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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CHOATE TO BOARD OF MPAAT

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Choate to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco (MPAAT). Choate is appointed to the seat previously held by Christine Rice.

Mary Choate and her husband own and operate seven McDonald's restaurants in the metropolitan area. She serves as secretary/treasurer for this business. Choate previously worked as a stockbroker with Piper Jaffray, E. F. Hutton, and Norwest Investment Services.

In July 2004, Choate was appointed by Governor Pawlenty to the Minnesota Lottery Organizational Task Force. In 1998, Governor Arne Carlson appointed her to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU). Choate served two six-year terms on the Board of Trustees, and was Board Chair from August 2001 to July 2003. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Community College Trustees.

Choate received a B.A. in English from St. Cloud State University. She previously served as Chair of the St. Cloud State University Foundation Board and as President of the St. Cloud State University Alumni Board. Choate is a member of Grace Church in Eden Prairie and she resides in Minnetonka with her husband.

The Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the human and economic consequences of tobacco use in Minnesota. MPAAT was created in 1998 in Ramsey County District Court, and received \$202 million from the \$6.1 billion tobacco settlement. MPAAT funds research and smoking cessation activities. The board consists of nineteen members, including two appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES COURT OF APPEALS APPLICATION PROCESS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process that he will use to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The vacancy will occur when the Honorable James C. Harten reaches mandatory retirement age in March 2005. Judge Harten has served as a Judge of the Court of Appeals since February 3, 1992.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who have been a resident of the First Congressional District for at least one year who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and six to 10 references via U.S. Mail to:

John Hultquist, Judicial Appointments Coordinator Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155

Materials may also be sent via email to john.hultquist@state.mn.us or fax to 651-296-0056.

All candidates who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

Governor Pawlenty has designated an eight-member ad hoc screening committee to review résumés and make recommendations to him. The committee members are:

Eric Magnuson, chair, attorney with Rider Bennett in Minneapolis
Rene Diebold, attorney in private practice in Marshall
Mary Ellen Domeier, executive officer of the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools
Karen Himle, executive vice president of Children's Hospitals and Clinics
John Hultquist, Governor's judicial appointments coordinator
Karen Janisch, general counsel to the Governor
Dan McElroy, Governor's chief of staff
Ronald Schutz, attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis
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The Minnesota Court of Appeals, has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS KIRKPATRICK TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Kenneth Kirkpatrick to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Kirkpatrick, of White Bear Lake, owns and operates Capitol Barbers in St. Paul, Maplewood, and the Twin Cities International Airport. He is a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 653 Barbers Union, has been a barber in Minnesota for over 30 years, and was national president of the Barber Boards of America in 2003. Kirkpatrick, who has served on the Minnesota Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners since 1980 and is currently board chair, is reappointed as a member representing master barbers for another four-year term that expires January 5, 2009.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE BOARD OF TEACHING

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jennifer Brist, Kristi Delaney, Todd Johnson, and Leonard Runck to the Board of Teaching.

Jennifer Brist, of Albert Lea, has been a Minnesota classroom teacher for over nine years. She currently serves as a Kindergarten teacher at Lakeview Elementary for Albert Lea Public Schools. Brist began her teaching career as an Early Childhood Teacher for Albert Lea Public Schools. She received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Brist is appointed as a classroom teacher member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Brist replaces Renee Jesness on the Board.

Kristi Delaney, of Woodbury, has been a Minnesota classroom teacher for over seven years. She currently serves as a Kindergarten teacher at Liberty Ridge Elementary in Woodbury for South Washington County Public Schools. Delaney also has teaching experience in Cottage Grove, West St. Paul, Littleton, Colorado, and Elizabeth, Colorado. She received a B.A. in Psychology from Bethel University in St. Paul. Delaney is appointed as a classroom teacher member of the Board and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Delaney fills the seat formerly held by Heather Lindstrom.

Todd Johnson, of Burnsville, is the owner and President of Titus Construction, Inc., a residential developer, builder, and remodeling firm. He also co-owns Classic Iron Cars, a car restoration shop in Savage. Johnson is currently serving his second term as a member of the Board of Education for Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Public Schools. He currently serves as the Chairman of his School Board. Johnson is appointed as a public member of the Board of Teaching and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Johnson replaces Richard Tschida on the Board.

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Leonard Runck, of Lamberton, has been a Minnesota classroom teacher for over 25 years. He currently serves as the District Network Administrator and Technology Coordinator for Red Rock Central Public Schools. Prior to obtaining a work based learning coordinator endorsement on his teaching license, Runck spent sixteen years as a band teacher. He received a B.S. in Education and Music Performance from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Runck is appointed as a classroom teacher member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Rosemary Crowe-Campos on the Board.

The Board of Teaching establishes rules governing the licensing of public school teachers and the accreditation of teacher education programs. The Board also establishes a code of ethics for teachers and has the authority to suspend or revoke a teaching license. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS HENNING TO IRRRB

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of William "Bill" Henning to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB).

Henning, of Ely, is currently a self-employed business consultant having recently retired as the executive director of the Ely Area Development Association. Henning, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed as a citizen member to another two-year term that expires January 1, 2007.

The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board considers expenditures for projects for rehabilitation in the taconite tax relief area (TTRA) of northeastern Minnesota. The Board consists of 13 members, including one citizen member appointed by the Governor. The Governor also appoints the commissioner of Iron Range Resources.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Molly Sigel and the reappointment of Kari Berman to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Berman, of Edina, is an attorney in private practice. Berman, who has been a member of the MAC since 2003, recently resigned from MAC District B when she moved her residence. She replaces Coral Houle as a resident of MAC District C for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Sigel, of Deephaven, is a community volunteer and previously worked in government and legislative relations. Sigel replaces Kari Berman as a resident of MAC District B to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS INGISON TO MSRS BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Peggy Ingison to the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Board of Directors.

Ingison, of New Brighton, is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance, a position she has held since February 2004. Ingison replaces Dan McElroy, whom Governor Pawlenty had appointed to the MSRS Board in 2003 when he was the Commissioner of Finance, as a representative of constitutional officers or appointed state officials to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors establishes rules and regulations for the administration of the State Retirement System, approves the agency budget, and handles covered employee appeals. The board of directors consists of 11 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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January 11, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sara Purvis Becker and the reappointment of John Phillips, Sheriff Dennis Trandem and Janice Unstad to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board). All four are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Becker, of Vernon Center, is a custody officer with the Blue Earth County Jail in Mankato and a member of the Vernon Center City Council. Becker replaces Paul Heyl as a representative of elected city officials from a city outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area with a population of less than 5,000.

Phillips, of Alexandria, is vice president and the administrator in charge of law enforcement programs, facilities, and security at Alexandria Technical College. He is also a special investigator with the Background Investigation Contract Service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington DC. Phillips, who has been a member of the POST Board since 1997, is reappointed as a representative of administrators at a Minnesota college or university that offer professional peace officer education programs.

Trandem, of Bagley, is the sheriff of Clearwater County. He was first elected to the position in 1990, was a deputy Clearwater County sheriff from 1984 through 1990, and has 30 years of law enforcement experience in Minnesota. Trandem, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of county sheriffs.

Unstad, of Minneapolis, is the director of corporate and foundation relations with the University of Minnesota Foundation. She is also a board member of CornerHouse Child Abuse Evaluation Center and a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officer Association. Unstad, who has been a member of the POST Board since 1992, is reappointed as a public member.

The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.

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January 13, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS JACOBSON TO THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Nadine Jacobson to the Board of the Minnesota State Academies.

Nadine Jacobson, of Edina, is a homemaker and mother. She previously served as a Braille Instructor for BLIND, Inc. in Minneapolis. Jacobson also previously worked for the Hennepin County Human Services Department in nursing home contract compliance and foster care licensing. She previously served as both President and Vice President of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) Alumni Association.

Ms. Jacobson received a B.A. in Psychology and Social Work from the College of St. Catherine and a M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota. An alum of MSAB in Faribault, she spent eleven years there as a student. Jacobson is appointed to the Board position for a member of the blind community. She will serve a term which ends January 5, 2009. Jacobson was first appointed to the Board in September 2004.

The Board of the Minnesota State Academies governs the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, both in Faribault, Minnesota. The board is made up of nine members, including six appointed by the Governor.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County. The vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Kathleen A. Weir on January 4, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **February 9**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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January 19, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GRENDAHL TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ruth Grendahl to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU).

Ruth Grendahl, of Apple Valley, is the owner of RnD Products, a business which markets electrical construction products nationally. From 1991 to 1999, she served as Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Service.

Grendahl has been a member of the Apple Valley City Council since 1997. In 2004, the Metropolitan Council appointed her Chair of the Minnesota Livable Communities Advisory Committee. Grendahl has been a Commissioner of the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) since 1997. She currently serves as the MVTA's Treasurer and as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Grendahl previously served on the College of Science, Engineering and Technology Industrial Advisory Board at Minnesota State University-Mankato. She also previously served two terms as a member of the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education, including serving as the board's chair.

Grendahl received a B.A. in Political Science, a B.S. in Urban and Regional Studies, and a M.A. in Public Administration from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She is appointed to the Board seat for a resident of the second Congressional District and will serve a six-year term which ends June 30, 2010. Grendahl replaces Mary Choate on the Board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System is comprised of 32 institutions of higher learning, including community colleges, technical colleges, and state universities. The system is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The Board has broad policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The Board appoints the system's chancellor and presidents of the state colleges and universities

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Nadene Bunge and the appointment of Mark W. Harris to the Board of Dentistry.

Nadene Bunge, of Rochester, is Dental Hygienist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She also serves as a Dental Hygiene Examiner for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service. Bunge received a B.S. in General Science/Dental Hygiene from the University of Iowa and a M.A. in Health and Human Service Administration from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. She is appointed as the dental hygienist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Bunge was first appointed to the Board in 2001. She currently serves as the Board's Secretary and as Chair of the Allied Dental Education Committee.

Dr. Mark W. Harris, of Tonka Bay, is a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon practicing in Coon Rapids, Eden Prairie, Maple Grove, and Elk River. He received a B.S. in Engineering from New Mexico State University, a D.D.S. from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry, and a J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law. Dr. Harris also had a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He is appointed as a dentist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Dr. Harris replaces Dr. Susan Gross on the Board.

The Board of Dentistry licenses dentists and dental hygienists, registers dental assistants, and establishes standards for continuing education. In addition, the board investigates complaints, and has the authority to revoke or suspend a license. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIEGEL TO EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David Siegel to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council.

Siegel, of Apple Valley, is the president and chief executive officer of Hospitality Minnesota and has over 15 years of experience in the hospitality and tourism industry. Siegel fills the final Governor-appointed position on this new council.

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council was created by the 2004 Legislature to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market. The council consists of 28 members, including 23 appointed by the Governor. The director of Explore Minnesota Tourism chairs the council.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Sanford Nelson and the appointment of Jean Haar and Bruce Kramer to the Board of School Administrators.

