

Walter Phelps Bio

Council Delegate Walter Phelps serves as member of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council representing Leupp Chapter, Tsidi To'ii Chapter, Cameron Chapter, Coalmine Chapter and Tolani Lake Chapter.

After completing High School in Flagstaff, AZ, Phelps successfully continued his studies at Northwest Indian Bible School College, Alberton, MT and Allegheny Wesleyan College, Salem, OH and Lamson Business College, Phoenix, Arizona in 1982. Following Business College the Phelps moved to South Dakota and worked 8 years with a Native Christian organization followed by another three years in Yakima, Washington running a successful business as a residential building contractor. In 1993 Mr. Phelps moved his family back to Navajo Nation near Grandfalls and the Flagstaff area.

Mr. Phelps' experience and competencies include business, community and public relations. During his career Mr. Phelps personally worked in the fields of Agriculture, Social Work, Housing, Navajo Chapter leadership, Congressional staff member with Arizona's 1st Congressional District, U.S. House of Representatives, and as Grants Administrator for the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation.

In 1999, Mr. Phelps was elected Vice President of the Leupp Chapter and served four years. In 2010, after the Navajo Nation referendum vote to reduce the legislative body (Navajo Nation Council) from 88 Delegates to 24 Delegates, Mr. Phelps made a successful bid for a seat on the 22nd Navajo Nation Council.

Delegate Phelps now serves as a member of Health, Education and Human Services Committee and as Chairman of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission of the Navajo Nation Council.