

DFL announces key staff additions

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The Minnesota DFL recently announced several key staff additions, as the party gears up to reelect President Obama and Senator Klobuchar and recapture majorities in the State House and Senate this November.

DFL Chair Ken Martin said, “We are proud of the team we are putting together to help our DFL candidates succeed this fall. With the experience and creativity of our staff, and with a solid organization supporting us, we are prepared to compete and win both locally and statewide. Though each of these individuals brings a unique skill set, they all share our fundamental commitment to improving the quality of life for working families in Minnesota. That is why we are all here and why I am pleased to welcome them aboard.”

Berrett Gall became Finance Director in December after having consulted with the DFL finance department since March, 2011. He got his start in politics at age 16 as a finance intern for Heidi Heitkamp's gubernatorial campaign in North Dakota. Berrett went on to serve as Finance Director for Congressman Earl Pomeroy, State Director for Governor Howard Dean, North Dakota DNC Field Director, and Finance Director for El Tinklenberg and Jim Meffert's congressional campaigns in 2008 and 2010, respectively. A North Dakota native, Berrett studied political science at North Dakota State University.

Mackenzie Taylor rejoins the DFL as the 2012 Coordinated Campaign Manager. Mackenzie graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2007 with a degree in political science. She has worked on numerous city council, legislative, congressional and statewide DFL campaigns. In 2010, she served as the Field Director for the Minnesota DFL Coordinated Campaign.

Kate Monson joined the DFL staff this week as Communications Director. From South Dakota originally, Kate studied religion at St. Olaf College and earned her master's degree at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. After staffing campaigns for three cycles, including serving as Communications Director for El Tinklenberg in 2008 and Jim Meffert in 2010, she started a digital media company for small businesses, nonprofits and artists. Kate also consults with Main Street Communications, one of the top advertising firms in the Democratic Party.

Carlie Waibel was hired as Deputy Communications Director in November after interning in the DFL communications department. Prior to her work at the DFL, Carlie interned with Senator Tom Saxhaug during the 2009 legislative session and worked as a field organizer for Jim Meffert's congressional campaign in 2010. Carlie is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, where she majored in political science.