
MGA-OMS Transmission Summit 2022

Speaker Biographies – Day 1

Commissioner Randy Christmann, North Dakota Public Service Commission

Randy Christmann was elected to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in November 2012 and re-elected in 2018 with a majority of votes in 49 of the 53 counties. He brings to the Commission a background in agriculture, telecommunications, and 18 years in the North Dakota Senate representing energy country. Most of all, he brings what the Minot Daily News called a “let’s work together attitude.”

Outside of government service, Randy operated a 117-year-old third generation cattle ranch west of Hazen, North Dakota. His wife, Bethanie, is a mortgage underwriter with American Bank Center. Before graduating from Hazen High School in 1978, Randy enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard. He also enrolled at North Dakota State University and graduated from there in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration.



Randy was elected to the North Dakota Senate in 1994, helping Republicans achieve majority status in the North Dakota Senate. Governor Ed Schafer appointed Randy to serve as one of the two legislative appointees on the Lignite Research Council. He continued to serve in that position under Governors Hoeven and Dalrymple.

Following the statewide general election in 2000, Senate Republicans chose Randy to serve as their Assistant Majority Leader. He was re-elected to that post every two years through 2012. He also served on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

From 1999 through 2012 the members of West River Telecommunications Cooperative elected Randy to serve as a director. During part of this time Randy also served as the president of the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives.

Randy now brings his agriculture, telecommunications, and energy industry background to the Public Service Commission. He has led the effort to implement rules for future decommissioning and reclamation of wind farms and solar farms, serves as a PSC representative on the Lignite Research Council, and serves as a PSC representative for the multi-state Southwest Power Pool.

Commissioner Sarah Freeman, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on September 19, 2016, and was most recently reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 20, 2021. Commissioner Freeman sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and chairs its Subcommittee on Education and Research. She is a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and serves on the Boards of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company and the National Regulatory Research Institute. Freeman also is President of the Organization of MISO States.



Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency, where she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees.

Commissioner Tyler Huebner, Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Tyler Huebner was appointed by Governor Tony Evers to be a Commissioner at the Public Service Commission in March 2020, and was re-appointed by Governor Evers to a six year term which began March 2, 2021. He is a member of the Energy Resources & the Environment Committee in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and is currently Wisconsin's representative on the Board of the Organization of MISO States.



Prior to joining the Commission, Tyler had been Executive Director of RENEW Wisconsin, a statewide renewable energy nonprofit organization, since June of 2013. Prior to that, Tyler worked at the State of Wisconsin Division of Energy Services, and before that, at the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy division. For both the State of Wisconsin and federal DOE, Tyler worked in the low-income weatherization program helping citizens reduce their energy bills. He started his career as a consultant with ICF International.

Chairman Dan Scripps, Michigan Public Service Commission

Dan Scripps was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Public Service Commission on February 21, 2019 and was designated as Chair in July 2020. His term ends July 2, 2023. Mr. Scripps has been an active participant in a number of state energy advisory groups, including the Upper Peninsula Energy Task Force, the Michigan Dam Safety Task Force, and the Michigan Council on Climate Solutions.



Chair Scripps is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resiliency. He is active with its Committees on Critical Infrastructure, Gas, and International Relations, and the Washington Action Program. In addition, he serves on the executive committee of the Organization

of MISO States, is chair of MISO's Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits (RECB) Working Group, and serves on the FERC-NARUC Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission. He is also past president and current treasurer of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC).

Mr. Scripps previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he chaired the Banking and Financial Services committee and served on committees dealing with energy, telecommunications, and environmental protection.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Scripps worked for the Energy Foundation, where he coordinated policy and grantmaking strategies in the Midwest and Plains. He previously served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council, and as a Vice President with Advanced Energy Economy, focusing on energy finance. As an attorney, Mr. Scripps practiced law in the Washington D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, advising regulated utilities, project developers, and financial institutions on cutting-edge domestic and international energy projects.

Marcus Hawkins, Organization of MISO States

Marcus Hawkins was promoted to Executive Director of the Organization of MISO States effective January 1, 2019, after serving as Director of Member Services & Advocacy since September 2016. Prior to OMS, he was a Senior Engineer in the Division of Regional Energy Markets at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. He has additional power market experience from working as an Analyst at PA Consulting Group. Marcus received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering and a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He also earned certificates in Technical Communication and Energy Analysis & Policy while at UW.

