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Secretary Gale hires new communications director

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale announced the hiring of Laura Strimple of Lincoln as his new Communications Director to replace Gary Seacrest who is retiring after nine years of service. Strimple was most recently a television producer with WOW-TV in Omaha, where she worked for 13 years. Prior to that, she was a television producer at KLKN-TV in Lincoln. In addition, she has handled media relations for a variety of non-profit groups. Strimple has a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in communication studies, both from West Virginia University.

Gale remarked, "I deeply appreciate the terrific work done by Gary Seacrest to bring visibility and access to our office. Gary leaves us with our warm good wishes on his retirement. I am also very pleased and excited that Laura Strimple has agreed to step into this position."

"With her background in all forms of media, Laura can help extend our public outreach, not only through conventional media, but also through other forms of social media used by the public", Gale added.

Strimple commented that she looks forward to helping Secretary Gale to inform Nebraskans on the duties of his office, to make services as user-friendly as possible, and to further educate our state citizens on the many vital services and programs of the office.

The Secretary of State serves as chief elections officer, business services officer, records management administrator, and chief protocol officer, among other duties.

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