Sanford Nelson, of Richwood, is the principal of Rossman and Callaway Elementary in Detroit Lakes. He has been with Detroit Lakes Public Schools since 1990. Nelson previously served as an elementary principal for Onamia Public Schools. He has taught in Craig, Colorado; Bagley, Minnesota; Powell, Wyoming; Long Prairie, Minnesota, and Melrose, Minnesota. Nelson received a B.A. in Elementary Education from Gustavus Adolphus College and a M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed to the Board position for an elementary principal and will serve a term which ends January 5, 2009. Nelson joined the Board in 2001.

Jean Haar, of Mankato, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Her career in k-12 education included working as a classroom teacher in Rutland, South Dakota and as principal of Deuel High School in Clear Lake, South Dakota. Haar received, B.A. in English and a M.A. in Educational Administration from South Dakota State University in Brookings, and a Ph.D. in Administration, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is appointed to the Board position for a higher education faculty member and will serve a term which ends January 5, 2009. Haar replaces Kenneth LaCroix on the Board.

Bruce Kramer, of Minneapolis, is the Chair of the Department of Leadership, Policy and Administration at the University of St. Thomas. He previously served as a high school principal at the International School Bangkok in Thailand, the Cairo American College High School in Egypt, and the Stavanger American School in Norway. Kramer received a B.S. in Psychology and Music Education and a M.M. in Vocal Performance from Ball State University in Indiana, and a Ph.D. in Foundations and Administration from Purdue University. He is appointed to the Board position for a higher education administrator and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Kramer replaces Ann Zweber-Werner on the Board.

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The Board of School Administrators is responsible for (1) the licensing of school administrators; (2) the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and (3) enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of ten members appointed by the Governor.

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January 28, 2005

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Second Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 21, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NELSON TO CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Carla Nelson to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Nelson, of Rochester, is a community volunteer who serves on a number of boards, was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2003 through 2004, and taught elementary and middle school in the Rochester public schools. Nelson replaces Sheila Smith as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board is responsible for the architecture, urban design, and comprehensive land-use planning in the capitol area of St. Paul, exercises zoning and design review authority, and oversees redevelopment of the north capitol area. The board consists of 10 members, including four appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JOHNSON TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joseph Johnson, III to the Housing Finance Agency.

Johnson, of Duluth, is senior vice president of North Shore Bank of Commerce and North Shore Mortgage in Duluth. He has 29 years of banking experience and has served on the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Lender Advisory Committee. Johnson replaces Peter Bernier as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Housing Finance Agency provides housing for low and moderate-income persons. The agency consists of seven members, including six public members appointed by the Governor.



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February 2, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS PEREZ TO TAX COURT

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judge George W. Perez to the Tax Court.

Perez, of Mendota Heights, has been a Tax Court judge since 1997 and chief judge since 2001. He was a tax attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in St. Paul from 1995 to 1997, an immigration attorney with Central Legal, Inc. in St. Paul from 1992 to 1995, a Second Judicial District law clerk in Ramsey County from 1991 to 1992, a judicial law clerk with the Circuit Court in Madison, Wisconsin in 1990 and an associate attorney with the law firm of Kasdorf, Lewis and Swietlik in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1987 to 1989.

Perez earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio in 1983.

The Tax Court hears appeals filed by taxpayers relating to any state or local tax, except special assessments. The Tax Court consists of three judges appointed by the Governor who have knowledge of taxation and tax laws.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS RYKKEN TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judge Miriam P. Rykken to the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA).

Rykken, of St. Paul, has been a Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals judge since 1999. From 1987 to 1999 she was an attorney with the law firm of Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson and Hager, practicing primarily in workers' compensation. She was a law clerk for the Honeywell Corporation in 1987, the CPT Corporation from 1986 to 1987 and the Travelers Insurance Company in 1985.

Rykken was also an administrative fellow with the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service from 1978 to 1985 and a senior high school teacher with the West Fargo Public Schools from 1976 to 1978.

Rykken earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1987 and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1976.

The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals has statewide appellate jurisdiction over all workers' compensation appeals. The court consists of five judges appointed by the Governor who have experience with and knowledge of workers' compensation laws and have been licensed to practice law in Minnesota for at least five years.

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February 3, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELMER TO THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Brenda Elmer to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

Elmer, of Moorhead, currently serves as a member of the Moorhead Public Service Commission, where she has responsibility for local electric power and water supply issues. She also serves as an Associate Director of the Lake Agassiz Water Authority. Elmer also serves as a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Trustee Candidate Advisory Council and as a public member of the Minnesota Automobile Assigned Claims Bureau.

Elmer has extensive prior experience as a staff member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, including serving as Executive Assistant to then House Majority Leader Tim Pawlenty. She received a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. in Mass Communications from Moorhead State University. Elmer is appointed to a public member position on the EQB and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Mary Mellen on the EQB.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) helps coordinate the actions of the major state agencies, and is charged with providing the Governor and the Legislature tools to address environmental issues that do not fit under the other state environmental agencies. The board consists of 16 members, including five public members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kristen Jacobs and the reappointment of Linda Goodno and Kenneth Resnick to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC).

Goodno, of Woodbury, participated in a variety of amateur sports in high school and college in Moorhead, including golf, basketball and volleyball. Goodno, who was appointed a year ago to complete the remainder of Herb Brooks' term, is appointed to a three-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Jacobs, of Sauk Rapids, is the director of sports and special events with the St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She is also a member of the Star of the North State Games, which is an event of the MASC, St. Cloud Local Organizing Committee. Jacobs replaces Bernie Omann for a three-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Resnick, of Edina, is vice president of Diverge Entertainment. He has been a member of the MASC since 1996, and serves on numerous subcommittees, including the Mighty Kids Legislative Grant Committee. Resnick is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission supports the National Sports Center in Blaine, the amateur sports associations in the state and creates tourism through promoting amateur sports events, including the Star of the North State Games. The commission consists of 16 members, including 10 appointed by the Governor.



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February 10, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Melodie Rose and Michael Vekich to the Board of Accountancy.

Rose, of Maple Grove, is an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Fredrikson and Byron and chairs its securities group. Her practice focuses on securities, corporate and commercial law, corporate governance, investment company and adviser regulation, wealth management, venture capital matters and broker/dealer compliance. Rose earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School and her bachelor of arts degree in management and accounting from the University of North Dakota. Rose replaces Jacqueline Pausch as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Vekich, of St. Louis Park, is the chief executive officer of Vekich Associates. He was the founder of the Accounting Aid Society, previously served on the Board of Accountancy, and is active in a number of professional associations. Vekich recently served as acting director of the Minnesota State Lottery and is a past chair of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees. Vekich earned his bachelor of arts in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota – Duluth. Vekich replaces Thomas Alagna as a certified public accountant member for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Board of Accountancy examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY BOARD

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Brian Bensen and Daniel Foley and the appointment of Melanie Allen to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency "Citizens Board."

Melanie Allen, of Eagan, is the Principal at Safety Skill Builders in Eagan. She previously served as Manager of Corporate Safety and Health at Ecolab, Inc. in St. Paul. In December 2003, Governor Pawlenty appointed Allen to the Council of Black Minnesotans. She received a B.S. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University and a M.S. in Environmental Health Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Allen is appointed to a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the Board seat formerly held by Marcus Marsh.

Brian J. Bensen, of St. Cloud, is the County Administrator for Sherburne County. He previously served as Sherburne County's Planning and Zoning Administrator. Bensen also serves as Chair of the Resource Recovery Operations Committee of the Elk River Resource Recovery Facility. He received a B.S. in Secondary Education, History and Political Science from St. Cloud State University. Bensen is reappointed to another four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Daniel Foley, of Woodbury, is Vice President of Medical Affairs at Allina Hospitals & Clinics. He also serves as the Medical Director of Allina's United Hospital. Dr. Foley is board certified in family practice medicine, emergency medicine, and medical toxicology. He received a B.S. from Creighton University in Omaha Nebraska and a M.D. from the University of Parma, Italy, and completed a family practice residency at North Memorial Medical Center. Dr. Foley is reappointed to another four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the Board in 1985.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board, often called the MPCA Citizen's Board, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including the MPCA Commissioner who serves as the board's chair. The board sets agency policy related to the protection of Minnesota's air, water, and land resources.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MARTIN TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jean D. Martin to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind

Martin, of Rochester, is a Director and Education Specialist II at the Minnesota Department of Education. In this capacity she serves as Director of the Minnesota Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Martin previously served as Director of Regional Special Education Projects for the Northeast Educational Cooperative Service Unit in Virginia, Minnesota.

Martin received a B.S. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and a M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of the state special education agency. Martin will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. She fills the Council seat formerly held by Eric Kloos.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced three finalists for a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Bemidji in Beltrami County. The vacancy occurred with the disability retirement of the Honorable Richard C. Taylor on December 31, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Polk County to Beltrami County. The finalists are Mary Kay Klein, Kristine Kolar, and Shari Schluchter.

Klein, of Bemidji, has been an attorney in private practice in Bemidji since 1982 and a parttime federal magistrate judge in Bemidji since 2003. She was a law clerk for Chief Judge Paul Benson in United States District Court in Fargo, North Dakota from 1980 to 1982. Klein earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1980 and her bachelor of science degree from St. Cloud State University in 1973.

Kolar, of Bemidji, is the Ninth Judicial District chief public defender, a position she has held since 1996. Previously, she was the interim chief public defender, managing attorney and an assistant public defender and has been an attorney in the Ninth Judicial District public defender's office since 1995. She was also an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County from 1991 through 1994. Kolar earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991 and her bachelor of arts degree from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1987.

Schluchter, of Bemidji, has been the chief assistant Beltrami County attorney since 1990 and was an assistant Beltrami County attorney from 1985 to 1990. She was also an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Faver, Schluchter and Tingelstad from 1992 to 1995 and an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Keyes and Faver from 1985 to 1992. Schluchter earned her juris doctorate degree (1985) and her bachelor of science degree cum laude (1982) from the University of North Dakota.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 14 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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February 15, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Edward Butterfass, Mark Hughes, Kenneth Rodgers, David Sams, Joani Werner and Kathleen Wingen to the Council on Disability.

Edward Butterfass, of Watkins, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a resident of Region 6 and fills the Council seat formerly held by Eugene Hippe.

Mark Hughes, of Shoreview, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a resident of Region 11 and is reappointed to a second term on the Council.

Kenneth Rodgers, of Minneapolis, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a resident of Region 11 and fills the Council seat formerly held by Edward Nelson.

Rev. David Sams, of Redwood Falls, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a resident of Region 8 and is reappointed to a second term on the Council.

Joani Werner, of Arden Hills, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. She is a resident of Region 11 and fills the Council seat formerly held by Rachel Wilcox.

Kathleen Wingen, of St. Cloud, is appointed to the Council for a term which ends January 2, 2006. She is a resident of Region 7 and fills the Council seat formerly held by Gregory Schlosser.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members appointed by the Governor as well as additional members from various state agencies.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy will occur as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Louise Dovre Bjorkman effective on April 8, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of St. Paul in Ramsey County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Second Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

The application process for the district court judicial vacancy that will occur as a result of Judge Bjorkman's resignation will be added to the application period for a district court judicial vacancy that was announced on January 28, 2005. That vacancy occurred as a result of the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant Ramsey County Court Referee position.

