

# INFLUENCER MONTHLY



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## Planning Your Next Chapter Meeting

I am a planner and thrive on checklists, so much so that one of my favorite books is *The Checklist Manifesto*, a fascinating read on the importance of checklists across industries. I know we planners drive you free-spirits crazy at times, yet the Bible does speak of doing things orderly: “*Let all things be done decently and in order.*”

(1 Corinthians 14:40)

Recently, I led a Prayer/Action Chapter meeting and was reminded that it takes time, study, and *planning* to lead a Chapter meeting that honors the Lord and those who take time to attend. I wanted to share a practical guide for planning your next Chapter meeting.

1. Set aside 2-3 hours to prepare for the meeting.
2. Commit your planning to prayer. David is a good example of one who sought the Lord’s guidance in all that he did. (1 Samuel 23:2)
3. Read through the *Influencer Monthly (IM)* to familiarize yourself with the content.
4. Study the legislative sections. If you need more background on the issue, search CWA’s website and other web resources.
5. Write or type out any additional notes you want to share on the issues provided.
6. Review the provided action items and prayer points.
7. Select a few media pieces to watch, listen to, or read. Be sure the technology works before attendees arrive.
8. Reach out to your State Director for updates on state legislation, projects, events, plus questions or ideas.
9. Write or type up your meeting agenda.
10. Print materials to be distributed.
11. Send an email or text to Chapter members one week before and on the day of the meeting. Follow up with an email or text thanking them for attending.



Additional tips:

- ◆ Keep your meetings interesting, but don't get into the trap of having to outdo yourself from meeting to meeting. This can be avoided by keeping the issues, prayers, and action items from the *Influencer Monthly* as the standard for your meeting.
- ◆ Do not feel pressured to cover everything in the *IM*.
- ◆ Consider a project, outing, or a speaker for a meeting. [Click here](#) for a handy list of ideas from the PAL manual.

- ◆ [Download](#) a sample agenda for your March meeting.

Thank you for your diligence and willingness to lead.

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”*  
(Colossians 3:23)



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## HOUSE INSIGHTS

### National Women and Girls in Sports Day Capitol Hill Rendition



Valerie Bynog, Legislative Strategist

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) was quickly tipped off to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) event to “celebrate and protect opportunities for women in sport” in honor of February 7's National Women and Girls in Sports Day. The irony was almost too great, knowing that in January, CWA's Macy Petty attended the NCAA's annual conference in an attempt to share how their transgender policy is hurting women, only to be unjustifiably [ignored](#). Thankfully, House Whip Tom Emmer (R-Minnesota) wanted to focus on truly celebrating women's sports and graciously hosted our own Macy Petty at his National Women and Girls in Sports Day reception.

The reception was an absolute success with dozens of members stopping by to meet Macy and hear her story of having to compete against a male volleyball player during her senior year season. All the members who stopped by voted YES earlier this year to HR 734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023. Although the bill passed out of the House, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) has refused to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote, despite the American public overwhelmingly [agreeing](#) with the House's action.



During the Whip's celebratory reception, CWALAC caught up with Rep. Greg Steube (R-Florida) and thanked him for introducing HR 7187, the

Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. The Congressman quickly [introduced](#) the bill as USA Boxing officially allowed men to fight women in the ring. Where HR 734 addresses the women’s sports issue through the public education system, HR 7187 addresses the need for protection at the Olympic and Amateur Sports level, another area where Congress has jurisdiction. The march to protect women’s sports is ongoing and will need to be addressed through every avenue possible.

**PRAYER:**

- ◆ Pray for your lawmakers that they would see the current sports policies hurt women.
- ◆ Pray for the women who are now going to be forced to box against men.
- ◆ Pray that it would not take a catastrophic event for lawmakers to realize that women are being put at risk.

**ACTION:**

- ◆ Contact your Senator [here](#) and ask for their cosponsorship of S. 613, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act.
- ◆ Contact your Representative [here](#) and ask for their cosponsorship of HR 7187, the Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

## SENATE INSIGHTS

### Senate Judiciary Committee to Vote on Radical Nominee



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

In the next few weeks, the Senate Judiciary Committee will vote to confirm a radical nominee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Adeel Abdullah Mangi has a long list of ties to organizations that support terrorist activities, the LGBT movement, and religious discrimination. Concerned Women

for America joined coalition members on a letter to Congress opposing his nomination, but **Senators also need to hear from their voters about why Mangi does not deserve to be a Federal judge.**

From 2019 to 2023, Mangi served on an advisory board at Rutgers Law School’s Center for Security, Race, and Rights. During that time,

the Center hosted a number of antisemitic events. One such event was on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and featured convicted Palestinian terrorists as guest speakers. The Center also hosted events with titles like “*Mobilizing International Law and Social Movements in the Palestinian Struggle for Justice*,” “*Settler Colonialism, Race, and the Law: Why Structural Racism Persists*,” and “*White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America*,” all while Mangi sat on the advisory board.

