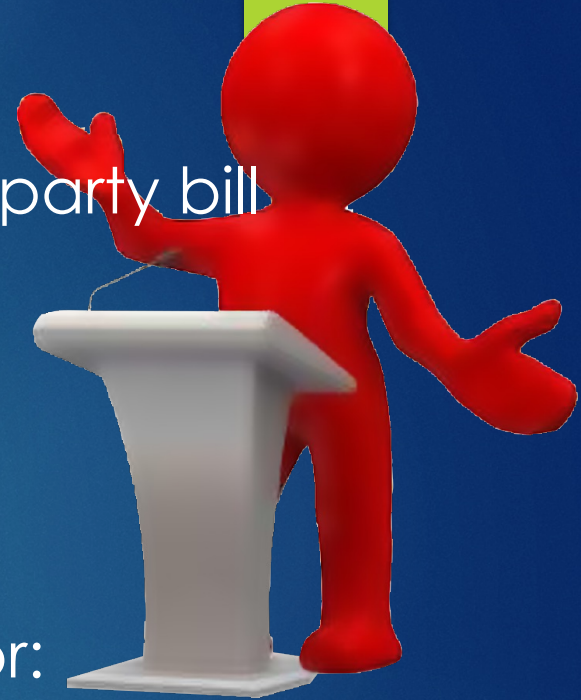
- ▶ Single Reference Bills- go to only a major committee

- ▶ Double Reference Bills- go to two committees (minor/major:  
major/major)

- ▶ Triple Reference Bills- these have little to no chance of happening

**CHECK THE BILL SPONSORS\*\***

**\*\* Work with/communicate with sponsors first**



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# Party Bills



- Chair will only run a minority party bill if absolutely NOT on the majority party's main agenda
- Majority Party will pass a bill handily. If it is close, members will be whipped
- IF it is a good minority bill, a smart member of the minority will get a member of the majority party to be the lead sponsor
- Again, only bills or amendments the majority part wants are the ones that pass
- Generally around 2,000 bill are introduced and around 10% (200) pass
- There are some lobbyists that represent major contributors and are very strong and influential

# Other Agencies/Organizations/Allies

- ▶ Who shares your interests or impacts your need/issue?
  - ▶ **Non-Government Organizations (NGOs): local, state and national. Potomac Highlands; Audobon Society;**
  - ▶ **Federal Agencies that may have oversight, regulatory responsibilities**
    - FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission); DOE; FAA; EPA; DOD; Homeland Security; Fish & Wildlife

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