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. One set of applications will be considered for both positions. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 21, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Minneapolis in Hennepin County. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Myron S. Greenberg on March 1, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for Hennepin County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 16, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donald Schoenrock and Jenel Wavra and the reappointment of Gail Chang Bohr, William Collins, Jr., Richard Smith, and Amanda Voight to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC). All six are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Bohr, of St. Paul, is the executive director of Children's Law Center of Minnesota, which provides representation for children in juvenile court through its approximately 170 volunteer lawyers. She also serves on the Children's Justice Initiative Committees of both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Bohr, who was first appointed to the JJAC last year to fill an unscheduled vacancy, represents private, non-profit organizations as well as persons knowledgeable about learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect and youth violence.

Collins, of St. Paul, is the executive director of the YWCA of St. Paul. He is also a member of the Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Youth Council, the Board of Directors of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation, the Minnesota Twins Community Fund, and served on the 2004 St. Paul Police Chief Selection Committee. Collins, who has been a member of the JJAC since 2001 and is currently co-vice-chair, represents private, non-profit organizations.

Schoenrock, of Alexandria, is completing his undergraduate work at Minnesota State University, St. Cloud, and anticipates receiving his bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice in May 2005. His senior thesis is on juvenile work camps. Schoenrock replaces Amanda Voight as a youth member.

Smith, of Plymouth, is a Fourth Judicial District Guardian Ad Litem in Hennepin County and an Indian Child Welfare Act Specialist. He was also a youth intervention supervisor for seven years with the Ginew/Golden Eagles Minneapolis American Indian Center. Smith, who has been a member of the JJAC since 2001, represents public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment.

Voight, of Edina, is a family therapist with Meridian Behavioral Health Network in Minnetonka. She is a doctoral candidate in family psychology and has a master's degree in counseling and psychological services. Raymond was first appointed to the JJAC in 1996 as a youth member, and is now appointed to replace Judith Kahn as a representative of youth workers involved with alternative programs.

Wavra, of Moorhead, is an assistant Clay County attorney and handles all juvenile delinquency cases for the Clay County attorney's office. Wavra replaces Megan Hunt Schlueter on the JJAC as a representative of juvenile justice agencies.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WOLTER TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Daniel Wolter to the unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 15.

Wolter, of Eagan, is the director of university news services for the University of Minnesota. He previously served as the special assistant to the Governor's Health Cabinet and communications director for Governor Pawlenty. He has also been the director of speechwriting for the United States Department of Agriculture, director of public affairs for the Minnesota House of Representatives office of the Speaker and Majority Leader, a senior account executive for Weber Shandwick Worldwide, and deputy communications director to Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. Wolter earned his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in 1993.

Wolter replaces Tom Egan, who resigned after he was elected to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners last November. Six people applied for the Metropolitan Council District 15 position, which includes the Dakota County cities of Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul and the northern portion of Eagan.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically-defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PETERSON TO THE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Janelle Peterson to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.

Peterson, of Minneapolis, has been a dietitian for over fifteen years. Since 2003, she has served as a Nutrition Specialist at Pediatric Home Service in Roseville. From 1994 to 2003, Peterson served as District Support Dietitian at Sodexho Healthcare and as a Clinical Dietitian at Children's Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Peterson received a B.S. in Dietetics and Psychology from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She completed her internship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Peterson is a registered dietitian and a licensed dietitian in the State of Minnesota. She is appointed to a Board position for a dietitian and will serve a term which ends August 1, 2008. Peterson fills the Board seat formerly held by Laurie Arndt.

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining dietitians and nutritionists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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February 28, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WHITTEN TO THE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. John Whitten to the Board of Animal Health.

Whitten, of Alexandria, is an owner and partner in the Alexandria Veterinary Clinic P.A. He has been a licensed veterinarian in Minnesota for over twenty-two years. Whitten received a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and a D.V.M. from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing. He is appointed to a Board position for a veterinarian and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Whitten first joined the Board in 2002, and is being reappointed to his second term.

The Board of Animal Health oversees numerous voluntary and mandatory programs that focus on controlling and eradicating animal diseases in Minnesota. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sherry L. Stenerson and the reappointment of Thomas J. Foley, Robert S. Mars, Jr. and Dr. John Williams, DDS, to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). All four are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Foley, of St. Paul, is president of The Foley Law Group in St. Paul and a founding member of PACE/MN, a governmental affairs practice in St. Paul and Washington, DC. Foley, who has been a member of the MAC since 2001, is reappointed as a resident of MAC District G.

Mars, of Duluth, is chairman of W.P. and R.S. Mars Company, Conveyor Belt Service, Inc., and Northstar Aerospace, Inc. Mars, who has been a member of the MAC since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of intermediate airports systems.

Stenerson, of Arden Hills, is a gourmet food and wine buyer for Marshall Fields in Minneapolis, a division of May Corporation. She is also a judge advocate holding the rank of Captain with the U.S. Army Reserve. Stenerson replaces Ilona McCauley as a resident of MAC District E.

Williams, of Minneapolis, is a self-employed dentist in North Minneapolis and holds a private pilot's license. Williams, who has been a member of the MAC since 2002, is reappointed as a resident of MAC District D.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO PERA BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Don Rambow and the reappointment of Dennis C. Hegberg to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Board of Trustees. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Hegberg, of Forest Lake, has served for 14 years on the Washington County Board of Commissioners. He has over 30 years of experience in banking and finance and will begin a new position with Frandsen Financial in Forest Lake this spring. Hegberg, who has been a member of the PERA Board since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of counties.

Rambow, of Maple Grove, is the finance director for the city of White Bear Lake and has 25 years of experience in municipal financial management. He is also a member of the White Bear Lake Fire Relief Pension Association and the State Auditor's Firefighter Relief Association Working Group. Rambow replaces Terri Heaton on the PERA Board as a representative of cities.

The Public Employees Retirement Association Board of Trustees manages the fund that provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits for public employees of county and local government. The board consists of 11 members, including five appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Stephanie A. Ball, Diane Johnson, and Mary West, and the reappointment of Duane Blanck, Rick Breezee, Mary F. Ives, Rachelle Schoessler Lynn and Jerome Allen Ritter to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design. All eight are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Ball, of Duluth, is an attorney with the law firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick in Duluth, practicing primarily in civil litigation. Ball replaces Daniel Ballentine as a public member.

Blanck, of Nisswa, is a highway engineer with the Crow Wing County Highway Department. Blanck, who has been a member of the board since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of engineers.

Breezee, of Detroit Lakes, is a building official with the Metropolitan Airports Commission in Minneapolis and has been a building codes instructor at a number of colleges. Breezee, who has been a member of the board since 2001, is reappointed as a public member.

Ives, of Grand Rapids, owns and manages a number of hotels and restaurants in and around Minnesota. She holds a real estate license and has experience in residential and commercial development. Ives, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed as a public member.

Johnson, of Cambridge, is the financial controller with Diversified Dynamics in Blaine. Johnson replaces Jean Miller as a public member.

Ritter, of Minneapolis, is vice president of Leo A. Daly Company in Minneapolis. He is a registered architect in Minnesota and 37 other jurisdictions and an active member of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota. Ritter, who has been a member of the board since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of architects.

Schoessler Lynn, of Minneapolis, is a certified interior designer and a partner with LHB, Inc. in Minneapolis. She is a past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. Schoessler Lynn, who has been a member of the board since 2001, is reappointed as a representative of certified interior designers.

West, of Brooklyn Center, is a soil scientist with Carver County Environmental Services. She is a licensed professional soil scientist in Minnesota and on the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops, and Soils. West replaces Dawn Tracy as a representative of geoscientists.

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists and certifies interior designers. The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy. The opening occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Kathleen A. Weir on January 4, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County. The finalists are Barbara R. Hanson, Timothy J. McLarnan, and Luke M. Seifert.

Hanson, of Fergus Falls, is an assistant Otter Tail County attorney, a position she has held since 1984. Hanson earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1984, her bachelor of science degree cum laude from Bemidji State University in 1977, and her associate of arts degree from Fergus Falls Community College in 1975.

McLarnan, of Moorhead, is a partner with the Moorhead law firm of McLarnan, Hannaher and Skatvold. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1979. McLarnan earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

Seifert, of St. Cloud, has been an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Quinlivan and Hughes in St. Cloud since 1998. He was a solo practitioner in St. Cloud from 1987 to 1998, an associate attorney with the Holmen Law Office in St. Cloud from 1983 to 1987, and a committee administrator with the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1980 to 1982. Seifert earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and his bachelor of arts degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1979.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 13 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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March 1, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Barnwell, Roberta Blomster, Margaret Fletcher-Booth, Brian Gustafson, Anne L. Henry, Kathryn Jacobson, Nina Moss, Linda Obright, Jeffrey Pearson, Connie Roy, Barbara Schultz, Jeffrey Skwarek, Virginia Strand, Stacey A. Vogele, and Susan Wehrenberg to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Anne Barnwell, of Minneapolis, previously served on this Council from 1988 to 1993. She is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. Barnwell fills the Council seat formerly held by Mary O'Hara-Anderson.

Roberta Blomster, of Vadnais Heights, is actively involved in Special Olympics, including being honored as 1998 Special Olympics Minnesota Female Athlete of the Year. She is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Blomster fills the Council seat formerly held by Ann Zick.

Margaret Fletcher-Booth, Ph.D., of River Falls, Wisconsin is the Operations Manager for the Disability Services Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). She is appointed to a position for a representative of the Department of Human Services and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Fletcher-Booth was first appointed to the Council in 2004.

Brian Gustafson, of Minneapolis, is the Manager of Direct Investments for Tonkawa in Minneapolis. He is appointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Gustafson fills the Council seat formerly held by Sharon Heuring.

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Anne Henry, of Minneapolis is Staff Attorney at the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She is appointed to a position for a representative of the state advocacy and protection program (the Minnesota Disability Law Center) and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Henry was first appointed to the Council in 1985.

Kathryn Jacobson, of Thief River Falls, is a respite provider for three children. She is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Jacobson was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

Nina Moss, of Minneapolis, is a self-advocate for persons with developmental disabilities. She is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. Moss was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

Linda Obright, of Minneapolis, is a self-advocate for persons with developmental disabilities. She is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Obright fills the Council seat formerly held by Cynthia Vongvang.

Jeffrey Pearson, of Plymouth, is Region Vice President of First Student, Inc. He is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Pearson fills the Council seat formerly held by Thomas Schwartz.

Connie Roy, of Cloquet, is a member of the Interagency Early Intervention Committee of the Northern Lights Interagency Council. She is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Roy fills the seat formerly held by Bonnie Jean Smith.

Barbara Schultz, of St. Paul, is a licensed social worker. She currently works with foster parents and foster children at Family Alternatives in Minneapolis. She is appointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. Schultz fills the Council seat formerly held by Terry Cikanek.

Jeffrey Skwarek, of Minneapolis, is a graduate of Partners in Policymaking. He is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Skwarek first joined the Council in 2002.

