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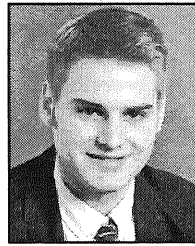
16.1 The Secretary shall provide space for news reporters on the Senate floor in limited numbers, and in the Senate gallery. Because of limited space on the floor, permanent space is limited to those news agencies that regularly cover the legislature, namely: The Associated Press, St. Paul Pioneer Press, St. Paul Legal Ledger, Star Tribune, Duluth News-Tribune, The Forum, Rochester Post-Bulletin, St. Cloud Times, WCCO radio, KSTP radio, Minnesota Public Radio and Minnesota News Network. The Secretary shall provide an additional two spaces to other reporters if space is available. One person from each named agency and one person from the Senate Publications Office may be present at the press table on the Senate floor at any time. Other news media personnel may occupy seats provided in the Senate gallery.

16.2 The Secretary shall compile and distribute to the public a directory of reporters accredited to report from the Senate floor. The directory must include each reporter's picture and news organization and a brief biography.

16.3 The Secretary must issue each accredited reporter an identification badge showing the reporter's name and news organization. The reporter must wear the badge when in the Senate Chamber.

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Education: BA, political science/journalism, University of Minnesota.
Experience: Copy editor, Albuquerque Journal; legislative correspondent, Murphy McGinnis Media; legislative reporter, Associated Press, since 1999.

Martiga Lohn

Associated Press

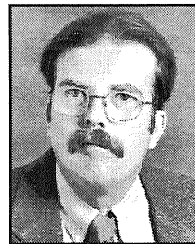


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Experience: Associated Press, 2004-present; Bloomberg News (Germany), 2002-04; Duluth News Tribune, 1999-2002; (Minneapolis) Southwest Journal, 1996-99.

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Experience: KQED-FM, San Francisco; WDET-FM, Detroit; Minnesota Public Radio; MinnPost.com.

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Experience: Forum Communications' Minnesota Capitol bureau; Red Wing Republican Eagle; Eau Claire, Wis., Leader-Telegram.

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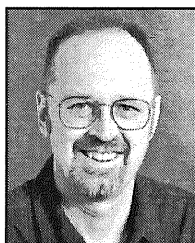


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Education: BS, journalism, University of Kansas, 1980.
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KARE-TV 11

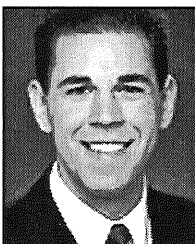


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763-797-7215 (KARE Assignment Desk)
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Experience: KDAL-TV, KSTP-TV, KTCA-TV, KARE-TV.

Mark Albert

KSTP-TV 5

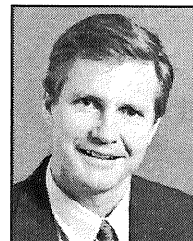


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Experience: Reporter, KSTP-TV, August 2005-present; reporter and political correspondent, WWMT-TV, Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, Mich., July 2001-August 2005; reporter and weekend anchor, KHSL-TV, Chico/Redding, Calif., July 1999-June 2001.

Tom Hauser

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Experience: KAAL-TV, Austin, Minn.; WINK-TV, Fort Myers, Fla.; WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa; KSTP-TV, Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Ron Miller

KUOM-AM/FM (Radio K)

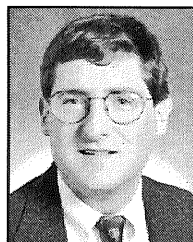


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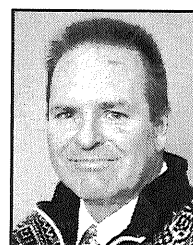


Education: Degrees in broadcast journalism and English, Syracuse University.
Experience: Reporter/producer, Minnesota Public Radio, 2000-present; reporter/producer, Indiana Public Radio, 1996-2000.

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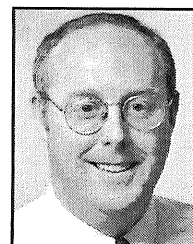


Education: BS, MA, University of North Dakota.
Experience: At Post-Bulletin since 2002.

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Education: U.S. Army journalist.
Experience: At Post-Bulletin since 2000. Three years at Winona Daily News.

