Acknowledgements from the Commissioners

Through a century of changes in the Commission, in the companies we regulate, and in the services they provide, the Commission’s mandate, as stated in its foundational statute and reaffirmed in the Home Rule Charter, has remained the same: ‘to insure that every public utility doing business within the District of Columbia is required to furnish service and facilities reasonably safe and adequate and in all respects just and reasonable’ and that ‘the charge made by any such public utility for any facility or services furnished, or rendered, or to be furnished or rendered, shall be reasonable, just, and nondiscriminatory.’ That charge is as strong and as pertinent today as it was on March 4, 1913.

As we celebrate the first 100 years, we thank the hundreds of Commission employees, consultants, utility personnel and leaders, advocates, and elected officials who have shaped the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia. Most of all, we thank the District citizenry and recognize that it was their persistent demand for an effective regulatory body that was key in establishing the Commission.

Panel Discussion & Reception
Celebrating the Publication of the History of the Public Service Commission
March 18, 2016
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Program

Welcome
Betty Ann Kane
Chairman of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia

Panel Discussion and Q&A
Moderated by John Kelly
Washington Post Columnist

A Look Into the Future
Commissioner Willie L. Phillips

Closing Remarks
Commissioner Joanne Doddy Fort

Chairman’s Reception
Bowman Conference Room

Tours of the Commission will be available after the Reception.

Panelists

Betty Ann Kane is Chairman of The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia. Chairman Kane began her tenure as a Commissioner in March 2007. She became Chairman on March 3, 2009. In 2014, she was confirmed for a third term, to end on June 30, 2018. Betty Ann Kane is an experienced public official combining over 35 years of service to the District of Columbia Government in elected and appointed positions with extensive private sector experience in regulatory, administrative and public policy matters.

Mara Cherkasky, is a historian focusing on Washington DC, co-founder of Prologue DC, LLC, and one of three collaborators on the public history project Mapping Segregation in Washington DC. With Cultural Tourism DC she helped research, write, and produce a dozen Neighborhood Heritage Trails and managed the city’s African American Heritage Trail. She has created and led numerous walking tours in DC; authored books and articles for print and online publication; and created multimedia presentations and historic site signage. Mara has a Master’s degree in American Studies from George Washington University.

Dr. Phylicia Fauntleroy Bowman is Executive Director Emerita of the Commission. She has over 40 years of experience as an Economist. After serving in the World Bank and several consulting firms for 11 years and completing her Ph.D., in 1984, Dr. Bowman joined the PSC as Director of the Office of Economics. In 1991, she became the Executive Director, stepping down in 2000, to serve as the first Director of the Office of Technical and Regulatory Analysis. In 2004, she returned to the Executive Director position, from which she retired in January 2015 after 30+ years of service at the Commission. Dr. Bowman’s final contribution to the Commission is her recent completion of a book on the history of the Commission during its first century – 1913-2013.

John Kelly has written ‘John Kelly’s Washington,’ a daily celebration of Washington’s non-political side that appears in The Washington Post and at washingtonpost.com since 2004. John is a sixth-generation Washingtonian, born at Providence Hospital, and a graduate of Rockville High School and the University of Maryland. He joined The Washington Post in 1989 as deputy editor of the Weekend section. He founded KidsPost and was a general assignment reporter in the Metro section before taking over a column that has run in the paper since 1947. John has had journalism fellowships at Harvard and Oxford. He lives in Silver Spring with his wife, Ruth. In his spare time he plays the drums in a Monkees cover band.