Virginia Strand, of Inver Grove Heights, is a Social Service Program Consultant in Family and Children's Services at the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She is appointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Strand was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

Stacey Vogele, of Woodbury, is a Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Justice Foundation in Minneapolis. She is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Vogele fills the Council seat formerly held by Patricia Tietz.

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Susan Wehrenberg, of Center City, is the Program Director for the Chisago Lakes Achievement Center. She is appointed to a position for a representative of private non-profit organizations and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Wehrenberg fills the Council seat formerly held by Jackie Mlynarczyk.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 25 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc screening committee that reviewed résumés and conducted interviews for the upcoming vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable James C. Harten on March 31, 2005. This position is for a resident of the First Congressional District. The finalists are Jill I. Frieders, Judge Bradley C. Walker and Judge Renee L. Worke.

Frieders, of Rochester, is the managing partner with the O'Brien and Wolf law firm in Rochester. Her practice is primarily in the area of family law. Prior to joining the O'Brien and Wolf firm in 1990, Frieders was an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman from 1988 to 1990, an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly and Lindgren from 1986 to 1988, and a Fourth Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Jack Gill from 1984 to 1986. She was also a part-time Fourth Judicial District family court referee from 1985 to 1986. Frieders earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1984 and her bachelor of science degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in 1981.

Walker, of Mankato, has been a Fifth Judicial District trial court judge chambered in Blue Earth County since 1998. He was an attorney in private practice in Mankato from 1977 to 1998 and also served as the North Mankato city attorney from 1992 to 1998, North Mankato assistant city attorney from 1979 to 1992, Janesville city attorney from 1984 to 1998, and Lake Crystal city attorney from 1979 to 1998. Walker also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1973 until his honorable discharge in 1977. Walker earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973 and his bachelor of arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1970.

Worke, of Owatonna, is the chief judge of the Third Judicial District. She has been a Third Judicial District trial court judge chambered in Waseca County since 1996 and has been chief judge of the district since 2002 and was assistant chief judge from 2001 through 2002. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 1996, Worke was an attorney with the Owatonna law firm of Rietz, Rietz, Rietz and Worke from 1984 to 1996.

Worke also served as a part-time contract Third Judicial District public defender from 1984 to 1996 and a part-time contract Administrative Law Judge in the child support division from 1994 to 1996. She was a Third Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Urban J. Steimann in Faribault from 1983 to 1984. Worke earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and her bachelor of science degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1980.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO ZOO BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Bonawitz, Jennifer Engh and Karel M. Weigel and the reappointment of Willis Branning and David Leckey to the Minnesota Zoological Board.

Bonawitz, of Willmar, is president of the Willmar Municipal Electric Utility. He previously was president of ORCA, Inc., and held a number of positions with Control Data Corporation. Bonawitz was associate director of the Minnesota Zoological Gardens from 1975 to 1977 and also served as president of the Minnesota Zoological Society. Bonawitz replaces Peter Myers to complete a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Branning, of Apple Valley, is a management consultant and a Dakota County Commissioner. He has also served as mayor and a member of the Apple Valley City Council and is active in a variety of civic and community organizations. Branning, who has been a member of the Zoo Board since 2001, is reappointed as a member recommended by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to another four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Engh, of St. Paul, is the state government relations director for Cargill, Inc. She also worked in government relations with the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey and Whitney, served as assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Revenue, and worked with the Minnesota Zoological Gardens as a House of Representatives fiscal analyst in the 1980s. Engh replaces James Trenda for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Leckey, of Inver Grove Heights, is executive vice president and a member of the board of directors of Dane Industries in Plymouth. He was a member of Governor Arne Carlson's staff, deputy director of the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, and executive director of the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund. Leckey, who has been a member of the Zoo Board since 2003, is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Weigel, of Rochester, is the community relations administrator with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Her community activities include serving as president of the boards of directors of First Homes, Inc., and the Rochester Art Center. She has also been chair of the Olmsted County Social Services Advisory Board, and co-chair of the Family Action Collaborative of Olmsted County. Weigel replaces Christopher Moir for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Minnesota Zoological Board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The board consists of 30 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor and 15 appointed by the Zoo Board.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GIBBS AND MOTTL TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathleen A. Mottl and Sean C. Gibbs to two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. Mottl will fill the vacancy that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Bruce R. Douglas in Wright County and Gibbs will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Lynn C. Olson in Anoka County. The Supreme Court continued the chambers of these judgeships for the city of Buffalo in Wright County and the city of Anoka in Anoka County respectively.

Mottl is an assistant county attorney and the senior felony prosecutor in the Wright County attorney's office. She has been an assistant Wright County attorney since 1991. She was an attorney with the Anoka law firm of Dorn and Edwards from 1989 to 1991. Mottl earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1987.

"Kathy is universally respected by Wright County judges, court staff, co-workers in the county attorney's office, defense attorneys and law enforcement," Governor Pawlenty said. "She will bring her strong work ethic and compassion for people to the bench."

Mottl is a member of the Minnesota State and the Eighteenth District Bar Associations, and the Minnesota Association of Narcotics Investigators. She teaches continuing legal education courses and law enforcement officers and is a high school mock trial judge. Mottl also volunteers for Special Olympics, Minnesota Literacy Council-English as a second language, and is a parish lector, Eucharistic minister and adoration co-captain with her church.

Mottl, 52, was born in St. Paul and lives in Buffalo with her husband, Lawrence.

Gibbs is an attorney in the criminal division of the Anoka County attorney's office. He has been an assistant Anoka County attorney since 1995. Gibbs was an assistant Coon Rapids city attorney from 1994 to 1995 and an associate attorney with the St. Paul law firm of O'Neill, Burke, O'Neill, Leonard and O'Brien from 1992 to 1993. Gibbs earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1989.

"Sean has handled many of the most challenging cases that come before the Anoka County attorney's office," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be able to immediately step into the position and help with the ever-increasing caseload the bench sees."

Gibbs is an investigator with the Lawyers' Professional Responsibility Board's Twenty-first District Ethics Committee. He has been a criminal law instructor for law enforcement and annually edits the *Minnesota Criminal Elements Handbook* through the Minnesota County Attorneys' Association. Gibbs is a volunteer soccer coach and has been a member of the Coon Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission and the Minnesota Soccer Association.

Gibbs, 38, was born in Fridley and lives in Andover with his wife, Rachel Libi, and their two children, Sophia, 7, and Austin, 2.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Ramsey County. The first vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship. The second vacancy will occur as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Louise Dovre Bjorkman effective on April 8, 2005. The finalists are Diane R. Alshouse, Robert A. Awsumb, Colia F. Ceisel, Elizabeth V. Cutter, Douglas B. Meslow, and Clifford B. Wardlaw.

Alshouse, of Roseville, is a managing attorney in the Ramsey County Public Defender's office in St. Paul. She has been an assistant Ramsey County public defender since 1985, except from 1997 to 1998, when she was an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office in Minneapolis. Alshouse earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1970.

Awsumb, of St. Paul, is the chief manager, attorney and mediator with R.A. Awsumb and Associates in St. Paul, a position he has held since 1998. He has also been an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul since 1993. Awsumb was the president and founding attorney of Rambow and Awsumb in Bloomington from 1991 to 1998 and an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel from 1986 to 1991. Awsumb earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell in 1986 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982.

Ceisel, of St. Paul, is a part-time assistant Second Judicial District public defender in Ramsey County and a part-time Third Judicial District contract child support magistrate in Rochester. She has been an attorney in the Ramsey County public defender's office since 1978 and a child support magistrate since 2001. Ceisel was a special assistant Anoka County attorney in 2000, an administrative law judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Minneapolis from 1997 to 1999, a self-employed attorney in St. Paul from 1983 to 1997 and a special assistant attorney general with the Minnesota Attorney General's office from 1977 to 1978. Ceisel earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977 and her bachelor of arts degree from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont in 1972.

Cutter, of St. Paul, is an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1988. She was a special assistant attorney general in the Minnesota Attorney General's office from 1980 through 1987. Cutter earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, her master of arts (1992), and bachelor of elective studies (1974) degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Meslow, of White Bear Lake, has been an attorney and partner with the law firm of Meslow and Olson in White Bear Lake since 1997. He has also been the city prosecutor for Gem Lake and White Bear Lake since 1991 and is serving his second term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Meslow was a solo practitioner in White Bear Lake from 1995 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the Geck and Meslow law firm in White Bear Lake from 1992 to 1995, an associate attorney with the law firm of Sweeney and Bohrer in St. Paul from 1988 to 1992, an associate attorney with the law firm of Salmen and Brinkman in St. Paul from 1985 to 1988, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Moss and Barnett in Minneapolis from 1984 to 1985. Meslow earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1984 and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1981.

Wardlaw, of St. Paul, is an assistant United States attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 1997. He was an assistant Hennepin County attorney from 1987 to 1997 and also served as a legal writing instructor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul from 1989 to 1994 and again from 1996 to 1997. Wardlaw earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa in 1982.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 39 applications for these judicial vacancies.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HANSON TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shanna Hanson to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulatory Board.

Hanson, of Minneapolis, is a captain with the Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD). She has been a fire captain since 2001 and a member of the MFD since 1991. Hanson is also a member of the MFD's Honor Guard, is an assistant EMS instructor at the Hennepin County Medical Center and a rope rescue trainer with the Minnesota Technical Rescue School. Hanson replaces Bonnie Bleskachek to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008. Bleskachek resigned from the EMS Regulatory Board in January when she was sworn in as Minneapolis Fire Chief.

The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board makes recommendations on improving access, delivery and effectiveness of the state's EMS delivery system and establishes procedures for investigating, hearing and resolving complaints against EMS providers. The board consists of 19 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS EILBRACHT-THOMPSON AND GAULDEN TO MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ann Eilbracht-Thompson and Jimmiee Gaulden to the Merit System Council. Both appointees have served as members of the council since 1993 and are both reappointed to another three-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Eilbracht-Thompson, of Minneapolis, is the director of human resources for the University of Minnesota Physicians, a position she has held since 2003. She was the director of human resources for the city of Minneapolis from 1996 to 2003, director of human resources for the Robbinsdale School District from 1988 through 1995, and personnel manager for the Ramsey County Human Resources Department from 1985 to 1988.

Gaulden, of Cottage Grove, is the manager of 3M Talent Management, a position he has held since 2003. He has held a variety of positions in the human resources department since 1990 and has been employed by 3M since 1978.

The Merit System Council hears personnel appeals, sets policy for administration of examinations, reviews classification and compensation plans and proposed rule changes. The council consists of three members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS COMBAT-WOUNDED VETERAN CLARK DYRUD AS COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

~ Vietnam Veteran has over 24 years of service in the Veterans Affairs Department ~

St. Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today named Clark Dyrud Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, effective March 28, 2005. Dyrud currently serves as Director of Veterans Programs with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs.

"The 460,000 veterans in our state have made tremendous sacrifices for our freedoms," Governor Pawlenty said. "With the appointment of Clark Dyrud, these patriots will have a tireless and passionate advocate to champion their interests and serve their needs."