Another organization supported by Mangi is Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV), an organization that champions abortion and pushes radical gender ideology. From 2018 to 2020, Mangi served on their Board of Directors. Despite claiming to be a religious organization, MPV wrote an *amicus* brief in the *Masterpiece Cakeshop*



decision. They argued that baker Jack Philips should be forced to violate his religious beliefs and create wedding cakes for LGBT couples. They also submitted a brief in the *Dobbs* case, urging the Supreme Court to protect the nationwide access to abortion.

In addition, Mangi currently serves on the advisory board of Alliance of Families for Justice, an organization founded in part by a convicted cop killer, Kathy Boudin. In 2021, the organization held an event that advocated for the release of six other cop killers, calling them “freedom fighters.”

**ACTION:** Mangi’s long list of radical associations indicates that if appointed, he will not fight to protect life, the dignity of marriage, or religious freedom. Go [here](#) to contact your Senator and urge them to vote No on Mangi’s confirmation.

**PRAY** that Adeel Abdullah Mangi’s nomination will be stopped. “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

**APRIL** **Celebrate Faith Month!**

Faith Month is fast approaching! **Order your flags and decals today!** Enter our social media photo challenge to win a prize!

Go to [ConcernedWomen.org/faith-month](https://ConcernedWomen.org/faith-month) for all the details.



## GENDER IDEOLOGY

### Its March Madness and All Eyes Are on the NCAA



Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor

Is the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) feeling the heat yet? Concerned Women for America (CWA) is on the frontline working to rescue women’s sports from the jaws of gender ideology. We’ve filed civil rights complaints against colleges rostering males on women’s teams and winning NCAA championships. We protested outside the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, where male swimmer Lia Thomas paraded nude among female competitors and stole a national title. We’ve rallied at conventions and confronted NCAA leadership. We’ve won legislative battles in 24 states and Congress to protect women’s sports for female athletes.

And our work is encouraging new influencers to take a stand against NCAA policy.

Recently, William Bock III resigned his position on the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions in protest of its “Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy,” which allows males to compete in the women’s category if they suppress testosterone levels. I met Bill shortly after the Lia Thomas affair in 2022. For nearly 14 years, Bock served as General Counsel of the U.S. Anti-Doping



Agency, which is responsible for ensuring integrity in sports for U.S. athletes. As a respected expert and attorney in the field of sports, Bock’s job is to study science and evidence, and to stand on the law.

Bock determined NCAA policy sanctions cheating by denying the facts, depriving women of equal opportunity, and subjecting them to physical, mental, and emotional harm.

From his experience as lead investigator for the Lance Armstrong doping scandal in cycling, Bock attests that Armstrong’s advantage gained through doping “pales in comparison” to male advantage over women athletes under NCAA policy. Bock said in the *Wall Street Journal*, this “framework is founded on the false premise that a woman is merely a testosterone level.”

**PRAY:** For a breakthrough! For truth-tellers to come forth, including inside the NCAA.  
“And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, ‘The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like a breaking flood.’” 2 Samuel 5:20

Bock concluded NCAA policy is nothing short of institutionalized discrimination failing female athletes and violating Title IX. In his position at the NCAA, Bock thought integrity and fairness would prevail, but he’s seen nothing change under NCAA President Charlie Baker. He chose to be a truth-teller and take a strong stand for women athletes on the way out the door. Bock’s resignation is sending an undeniable message to the NCAA and wider world of sports.

## CWA IN THE NEWS Take It to the Streets

Concerned Women for America (CWA) media hits are a good resource for your Chapter meetings (listen to the podcasts, watch the videos, print off articles, and discuss/share.)

### **Women for America Podcasts** [God’s Best is Worth the Wait](#)

A special Valentine’s Day edition of Women for America with special guests Wendy Griffith from CBN, and CWA’s very own Denise Cappuccio.

### [A Strategic Update on the War in Israel](#)

Daniel Flesch, a foreign policy expert and former IDF paratrooper who served as Senior Advisor to Israel’s Mission to the United Nations in New York City, joined Penny to provide a strategic update on the war in Israel.

### [A Conversation on Critical Race Theory and Social Justice with Samuel Sey](#)

Samuel Sey is an insightful blogger, pro-life advocate, and public speaker. His blog, *Slow to Write*, addresses racial, cultural, and political issues from a Biblical point of view. He joins the *Women for America* podcast to share his story and his perspectives on how Christians should respond to critical race theory and social justice.

