

Honorable Walter Phelps Bio

Navajo Nation Council Delegate Walter Phelps serves as a member of the 23rd 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 in Alberton, MT, Allegheny Wesleyan College in Salem, OH, and the Lamson Business College in Phoenix, AZ. Following Business College, 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 Navajo Nation Council from 88 to 24 delegates, Mr. Phelps made a successful bid for a seat on the 22nd Navajo Nation Council. He was reelected in 2014.

Delegate Phelps now serves as Chairman of the Navajo Nation Council's Navajo Hopi Land Commission and a member of the Resources & Development Committee.