"Governor Pawlenty is a strong supporter and a true friend of veterans in our state," said Dyrud. "It is a tremendous honor to serve the Governor and continue my lifelong passion of service to my fellow veterans in this important role."

Dyrud, 58, resides in Minneapolis and has served the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs more than 24 years. Most recently as Director of Veterans Programs, Dyrud provided supervision of claims and benefit services as well as assistance to 87 county veteran service offices in the state.

Dyrud grew up on a farm north of Thief River Falls. He was educated in a one-room school house in his primary years. After graduating from high school in 1966, Dyrud volunteered for the draft and then volunteered for duty in Vietnam.

Dyrud served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as a squad leader (sergeant) in a mechanized infantry unit. While serving in Vietnam, he was wounded in combat. After a month in a field hospital, followed by a month in recuperation, he returned to the field. Dryud received a Purple Heart for his wounds received. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1968.

Dyrud began his work with veterans in 1973, when he took the position of Pennington County Veterans Service Officer. In 1976, he was named Community Service Coordinator in the Psychiatric Unit of Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls. In 1980, Dyrud joined the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, taking a security position for the Minnesota Veterans' Homes. In 1981, Dyrud was appointed Supervisor of the Department's Fargo Branch Office.

From 1985 to 2004 Dyrud served as Claims Division Supervisor of the Department's Ft. Snelling Office. In 2004, he was named Director of Veterans Programs. In this position, Dyrud provided supervision of claims and benefit services as well as assistance to Minnesota's 87 county veteran service offices.

Dyrud is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He received an A.A. degree from Northland Community College in Thief River Falls. Dyrud also attended Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Dyrud and his wife, Marilynn O'Donnell, reside in south Minneapolis.

The Commissioner of Veteran Affairs reports to the Governor and receives a salary of \$108,000 per year. The Department has an annual budget of over \$7 million and serves veterans in securing all state and federal benefits provided by law.

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April 1, 2005 (651) 296-0001

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Hennepin County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Myron S. Greenberg on March 1, 2005. The finalists are Lorie S. Gildea, M. Jacqueline Regis, E. David Reyes, and Raymond A. Wood.

Gildea, of Minneapolis, is an assistant Hennepin County attorney, a position she has held since 2004. She was associate general counsel for the University of Minnesota from 1993 to 2004, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Arent Fox in Washington, DC from 1986 to 1993. Gildea earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law School in Washington, DC in 1986 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

Regis, of Golden Valley, is an assistant vice president and senior corporate counsel with St. Paul Travelers Insurance Companies, Inc. in St. Paul. She has been with the firm since 1996. Regis was an assistant attorney general in the Minnesota Attorney General's office from 1985 to 1996, a staff attorney and hearing officer with the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission in Boston from 1981 to 1983, and a judicial law clerk for the Massachusetts Superior Court in Boston from 1980 to 1981. She was also an adjunct professor of law at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul from 1991 to 1995. Regis earned her juris doctorate degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston in 1980, and her bachelor of arts degree from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois in 1975.

Reyes, of Edina, is an attorney and owner of the Sabby and Reyes law firm in Edina, a position he has held since 2001. He was an assistant United States attorney in Minneapolis and Tucson, Arizona from 1995 to 2001, an assistant Hennepin County attorney from 1989 to 1995, an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Lefevere, Lefler, Kennedy, O'Brian and Drawz in 1989, and a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Minneapolis from 1985 to 1989. Reyes earned his juris doctorate degree from Boston College of Law School in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1984 and his bachelor of arts degree from Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California in 1979.

Wood, of Minneapolis, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Goins and Wood in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2001. He also serves as a conflicts attorney with the Fourth Judicial District public defender's office, an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, a Fourth Judicial District Conciliation Court Judge and chairman of the Minnesota Department of Human Service's Special Review Panel. He was an attorney and partner with the St. Paul law firm of Ward, Goins and Wood from 1997 to 2001, a contract attorney with the Fourth Judicial District public defender's office from 1995 to 1997, a solo practitioner in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1989 and again from 1993 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the law firm of Archibong and Wood in St. Paul from 1989 to 1993, and a judicial law clerk with Hennepin County District Court from 1985 to 1987. Wood earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell in 1986 and his bachelor of arts degree from Lincoln University in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania in 1972.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Steven I. Altchuler, Carl S. Smith, Jon V. Thomas, and Linda L. Van Etta to the Board of Medical Practice. All four are licensed Minnesota physicians.

Steven I. Altchuler, Ph.D., M.D., of Rochester, is a psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He also serves as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Mayo Medical School. Altchuler received a B.S. in Life Sciences and a Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He received his M.D. from the Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston, Texas and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic. Altchuler is board certified in Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry by American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He is also board certified by the American Board of Sleep Medicine. Altchuler is appointed to a board seat for an at-large medical doctor. He resides in the first congressional district and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Altchuler was first appointed to the board in January 2000.

Carl S. Smith, M.D., of Minnetonka, is a urologist and currently serves as the Division Chief of Urology in the Department of Surgery at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. He also serves as a Senior Associate Physician at Hennepin Faculty Associates. Smith received a B.S. in Mathematics and a M.D. from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He completed his residency at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, and a fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Smith is board certified in Adult and Pediatric Urology by the American Board of Urology. He is appointed to a board seat for an at-large medical doctor. He resides in the third congressional district and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the board in February 2001.

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Jon V. Thomas, M.D., M.B.A., of Vadnais Heights, is an otolaryngologist and currently serves as the Managing Partner of Ear, Nose, Throat Specialty Care of Minnesota, located in St. Paul. He received a B.A. in Chemistry from Carleton College in Northfield, a M.D. from the Mayo Medical School, and a M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Thomas completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic and is board certified by American Board of Otolaryngology. He is appointed to the board seat for a medical doctor from the fourth congressional district and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Thomas was first appointed to the board in February 2001.

Linda L. Van Etta, M.D., of Duluth, is an infectious disease physician at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. She also serves as the hospital epidemiologist for St. Luke's. Van Etta received a B.S. in Medical Technology and Biology from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, and a M.D. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She completed her residency at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and a fellowship at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis. Van Etta is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease by American Board of Internal Medicine. She is appointed to the board seat for a medical doctor from the eighth congressional district and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Van Etta was first appointed to the board in February 2001.

The Board of Medical Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians as well as the regulation of acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WORKE TO COURT OF APPEALS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Renee L. Worke to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable James C. Harten, whose retirement was effective on March 31, 2005. This position is for a judge from the First Congressional District.

Worke is the chief judge of the Third Judicial District. She has been a Third Judicial District trial court judge chambered in Waseca County since 1996 and has been chief judge of the district since 2002 and was assistant chief judge from 2001 through 2002. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 1996, Worke was an attorney with the Owatonna law firm of Rietz, Rietz and Worke from 1984 to 1996. Worke also served as a part-time contract Third Judicial District public defender from 1984 to 1996 and a part-time contract Administrative Law Judge in the child support division from 1994 to 1996. She was a Third Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Urban J. Steimann in Faribault from 1983 to 1984. Worke earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and her bachelor of science degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1980.

"Judge Worke has proven herself as an outstanding jurist and a leader among judges," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, her work on the Conference of Chief Judge and as a member of the redistricting panel has demonstrated her ability to work well with others. Judge Worke will bring her intelligence, experience and collegiality to the Court of Appeals and be an exceptional addition to that court."

Worke was recently re-elected to a second full term as chief judge of the Third Judicial District and serves as vice chair of the state Conference of Chief Judges. She is also a member of the Supreme Court's Transformation Workgroup, lead judge for the Children's Justice Initiative and served as a member of the Supreme Court-appointed Legislative Redistricting Panel. In 2002, Worke received the Minnesota State Bar Association Public Law Section's Rosalie E. Wahl Judicial Award of Excellence. She is also a coach and team manager of Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination, and is active in the Rotary Club of Waseca, the Boy Scouts, and the University of Minnesota Extension Steering Committee.

Worke, 46, was born and raised in Waseca and lives in Owatonna with her husband, Mark Ditlevson, and their two sons, Rosy, 14, and Mick, 9.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HANSON TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara R. Hanson to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench in Otter Tail County. Hanson will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Kathleen A. Weir on January 4, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County.

Hanson is an assistant Otter Tail County attorney, a position she has held since 1984. Hanson earned her juris doctorate degree with distinction from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1984, her bachelor of science degree cum laude from Bemidji State University in 1977, and her associate of arts degree from Fergus Falls Community College in 1975.

"Residents of the Fergus Falls area have told me how important they feel it is for them to have a judge who is fair, treats people with respect, and is invested in the community," Governor Pawlenty said. "Barb Hanson has demonstrated that she has these qualities. Her conduct professionally as well as personally has prepared her for this judgeship."

Hanson is a member of the Otter Tail County Juvenile Advisory Council, the Fergus Falls High School Choral and Band Boosters, the Lake Region Halfway House Board of Directors, and is active in her church. She has also trained child protection social workers and law enforcement officers on a variety of legal topics and served on the Process Parenting Advisory Council and the CARE (Children are the Responsibility of Everyone) Council.

Hanson, 49, was born in Perham and lives in Fergus Falls with her husband, Charles, and their two children Amanda, 18, and Matthew, 14.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHLUCHTER TO NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shari R. Schluchter to a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench in Beltrami County. Schluchter will fill the vacancy created by the disability retirement of the Honorable Richard C. Taylor, whose retirement was effective on December 31, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Polk County to Beltrami County.

Schluchter has been the chief assistant Beltrami County attorney since 1990 and was an assistant Beltrami County attorney from 1985 to 1990. She was also an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Faver, Schluchter and Tingelstad from 1992 to 1995 and an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Keyes and Faver from 1985 to 1992. Schluchter earned her juris doctorate degree (1985) and her bachelor of science degree cum laude (1982) from the University of North Dakota.

"The courts in Beltrami County have had a tremendous increase in the criminal caseload and they need a judge who has the experience and work ethic to step in and assist in the handling of those cases," Governor Pawlenty said. "Shari Schluchter is that person. She has the criminal trial experience, a reputation for working hard, and the respect of those who work in the judicial system."

Schluchter is the treasurer of the Beltrami County Bar Association, a member of the Beltrami County Child Protection Team, the Children's Justice Initiative Team, the Kinship North Advisory Board, and the Bemidji Area Super Swimmers Board. She has also been the Secretary of the First Lutheran Church Council, and has served on the Beltrami County Truancy Committee and the Independent School District 31 Attendance Policy Committee.

Schluchter, 44, was born in Cavalier, North Dakota and lives in Bemidji with her husband, William Frey, and their daughters, Kaleigh, 14, and Stephanie, 10.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TO COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH AND SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Renee L. Worke to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Shari R. Schluchter to the Ninth Judicial District trial court bench in Beltrami County and Barbara R. Hanson to the Seventh Judicial District trial court bench in Otter Tail County.