Lawrence Schumacher

St. Cloud Times

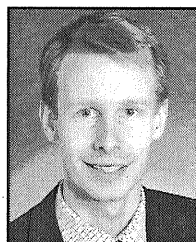


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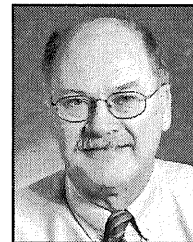
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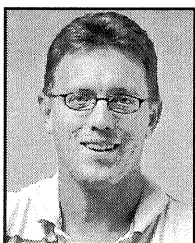
Education: BA, political science and English, University of South Dakota; graduate courses, University of South Dakota and University of Minnesota.

Experience: Pioneer Press, 21 years covering politics and education; now the Watchdog consumer reporter.

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Experience: Pioneer Press, 1984-present, editorial writer, 2006-present; MPR, 1982-84; Star Tribune, 1981-82; Charleston (W.V.) Gazette, 1977-81; United Press International, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 1972-76.

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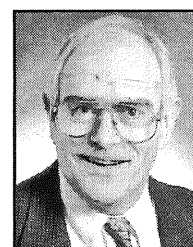
Education: BA, communications, Fordham University (Bronx, N.Y.); multicultural management fellowship, University of Missouri.

Experience: Metro columnist, St. Paul Pioneer Press, 1997-present; city editor/public safety team leader, St. Paul Pioneer Press, 1992-96; staff writer, New York Daily News, 1980-91.

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Experience: Reporter, St. Paul Pioneer Press, 1977-present; reporter, Rochester Post-Bulletin, 1972-77; reporter, Fairmont Sentinel, 1971-72.

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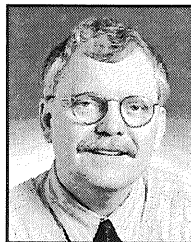
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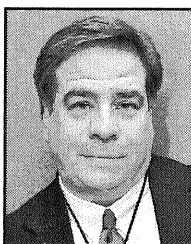


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Education: BSJ, Ohio University.
Experience: Star Tribune, 1986-present; Dayton Daily News; Associated Press, Cincinnati and Helena, Mont.

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Experience: Star Tribune, City Hall reporter, 1992-94, politics and government reporter, 1994-present; Cincinnati Enquirer, education reporter; Roanoke Times and World News, education reporter; Orange County Register, immigration and projects reporter; Los Angeles Times, cities reporter.

Lori Sturdevant

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Experience: Reporter, assistant city editor, editorial writer and columnist for Star Tribune since 1975; involved in state Capitol coverage since 1979.

Richard Bowring II

Twin Cities Public Television

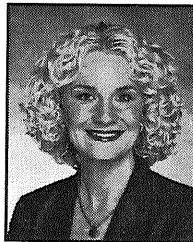


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Education: BA, journalism (radio/television/film), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1985.
Experience: Photojournalist: TPT-TV, 1990-present; WTMJ, Milwaukee, Wis., 1988-90; WHA-TV, Madison, Wis., 1985-88. Primary photojournalist covering the Capitol since 1992.

Mary Lahammer

Twin Cities Public Television

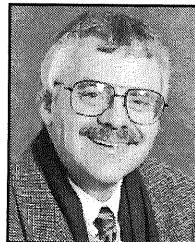


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Education: University of Minnesota; major: journalism and mass communications; minor: constitutional law and history; honors: summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.
Experience: Host, Almanac at the Capitol; reporter, Almanac; anchor/reporter, WQOW-TV, Eau Claire, Wis.; anchor/reporter, KUMV-TV, Williston, N.D.; winner of several Emmys and other awards for hosting, reporting, producing and photography.

Eric Eskola

WCCO Radio

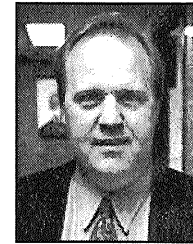


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Education: BA, University of Minnesota-Duluth.
Experience: WCCO Radio, 1980-present, Capitol correspondent, 1985-present; KDAL Radio, Duluth, 1971-80. Co-host, Almanac, Twin Cities Public Television, 1986-present.

Pat Kessler

WCCO-TV 4

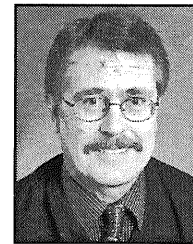


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Gordy Leach

WCCO-TV 4



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Experience: TV news photographer, 30 years, including 15 years as producer/photographer.

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