### **Television/Online Media/Radio**

February 14: Penny’s [speech at a press conference](#) with Members of Congress on “Justice for the Five.”

February 16: Doreen [was interviewed](#) for Family Research Council’s Tony Perkins radio show *Washington Watch* to discuss the recent resignation of an NCAA official over the inclusion of males in female sports.

February 19: Macy Petty [was interviewed](#) on FOX Business Channel’s Stuart Varney Show to discuss her [op-ed](#) on U.S. sports leagues allowing males to compete in female sports.



February 19-20: Gary Bauer interviewed Penny for Dr. James Dobson’s Family Talk, which aired in two parts: [Concerned Women for America: Protecting Biblical Values - Part 1](#), [Concerned Women for America: Protecting Biblical Values - Part 2](#).

February 21: Penny [provided expertise](#) to the panel discussion on Newsmax’s *Chris Plante The Right Side*.



## STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

# Paving the Way with Prayer and Action!

Standing for the Truth in the public square requires showing up, and that's what our CWA leaders do daily. Check out a few February happenings around the nation of our leaders showing up, praying, and taking action.

February 22: Penny's [speech at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference](#) received attention, particularly on social media.

### Print Media

February 7: CWA [was featured](#) in numerous publications such as *The Daily Wire*, *The Daily Signal*, and LifeNews.com for [our joint letter](#) to House Republican Leadership on the Face Act.

February 7: YWA leader Macy Petty was featured in [this piece](#) in the Daily Mail regarding National Women & Girls in Sports Day.

February 9: Our [op-ed](#) on human trafficking was published in Penny's Feisty & Feminine column at Newsmax.

February 13: [Doreen's op-ed on National Girls and Women in Sports Day](#) was published in *The Washington Times*.



CWA of Florida gathered at the State Capitol in Tallahassee and prayed for the legislative session, with several legislators, the House Chaplain and House Sergeant, and others.



The CWA of Texas West Houston Prayer/Action Chapter attended an event hosted by the Houston Area Pastors Council, which exists to involve churches in the public arena. (We love their choice of shirts!)



CWA of Illinois is intentionally visiting school boards to familiarize themselves with the school board process and praying for each board member as they make decisions.



CWA of Alabama prayer walked their capital in Montgomery. They started outside the State Capitol and had stops at the Alabama State House, State Capitol, Department of Archives and History, Judicial Building, and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.



CWA of Pennsylvania's trip to the State Capitol in Harrisburg began their prayer walk praying for one State Representative in her office and ended up in an impromptu prayer meeting and legislative update that was joined by three other legislators.



CWA of Kansas State Director Mary Meininger (right) provided testimony in support of banning harmful surgeries and puberty blockers. She is with Chloe Cole (left).



CWA of Colorado State Director Karen Pennington and YWA Ambassador Kailyn Robl met up at the State Capitol to meet legislators and sit in on committee meetings.

## YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA Celebrating Girls and Women in Sports



Morgan Schlesselman, YWA National Director

February was a big month for celebrating girls and women in sports; Young Women for America (YWA) leaders participated from our nation’s capital to their state capitals and beyond. Seven YWA

was proud to partner with Republican House Whip Rep. Tom Emmer’s office to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day. YWA Ambassador Macy Petty attended and asked Members of Congress [women’s sports trivia](#). Our YWA University of Alabama chapter [hosted Riley Gaines](#) on campus, and YWA President Kieghan Nangle shared that “It was an amazing night filled with inspiration and great conversations that are still impacting relationships on our campus so positively to fight to save the sanctity of women and integrity of sports.” We are proud of our leaders’ boldness for the truth and defending the unique dignity of women. (See picture on page 2.)



Ambassadors from Liberty University joined Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Virginia leaders to [testify](#) in support of a Virginia bill that would prohibit males from competing in female sports. In Washington, D.C., YWA

Our leaders also [celebrated Valentine’s Day](#) with [chapter retreats](#) and [service projects](#). Our YWA Inland Empire Chapter

made floral arrangements and cards for mothers connected to their local pregnancy center. Our YWA Texas A&M chapter had a Galentine’s retreat with the theme of “Oh How He Loves Us.” 1 John 4:11-12 says, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.” We are encouraged by their desire to share God’s love with one another and their community.

This month, we are hosting at our national office 30 YWA leaders for an Israel seminar. Please pray for our leaders to be equipped and encouraged in their advocacy for Israel in their communities and on their campuses.