Worke, of Owatonna, is the chief judge of the Third Judicial District. She has been a Third Judicial District trial court judge chambered in Waseca County since 1996 and has been chief judge of the district since 2002 and was assistant chief judge from 2001 through 2002. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 1996, Worke was an attorney with the Owatonna law firm of Rietz, Rietz and Worke from 1984 to 1996. Worke also served as a part-time contract Third Judicial District public defender from 1984 to 1996 and a part-time contract Administrative Law Judge in the child support division from 1994 to 1996. She was a Third Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Urban J. Steimann in Faribault from 1983 to 1984. Worke earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and her bachelor of science degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1980.

"Judge Worke has proven herself as an outstanding jurist and a judicial leader," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, her work on the Conference of Chief Judge and as a member of the redistricting panel demonstrated her ability to work well with others. She will bring her intelligence, experience and collegiality to the Court of Appeals and be an exceptional addition to that court."

Worke was recently re-elected to a second full term as chief judge of the Third Judicial District and serves as vice chair of the state Conference of Chief Judges. She is also a member of the Supreme Court's Transformation Workgroup, lead judge for the Children's Justice Initiative and served as a member of the Supreme Court-appointed Legislative Redistricting Panel. In 2002, Worke received the Minnesota State Bar Association Public Law Section's Rosalie E. Wahl Judicial Award of Excellence. She is also a coach and team manager of Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination, and is active in the Rotary Club of Waseca, the Boy Scouts, and the University of Minnesota Extension Steering Committee.

Worke will fill the vacancy for a judge appointed from the First Congressional District created by the retirement of the Honorable James C. Harten, whose retirement was effective on March 31, 2005. Worke, 46, was born and raised in Waseca and lives in Owatonna with her husband, Mark Ditlevson, and their two sons, Rosy, 14, and Mick, 9.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.

Schluchter has been the chief assistant Beltrami County attorney since 1990 and was an assistant Beltrami County attorney from 1985 to 1990. She was also an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Faver, Schluchter and Tingelstad from 1992 to 1995 and an attorney with the Bemidji law firm of Keyes and Faver from 1985 to 1992. Schluchter earned her juris doctorate degree (1985) and her bachelor of science degree cum laude (1982) from the University of North Dakota.

"The courts in Beltrami County have had a tremendous increase in the criminal caseload and they need a judge who has the experience and work ethic to step in and assist in the handling of those cases," Governor Pawlenty said. "Shari Schluchter is that person. She has the criminal trial experience, a reputation for working hard, and the respect of those who work in the judicial system."

Schluchter is the treasurer of the Beltrami County Bar Association, a member of the Beltrami County Child Protection Team, the Children's Justice Initiative Team, the Kinship North Advisory Board, and the Bemidji Area Super Swimmers Board. She has also been the Secretary of the First Lutheran Church Council, and has served on the Beltrami County Truancy Committee and the Independent School District 31 Attendance Policy Committee.

Schluchter will fill the vacancy created by the disability retirement of the Honorable Richard C. Taylor, whose retirement was effective on December 31, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Polk County to Beltrami County. Schluchter, 44, was born in Cavalier, North Dakota and lives in Bemidji with her husband, William Frey, and their daughters, Kaleigh, 14, and Stephanie, 10.

Hanson is an assistant Otter Tail County attorney, a position she has held since 1984. Hanson earned her juris doctorate degree with distinction from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1984, her bachelor of science degree cum laude from Bemidji State University in 1977, and her associate of arts degree from Fergus Falls Community College in 1975.

"Residents of the Fergus Falls area have told me how important they feel it is for them to have a judge who is fair, treats people with respect, and is invested in the community," Governor Pawlenty said. "Barb Hanson has demonstrated that she has these qualities. Her conduct professionally as well as personally has prepared her for this judgeship."

Hanson is a member of the Otter Tail County Juvenile Advisory Council, the Fergus Falls High School Choral and Band Boosters, the Lake Region Halfway House Board of Directors, and is active in her church. She has also trained child protection social workers and law enforcement officers on a variety of legal topics and served on the Process Parenting Advisory Council and the CARE (Children are the Responsibility of Everyone) Council.

Hanson will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Kathleen A. Weir on January 4, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County. Hanson, 49, was born in Perham and lives in Fergus Falls with her husband, Charles, and their two children Amanda, 18, and Matthew, 14.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS DICKSON TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Thomas Dickson to the Board of Pharmacy.

Thomas Dickson, of Duluth, currently serves as Director of Pharmacy at Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet. He has held that position since 2003. From 1999 to 2003, Dickson served as Director of Pharmacy at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake. From 1983 to 1999, he served as Director of Pharmacy and Material Management at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. Dickson was the President and Owner of Shrem Corporation, a Duluth based pharmacy and nursing home consulting service, from 1978 to 1988.

Dickson served as President of the Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists in 1991. He served as a member of the Proctor Board of Education from 1981 to 1996, serving as Board Chair from 1988 to 1996. Dickson received a B.A. in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Minnesota in Duluth, and a B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is appointed as a pharmacist member of the Board and will serve a fouryear term which ends January 5, 2009. Dickson was first appointed to the Board of Pharmacy in 2001. He currently serves as the Board's President.

The Board of Pharmacy is responsible for licensing and disciplining pharmacists. The board also inspects and licenses all pharmacies, drug wholesalers, and drug manufacturers. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jeffery L. Johnson and Violet Wagoner, and the appointment of Dean R. Ascheman to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board.

Dean R. Ascheman, of Rochester, currently serves as Minnesota Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He also serves as Executive Director of the Minnesota DAV Foundation. In 2003, Ascheman retired from a senior executive position at IBM in Rochester. His IBM career spanned almost 40 years and included management roles in Minnesota, Texas, Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

Ascheman served as State Commander of the DAV from 1976 to 1977. He served as National Vice Commander of the DAV from 1980 to 1983. Ascheman also previously served as President of the Rochester Catholic Schools Board and as President of the University of Minnesota 4-H Foundation Board. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964, followed by service in the Army Reserve. Ascheman is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Mary Lu Brunner on the Board.

Jeffery L. Johnson, of Alpha, currently serves as County Veteran Service Officer and Emergency Management Director for Jackson County. His prior career includes service as the Hospital Administrator and Assistant Nursing Home Administrator at Jackson Medical Center. Johnson served as President of the Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers from 2003 to 2004.

Johnson currently serves as the Post Commander of American Legion Post 130 in Jackson. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Viet Nam Veterans of America (VVA). Johnson also currently serves as President of Jackson County Pheasants Forever. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1976, including serving in Vietnam. Johnson is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the Veterans Homes Board in 2002. Johnson currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board.

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Violet Wagoner, of Oak Park Heights, is retired. Wagoner has volunteered at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis every Wednesday since 1984. She also volunteers at the Hastings Veterans Home. Wagoner is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFWA). She served as President of the Lake Elmo Auxiliary to VFW Post 5725 from 1984 to 1985. Wagoner served as President of the Fourth District VFW Auxiliary from 1990 to 1991, and as State of Minnesota VFW Auxiliary President from 1998 to 1999.

Wagoner is a member of American Legion Post 39 in North St. Paul, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 2. She holds life membership in the National Korean War Veterans Association and in the Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter 1. Wagoner served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Wagoner was first appointed to the Veterans Home Board in 2001.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes. The homes are located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The Homes provide over 900 beds to qualifying veterans and their spouses. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, and up to three ex-officio members. The board's website is www.mvh.state.mn.us.

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April 14, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Cuong Nguyen, Peter Rezmerski, and Beth Schultz to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH).

Cuong Nguyen, of Fridley, is a Graphic Designer for Presswrite Printing & Design, Inc. in Minneapolis. He previously served as Crafts Director for the Courage North Camp in Lake George, Minnesota. Nguyen is appointed to an at-large seat on the Commission and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He fills the seat formerly held by DeAnna Sweeney.

Peter (P.J.) Rezmerski, of St. Peter, is the Kitchen Manager and Head Chef at the Whiskey River Emporium restaurant. He is appointed to the Commission seat for a representative of the Southwest Advisory Council and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He fills the seat formerly held by Nancy Ann Johnston.

Beth Schultz, of Hawick, is employed by Communication Services for the Deaf. She is a certified American Sign Language Interpreter. Schultz is appointed to the Commission seat for a representative of the East Central Advisory Council and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She fills the seat formerly held by Sharon Rosen.

The Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH) serves as the principal state agency advocating on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans and working to ensure they have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others. The Commission is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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April 19, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kyle Nordine and the reappointment of Jane Pederson to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

Kyle Nordine, of Northfield, is the CEO and Administrator of the Lutheran Home of the Cannon Valley/Northfield Retirement Community. He previously served as Vice President of Operations for Fairview Red Wing Health Services. Nordine is a former Chairman of the Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance and a former President of the Lutheran Long Term Care Council of Minnesota. He also served as a Red Wing City Council Member from 2000 to 2003. Nordine has been a licensed nursing home administrator since 1982. He received a B.A. in Business Administration and Social Work from Concordia College in Moorhead. Nordine is appointed to a board position for a non-profit nursing home administrator and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. He replaces Thomas Goeritz on the Board.

Jane Pederson, M.D., of Woodbury, is the Director of Medical Affairs for Stratis Health in Bloomington. She also currently serves as the Medical Director for Optage in St. Paul. Pederson previously served as a Geriatrician for PartneringCare HealthPartners Senior Services. Pederson is a Board Member of the Minnesota Gerontological Society. She received a B.A. in Physics from St. Olaf College in Northfield, and an M.D. and M.S. (Health Services Research and Policy) from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Pederson is board certified in Internal Medicine with added qualifications in Geriatrics. She is appointed to the board position for a physician member and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Pederson first joined the Board in 1996. This is her third full Board term.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators licenses nursing home administrators. In addition, the board investigates complaints and has the authority to revoke or suspend an administrator's license. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, as well as ex-officio members from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Freddie Davis-English and Judi Gordon to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.

Freddie Davis-English, of Plymouth, has been employed by the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections for over 34 years, and currently serves as co-chair of the management team for the Teen Parent Connection. She also serves on the board of directors of African American Family Services and as a member of the Supreme Court Race Bias Task Force. Davis-English was educated at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, Tulsa University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and at the University of Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey Institute. She is appointed as a Public Member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which expires on January 5, 2009. Davis-English was first appointed to the Board in December 2003.

Judi Gordon, of St. Paul, is Executive Director and founder of C.R.E.A.T.E., a non-profit chemical health agency in Minneapolis. She is a both a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) and a Registered Nurse (RN) in Minnesota. Gordon previously served on the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Alcohol and Drug Abuse Citizen's Advisory Committee. She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from St. Mary's College in Minneapolis. Gordon is appointed as a LADC Member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends on January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in June 2004.

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs). The board is made up of thirteen members appointed by the Governor.

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April 21, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LEY TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Carol C. Ley to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU).

Carol C. Ley, of Alexandria, is a currently enrolled as a full-time student at Alexandria Technical College. In May 2005, she is scheduled to receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Marketing and Sales Management. Ley has been named to the Dean's List and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. She has also served as a Vice President of Business Partnerships for the Minnesota chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX). Ley is a member of her Student Senate and participated as a student representative on the search team for a new college president at Alexandria Technical College.

