



# DWIGHT D. LOKEN

Candidate for State Senate | Republican Party

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**“ Our greatest strength is not only within us as individuals but when we work together. ”**

I am a Christian conservative family man who believes in the conservative principles on which our nation was founded and deeply root them into every aspect of my life. As decisions are made that affect us short-term and long-term, Delaware County needs a strong leader who will listen to its residents and discern what is best for our county and state. I am pro-life, pro-Constitution, and pro-education. I advocate for the good of the people and economic growth.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

■ Founder & President  
1986–Present

### THE MEETING CONNECTION, INC. Westerville, Ohio

Full-service meeting and conference management company providing meeting planning services to associations, corporations, educational organizations, government agencies, and religious organizations.

■ 1<sup>st</sup> Full-Time Employee  
Meeting Planner  
15 Years

### OFFICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (now Business Professionals of America)

- Organization grew to over 100,000 members, eight staff, and own building while there.
- Responsibilities included: **Public Relations, Meeting Planning, Corporate Fundraising**, calling on companies like GM, Ford Motor Co., Nationwide, 3M, Shell Oil, Exxon, etc.

## LEADERSHIP

■ Past Board Member

### NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

■ Graduate

### COLUMBUS AREA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

■ Past Ohio President  
Past Intl. President

### MEETING PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL

Flew as a guest of British Airways on 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Concorde airplane.

■ Member  
Elder  
Chairman  
Teacher

### BEECHWOLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Columbus, Ohio

- Member and choir member since 1971
- Past middle school youth teacher & current adult small group teacher
- Elder for 29 years and Past Chair of Elders
- Past Chair of Capital Campaign to raise funds for new worship center, classrooms, and office space
- Current shepherd/mentor for 15 individuals/families
- Singer in 4 For 1 Men's Quartet

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Member **DELAWARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU**
- Volunteer **LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION** Westerville, Ohio  
Food packing for national and international mission needs
- Volunteer **FAITH MISSION** Columbus, Ohio  
Assist in arranging teen volunteers annually during the Ohio Teens for Christ Convention.
- Member **DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE**
- Past Volunteer **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
Attended and volunteered at International Summer Games in Brockport, New York and Winter Games in Park City, Utah.
- Volunteer **BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA, OHIO ASSOCIATION**  
Serves as Awards Announcer at Annual State Competitive Events Conference.
- **OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
  - Attend numerous civic and political fundraisers (e.g. Pelotonia, Prevent Blindness of Ohio, United Way, etc.)
  - Literature distribution for Committee to elect Rick Carfagna and E.J. Thomas.
  - I have met former United States Presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush and had them speak at conferences that I have managed.

## EDUCATION

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- CMP **CERTIFIED MEETING PROFESSIONAL**  
One of the first 100 in the nation to receive this certification
- Associate Degree, Accounting **SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE** Canby, Minnesota
  - Local, State, and National President of Office Education Association
  - Chair of First Place National Winner, Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Graduate **CAREER ACADEMY OF BROADCASTING** Kansas City, Missouri
- Student **SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY** Marshall, Minnesota
  - Member of College Republicans
  - Played French Horn in University Marching Band
- Graduate with Honors **CANBY HIGH SCHOOL** Canby, Minnesota
  - FFA Member and Chapter Officer
  - Member of Drama Club, Choir, and Band
  - PA Announcer for Basketball and Wrestling Teams
  - Member of Minnesota All-State Chorus
  - Toured Europe and met Princess Grace of Monaco as member of All Student Groups USA, a select pop singing group.