

CHELLIE PINGREE

Work and Professional Experience

Nebo Lodge, <i>Founder and Managing Partner</i>	2006 - present
Common Cause, <i>President and CEO</i>	2003 - 2007
Maine State Senate Majority Leader	1996 - 2000
Maine State Senate, <i>Senator</i> First elected to the Maine State Senate in 1992, re-elected to three subsequent terms to represent Senate District 12, a coastal and island district of 17 Knox County towns.	1992 - 2000
North Island Designs Company, <i>Founder and President</i> Started island cottage industry, North Island Yarn, in 1981 with local knitters and retail store. Expanded in 1986 to start the North Island Designs Company, marketing knitting kits and pattern books nationwide through over 500 retail stores and 100,000 mail order catalogues. Employed up to ten island women during the peak season. Sold business in 1993.	1981 – 1992
North Island Farm, <i>Farmer</i> Ran small farm on the island of North Haven, raising 2 acres of vegetables, selling milk, eggs, wool.	1977 - 1980

Maine State Senate Appointments

119th Legislature	Senate Majority Leader Co-Chair, Maine Economic Growth Council Chair, Economic Development Incentives Commission
118th Legislature	Senate Majority Leader Co-Chair, Maine Economic Growth Council
117th Legislature	Co-Chair, Maine Economic Growth Council Member, Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources Member, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources Member, Committee to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering Member, Advisory Committee on Mental Retardation Member, Task Force to Monitor Hospital Deregulation
116^h Legislature	Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development Member, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources National Conf. of State Legislatures Committee on International Trade Member, Commission on Investment Capital Member, Maine Economic Growth Council Member, Committee on Senatorial Vote Member, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture Member, Board of Directors of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation

Awards/Fellowships

2006	Buzz Fitzgerald Public Service Award , Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence
2003	Leader for Change Award , Dirigo Alliance
2001	Public Official of the Year Award , US Action
2001	Edie Beaulieu Biennial Legislative Award , Maine AFL-CIO
2001	Watering Can Award , Maine Initiatives
2001	Legislator of the Year Award , National Association of Social Workers
2001	Women's Hall of Fame , Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women
2001	Consumer Health Advocate Award , Families USA, Washington, D.C.
2000-2001	Senior Fellow , Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, D.C. Focusing on the national impact of state policy and international leadership training for state legislators.
2000	Arthur S. Flemming, "Courage to Lead" Award , Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, D.C.
2000	Leader for Change Award , Dirigo Alliance
2000	Environmental Award , Natural Resources Council of Maine
1999	Hero of the Campaign Award , Citizens to Save Maine's Heritage for the successful Land Access Bond
1999	Outstanding Legislative Leadership on behalf of Children and Senior Citizens , The Maine Council of Senior Citizens
1999	Outstanding Leadership Award , The Maine Nature Conservancy for successful efforts to increase public land holdings in the State of Maine.
1998	Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to the building of a vibrant sustainable rural Maine , Maine Rural Development Council
1996	Flemming Fellow , Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, D.C.
1995	"Maine's Favorite Legislator," Maine Times Newspaper Poll
1996	State Government Fellow , Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government State and Local Government Program
1996	Northeast Region Toll Fellow , Council of State Governments Program
1994	Jerome H. Barnett Award , Eastern Maine Development Corporation
1994	Legislator of the Year , Economic Development Council of Maine

International Experience

2005	6th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, Seoul Korea
1999	Downing Street Summit on Women and the Economy, London, UK Presented a paper on entrepreneurship.
1999	U.S. Delegation Member of special training team working with women elected officials and political advocates in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
1997	Eisenhower Fellowship International Advisory Board , appointed member
1998	White House delegation to observe the first free elections in Bosnia, member
1997	Eisenhower Exchange Fellow , spent six weeks in Hungary focusing on women in government and entrepreneurship in post cold war country.

Organizations and Community Government

Wal-Mart Watch , <i>Board Member</i>	2005 - present
Families USA , <i>Board Member</i>	2004 – Jan. 2007
Arts and Enrichment Fund , <i>Founder and Past President</i>	1990 - 2000
Led the Arts and Enrichment Fund for the North Haven Community School, a fund dedicated to raising money for arts, music, guidance, technology training, and special activities from outside sources.	

Spearheaded effort to raise more than \$300,000 over 6 years, and \$104,000 in 1998 - 1999 from foundations and outside sources.

Maine Women's Vote Project, Chair 1998
Organized and led project to increase women's electoral participation in Maine and to help encourage the election of women to the Maine State Legislature. Efforts resulted in a Maine State Senate with 46% women.

College of the Atlantic, Board Member 1997 – 2001

Town of North Haven, Maine Government 1980 - 1994

Served on the Planning Board, Chair of the Town Tax Assessors, Chair of the SAD #7 School Board, Licensed Ambulance Attendant, Ferry Advisory Committee Member

North Haven Development Corporation 1983 - 1989

Founding Member and Past Treasurer, A non-profit organization that encourages new and expanding community businesses through low-interest loans and business counseling.

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association 1974 - 1979

Board Member and Founder of the Farm Apprenticeship Program

North Haven Grange, Member since 1981

Island Institute, Former Board Member

Inter-Island League, Former Member

Education

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University Summer 1996
Summer Fellows Program for Leaders in State and Local Government

College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine graduated in 1979
B.A. in Human Ecology, specialized in Plant Sciences

University of Southern Maine attended 1972

Marshall High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota graduated in 1971