Ley also currently works as the Membership Coordinator at the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. She had a twenty year career as a Clerk/Phlebotomist at the Douglas County Hospital Laboratory in Alexandria. Ley resides in Alexandria with her family. She is appointed to the Board seat for a Technical College Student. Ley will serve a term which ends June 30, 2006. She replaces Vincent Ijioma on the Board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The Board has policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The Board appoints the system's chancellor and presidents of the state colleges and universities.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WILKENING TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sheriff Kent Wilkening to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board).

Wilkening, of Worthington, is the sheriff of Nobles County. He was first elected to the position in 1998, was a deputy Nobles County sheriff from 1987 through 1998, chief of police for the city of Cottonwood from 1985 to 1987 and a patrolman for the city of Appleton from 1983 to 1985. Wilkening replaces Sheriff Jim Connolly as a representative of county sheriffs on the POST Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BATTLE TO SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Reverend Robert "Bob" Battle to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Battle, of St. Paul, is the founder and pastor of the Berean Church of God in Christ in St. Paul. He serves as a liaison for the St. Paul mayor's office to the chief of police and previously chaired the St. Paul Human Rights Commission. Battle replaces Lorie Gildea as a public member on the commission to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission develops and maintains rational and consistent sentencing standards which seek to reduce sentencing disparity, increase proportionality in sanctions, and ensure more equitable and uniform sentencing for convicted felons. The commission consists of 11 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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April 25, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steven Jacobson and Coralmae Stenstrom to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind

Steven Jacobson, of Edina, has been employed with the 3M Company since 1976. He currently holds the position of Lead Computer Analyst. Jacobson is a graduate of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and received a B.A. in Mathematics from Augsburg College. He is appointed to a Council position for a current or former applicant or recipient of vocational rehabilitation services. Jacobson will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Walter Hinz on the Council. Hinz could not reapply due to term limits on Council service.

Coralmae Stenstrom, of New Brighton, is a retired nurse. She spent the majority of her nursing career in Illinois, including 28 years at Forest Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois. Stenstrom is a member of the Board of Directors of the United Blind of Minnesota. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of a disability advocacy group (the United Blind of Minnesota). Stenstrom will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She fills the Council seat formerly held by Merle Ford.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Peter in Nicollet County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Warren E. Litynski on June 30, 2005.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Fifth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at <u>john.hultquist@state.mn.us</u> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 19, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donald Gerdesmeier and Lynne Osterman to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board of Directors.

Gerdesmeier, of Roseville, is the administrator of the Teamsters Service Bureau and the representative to the Teamsters' Minnesota D.R.I.V.E. He is also a representative of labor and vice chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC). Gerdesmeier will complete a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2006 for a labor representative from the GWDC. Gerdesmeier replaces Sandra Peterson, who resigned from the Job Skills Partnership Board after being elected to the legislature.

Osterman, of New Hope, is a non-attorney lobbyist with the law firm of Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty and Bennett in Minneapolis. She was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives where she served on the Commerce, Jobs and Economic Development Policy Committee. She was also a legislative appointee to the Governor's Workforce Development Council and the Workforce Development Task Force. Osterman replaces Norbert Conzemius for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sharyl Downwind, Rollie Morud, and Sarah Thorson to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Governor Pawlenty also named Shamus O'Meara as the Chairperson of the Council.

Shamus O'Meara, of St. Paul, is an attorney and shareholder at the Minneapolis law firm of Johnson & Condon, P.A. He was first appointed to the Council in February 2004 to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities. O'Meara is now appointed as the Council's Chairperson. He will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. O'Meara replaces Jackie Mlynarczyk as the Council's Chair.

Sharyl Downwind, of Callaway, is Program Manager of the Native American Women's Inpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Center in Mahnomen. She previously served as a Prevention Specialist for the White Earth Chemical Dependency Department. Downwind is appointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. She fills the Council seat formerly held by Ella Gross.

Rollie Morud, of Bemidji, is an Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education. In this position, he is responsible for special education policy, career and technical education, and adult education. Morud previously served as Superintendent of Schools for the Bemidji Area School District. He is appointed to a position for a representative of the Department of Education and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Morud fills the seat formerly held by Emily Knight.

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Sarah Thorson, of Minneapolis, is Administrative Program Director for Research and Policy for Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs at the Minnesota Department of Health. She previously served as Senior Planner for the SAFE at Home Project at the Department of Health. Thorson is appointed to a position for a representative of the Department of Health and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. She was first appointed to the Council in February 2002.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NOMINATES EIGHT TO ATTEND THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his nominations to the White House Conference on Aging. The Governor nominated Jeanette Metz, Loren Colman, Maria Gomez, and Eric Tangalos as Primary Delegates. Governor Pawlenty also nominated Chandra Mehrotra, Susan Holderness, Grace Lee, and Bette Gysland as Alternate Delegates.

The White House Conference on Aging is held once a decade. Delegates gather to advise the President and Congress on national aging policies for the next decade and beyond. The 2005 Conference is the fifth in the history of the nation. It will be held from October 23 to 26, 2005 in Washington D.C. Alternate Delegates attend the Conference if Primary Delegates are unable to attend.

PRIMARY DELEGATES

Jeanette Metz, of Mound, will lead the Minnesota delegation to the White House Conference on Aging. She is the Chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging. The Minnesota Board on Aging administers funds from the Older Americans Act and serves as the gateway to services for Minnesota seniors and their families. Metz has been a Board member of the Board on Aging since 1999, and has served as Board Chair since 2003. In 1999, she retired as Administrative Director of Community Services for Older Adults at the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in St. Paul. Metz has also served as a board member for the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, Inc. as well as for the Minnesota Gerontology Society. She currently serves as a volunteer parish nurse at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Mound. Metz received a B.A. in Gerontology from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul and is a Registered Nurse.

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Loren Colman, of Golden Valley, has been Assistant Commissioner of Continuing Care in the Minnesota Department of Human Services since 2003. In this position, Colman oversees the Aging and Adult Services Division and the Disability Services Division. From 1980 to 2000, Colman held leadership positions for Extendicare Health Services, a health care company operating in Canada, Britain and the United States. He also previously served as Board Chair for Care Providers of Minnesota, a trade association made up of approximately 300 providers of services to seniors and people with disabilities throughout Minnesota. Colman has also been a Board member of the American Health Care Association and the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. He obtained his B.S. from the University of Minnesota and completed Long Term Care Credentialing courses at the University of Minnesota Public Health Department. Colman is a Licensed Nursing home Administrator.

Maria Gomez, of St. Paul, is a former Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). She served five Minnesota governors in her work at DHS. Gomez has helped shape every major human services program in the state, including the redesign of nursing reimbursement funding and developing programs. This redesign allowed low-income, elderly Minnesotans needing long-term care to receive home and community-based services, instead of nursing home care, also saving countless tax dollars. Gomez began also served as a social worker in Florida, working with the influx of Cuban immigrants. In 2004, she received the Dutch Kastenbaum Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Gerontology. Gomez also received a 2005 National Public Service Award from The American Society for Public Administration and The National Academy of Public Administration. She received a B.A. in Romance Linguistics from the University of Miami and a M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota.

Eric G. Tangalos, M.D., of Rochester, is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He also serves as Chair of Primary Care Internal Medicine and is Co-Director of the Robert and Arlene Kogod Program on Aging. Tangalos received his M.D. from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his residency (Internal Medicine) as well as a fellowship (Community Internal Medicine) at the Mayo Clinic. Tangalos is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine with added qualifications in Geriatrics. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians as well as a Certified Medical Director. He currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Alzheimer's Association and a member of the Board of the American Geriatrics Society. In 1994, Tangalos was appointed to the Advisory Committee for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Chandra M. Mehrotra, Ph.D., of Duluth, is Dean of Special Projects, Professor of Psychology, and Director of Research Training Programs in Aging at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. He previously served as Chair of the Psychology Department and as Dean of Graduate Studies. Mehrotra serves on the Editorial Board of *Educational Gerontology*, and is a Consulting Editor for *Teaching of Psychology*. He has done extensive published research on the topic of aging, including writing a university textbook, *Aging and Diversity*. Mehrotra received a Ph.D. in Psychology from Ohio State University. He also serves as a member of the Minnesota Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

Susan Holderness, of Edina, served as Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations for U.S. Congressman Jim Ramstad of Minnesota from 1996 to 2001. She served as State Director for U.S. Senator Dave Durenberger of Minnesota from 1989 to 1995. Holderness served as a Board member of the Minnesota Board on Aging from 1994 to 2004. She also previously served as President of the Minnesota State Board of Education. Holderness received a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Michigan and a M.A. in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Grace K. Lee, of Minneapolis, is the founder of the Korean Service Center in Minneapolis where she developed cross-cultural programs to benefit elderly immigrants. She also serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. Lee has been a member of the Minnesota Board on Aging since 2003. She previously served on the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Elderly Coalition. Lee received a B.S. in Community Services from Bemidji State University, and a M.S.W. and M.Ed. in Adult Education from the University of Minnesota. She is a Licensed Graduate Social Worker.

Bette J. Gysland, of Ada, is a retired Registered Nurse. She has been a member of the Minnesota Board on Aging since 2000. Gysland is active with AARP, and volunteers with the AARP Safe Driving Program. She previously served two terms as a Board member of the Region One Area Agency on Aging, serving seniors in Northwest Minnesota. Gysland is also active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, having previously served as President of the Minnesota's 9th District. She was named Norman County Outstanding Senior Citizen in 1996.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PABST TO THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Roger D. Pabst to the Board of Optometry.

Roger D. Pabst, O.D., of Redwood Falls, is an optometrist practicing in Redwood Falls and Windom. He has been a Minnesota licensed optometrist since 1975. Pabst served as Vision USA Chair for the American Optometric Association from 2002 to 2005 and as President of the Minnesota Optometric Association in 1984. He was named Vision USA Doctor of the Year for 2003-2004 and Distinguished Minnesota Optometrist of the Year in 2003-2004. He is also active in his local Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club.

Pabst received a B.A. in Biology and Chemistry Education from Southwest State University in Marshall and a Doctor of Optometry degree from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. He is appointed to an optometrist position on the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Pabst replaces Dr. Lee Nelson on the Board.

The Board of Optometry is responsible for licensing and disciplining optometrists. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WEHRWEIN TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sven A. Wehrwein to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Wehrwein, of Minneapolis, brings a strong financial background to the board. He is a member of the board of directors of two Twin Cities-based public companies, Synovis Life Technologies, and Vital Images. Previously, he was chief financial officer for InStent and Digi International; an investment banker with Dean Witter in New York, Drexel Burnham Lambert in New York and London, and Wessels, Arnold and Henderson in Minneapolis; and a certified public accountant with Coopers and Lybrand in Minneapolis.

Wehrwein earned his masters in finance (MBA) from the Sloan School at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in Chicago. He has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communications and is a member of the Loft Literary Center board. Wehrwein replaces Wilbur Fluegel on the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board administers programs for campaign finance disclosure for state candidates, economic interest disclosure for state and local officials, lobbyist registration and disclosure, and public subsidy of state candidates and political party committees. The board consists of six members appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom may support the same political party.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TOLLEFSON TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Richard R. Tollefson to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Richard R. Tollefson, D.C., of Coon Rapids, has been a Minnesota licensed chiropractor since 1987. His clinic, North Suburan Chiropractic Clinic, is located in Coon Rapids. From 1992 to 1996, Tollefson served as an state licensing examiner for the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Since 1996, he has been an examiner for Part IV of the National Board Practice Exam for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Tollefson attended Bemidji State University and received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington. He is appointed to a chiropractor position on the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Tollefson replaces Dr. Mark Reeve on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for licensing and disciplining chiropractors. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NORD TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Derek K. Nord to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Derek K. Nord, of Minneapolis, is a graduate research assistant at the Institute for Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. He also serves as an employment specialist for the Consumer Directed Community Supports Waiver program which is administered through the State of Minnesota. Nord previously served as a vocational team supervisor for Access To Employment Too, Inc, in Golden Valley.

Nord received a B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology from St. Olaf College in Northfield and a M.S.W. from Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He is appointed to a position for a public member and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Nord fills the seat formerly held by David Dunn.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 10 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy will occur as a result of the resignation of Mary Krinkie, who has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since July 2004. Krinkie's resignation is effective on May 9, 2005.

"I want to thank Mary for the thoughtfulness with which she approached the issues that came before the Metropolitan Council during her tenure on the council," Governor Pawlenty said.

District 10 includes the Anoka County cities of Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington, and the Ramsey County cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and Shoreview, and the portion of Spring Lake Park that lies in Ramsey County.

Although this vacancy will be published by the Secretary of State's office on June 6, 2005, persons may apply prior to then. Anyone interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, www.sos.state.mn.us, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair, Oakdale, Washington County Commissioner Sherry Broecker, Forest Lake Mike Burton, Minnetonka Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Mayor of Waconia The public hearing will be conducted on Monday, July 11, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive Northeast. Applicants will receive details on the format of the hearing prior to the hearing.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator, at 651-296-0019 or john.hultquist@state.mn.us.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.



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May 6, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LEEGARD TO RACING COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lynn Leegard to the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Leegard, of Blaine, is vice president and general counsel of Shamrock Development, Inc. in Coon Rapids. Previously, she was vice president and general counsel of Edina Realty and vice president and corporate counsel with the St. Paul Port Authority. Leegard, who was president of the Minnesota Association of Realtors in 2003 – 2004, has a Minnesota real estate broker's license (1988), a salesperson's license (1985) and a law degree from Hamline University Law School in St. Paul. Leegard replaces Arnold Palmer to complete a six-year term that expires on June 30, 2005.

The Minnesota Racing Commission licenses persons and organizations to operate racetracks, conduct horse racing, and conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; enforces and collects all applicable taxes and license fees; establishes a Minnesota Breeders' Fund; and, operates a card club. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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May 16, 2005

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Waseca in Waseca County. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of the Honorable Renee L. Worke effective on June 9, 2005. Governor Tim Pawlenty appointed Judge Worke to the Court of Appeals last month.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Third Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **June 8**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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May 24, 2005

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Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Howard Swenson and the reappointment of William Thyne to the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority.

M. Howard Swenson, of Nicollet, served as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from January 1995 to January 2005, including serving as Chairman of the House Agricultural Policy Committee. A lifelong farmer, he also served as a member of his local school board. Swenson is appointed to an Authority position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Patrick Thiry on the Authority.

William J. Thyne, of Ortonville, currently serves as Vice President of the Clinton State Bank in Clinton. He previously served as Executive Vice President of Tri-County State Bank in Ortonville. Thyne received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from South Dakota State University in Brookings. He is appointed to an Authority position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He first joined the Authority in 2001.

The Minnesota Rural Finance Authority offers a variety of loan programs through participating lenders. These loan programs help new farmers purchase agricultural land, expand livestock production, make physical improvements to farm operations, or invest in a Minnesota value-added farmer owned cooperative. The Authority also operates the Aggie Bond program. The Authority is made up of eleven members, including six appointed by the Governor.

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May 26, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHLIEMAN TO THE RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lavonne Schlieman to the Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Lavonne Schlieman, of Holloway, served as a Guardian ad Litem for Minnesota's Eighth Judicial District from 1999 to 2003. She was a parent mentor for Swift County Youth Programs and Swift County Human Services from 1993 to 1999. Schlieman, who is retired, currently volunteers at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar and at Appleton Nursing Home in Appleton. She is appointed as a Consumer Member of the Committee and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. Schlieman replaces Susan Williams on the Committee.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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May 27, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GUNNERSON TO THE AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Charles Gunnerson to the Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council.

Gunnerson, of Ada, owns and operates the Ada Produce Co, a family-owned potato washing and packaging facility in Norman County. He has been active in the potato industry for over 30 years, and has served as Chairman of the Area One Potato Council for 12 years. Gunnerson serves on the Executive Committee of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association. He was Chairman of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association from 1993 to 1994.

Gunnerson previously served on the National Potato Promotion Board as an appointee of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He also served as President of the National Potato Council from 1999 to 2000 and the Vice President for five years. Gunnerson is appointed to the Council position for a potato wash plant representative and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He was first appointed to the Council in 1987.

The Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council supports the Minnesota potato industry by providing grants for research and advertising. Area One consists of fourteen counties in Northwest Minnesota, including the counties of: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, and Wilkin. The Council consists of seven members, including two appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES ROCHESTER HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPLICATION PROCESS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process that he will use to appoint members to the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee.

The Committee is established in May 2005 to research and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on the creation of post-secondary educational programs or institutions in the Rochester area.

The Governor will appoint all 11 members of the Committee, including:

- One member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees;
- One member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents;
- Six persons from the Rochester area representing business, health and medical services, and technology;
- The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance;
- One person who by training or experience has special expertise in postsecondary finance and planning; and
- One person who by training or experience has special expertise in postsecondary academic planning and programming.

Individuals who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest and current resume via email (john.berns@state.mn.us), fax (651-296-0056) or U.S. Mail to:

John Berns, Appointments Coordinator Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155

All applicants who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor's office no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2005**. Applicants should also indicate which of the eleven Committee positions they are applying for. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ananda Liyanapathiranage and the appointment of Sokunthea Bentley and Ami Nafzger to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Sokunthea Bentley, of Eagan, is the President and CEO of the International Translation Bureau. She previously served as the Interim Executive Director for the Center for Asians and Pacific Islanders (CAPI) in Minneapolis. Bentley is a former Chair of the Board of CAPI. She also previously served as Chair of the Board of the Cambodian Mothers Association. Bentley received a B.A. in Business Management from Hamline University in St. Paul. She is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Cambodian community and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the Council seat formerly held by Sotheary Duong.

Ananda Liyanapathiranage, of Woodbury, is a Systems Analyst-Senior for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. He previously served in the Minnesota Departments of Finance, Revenue, and Transportation. Liyanapathiranage currently serves as President of the Minnesota-Sri Lanka Friendship Foundation and organized the "Great Minnesotan Sri-Lankan Get Together" in 1995, 1997, and 1998. He is a graduate of the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka. Liyanapathiranage is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Sri Lankan community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He first joined the Council in 1999 and currently serves as the Council's Vice Chair.

Ami Nafzger, of Richfield, is a workforce development manager for Goodwill Easter Seals, in Minneapolis and St. Paul. She also serves as the General Manager and Secretary of the Dragon Festival in St. Paul. Nafzger also serves as a member of the board of the Asian Pacific Cultural Center in St. Paul. She is the founder and former Secretary General of Global Overseas Adoptees Link in Seoul, South Korea. She received a B.A. in Social Work, Sociology and Native American Indian Studies from Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Nafzger is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Korean community and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the Council seat formerly held by Stephan Huh.

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The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans advises the Governor and Legislature on issues pertaining to Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. The Council also advocates on issues of importance to the Asian-Pacific community in Minnesota. The Council is made up of 23 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GONZÁLEZ TO TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Francisco J. González to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC).

González, of St. Peter, is the diversity trainer and investigator for South Central Technical College, Riverland Community College, Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, and Rochester Community and Technical College. He has also served as an adjunct faculty for Minnesota State University-Mankato in the ethnic studies department, was an attorney with the Somsen, Mueller, Lowther and Franta law firm, the Fifth Judicial District public defender's office, and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, and was a bilingual financial assistance specialist with Blue Earth County Human Services. González has also been a court and police interpreter in Mankato and Waseca. González replaces Anne Christensen to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Sandra Anderson, Betty Ann Penda Kane, and Mary Koep, and the appointment of Dean Fenner, Maria Gomez, Maree Gilbert, and Susan Humphers-Ginther to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Sandra Anderson, of Brooklyn Center, is a Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank and co-founder of Wells Fargo Elder Services. She has been employed by Wells Fargo and its predecessor, Norwest, since 1979. Anderson is a member of the American Society on Aging. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging and is a trustee of the University of Minnesota School of Nursing Foundation. Anderson is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Dean Fenner, of White Bear Lake, retired from the 3M Company in 1985 after a 34 year management career. He also previously served as the Mayor of White Bear Lake. Fenner served on the Minnesota Board on Aging from 1985 to 2000. He currently serves as a board member of the Willow Wood Senior Housing facility and as a "Meals on Wheels" volunteer driver. Fenner is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Richard Luk on the Board.

Maree Gilbert, of Vadnais Heights, is retired small business owner. She has been actively involved in her community for the past sixty years, participating in her parent teacher association (PTA) and serving on church boards in Little Canada, Maplewood, and White Bear Lake. Gilbert has three children, ten stepchildren, sixteen grandchildren, and fourteen greatgrandchildren. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Kathleen Jones on the Board.

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Maria Gomez, of St. Paul, is a former Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). In 2004, she received the Dutch Kastenbaum Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Gerontology. Gomez also received a 2005 National Public Service Award from The American Society for Public Administration and The National Academy of Public Administration. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Gomez replaces Helen Cummings on the Board.

Susan Humphers-Ginther, Ph.D., of Moorhead, is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Minnesota State University-Moorhead (MSUM). She also serves as coordinator of the Gerontology major at MSUM. Humphers-Ginther is a member and former chair of the Coalition for Service Providers to the Elderly. She is a member of the Minnesota Gerontological Society. Humphers-Ginther is appointed to a term which ends January 2, 2006. She replaces Laurie Laner on the Board.

Betty Ann Penda Kane, of St. Paul, is a management analyst at the Minnesota Department of Finance. She previously served as an accounting officer at the Departments of Finance and Public Safety. Kane has served on a number of boards and committees in her neighborhood, the Summit-University area in St. Paul. She received a M.S. in Gerontology from St. Cloud State University. Kane is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Mary Koep, of Brainerd, currently serves as a member of the Brainerd City Council. She previously served sixteen years as Crow Wing County Commissioner. Koep is a former chair of her local Area Agency on Aging. She currently volunteers at a local elementary school and at an assisted living facility. Koep is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She served on the Minnesota Board on Aging from 1994 to 2002. In October 2003, Governor Pawlenty reappointed her the Board.

The Minnesota Board on Aging was established in 1956 to plan for and meet the needs of Minnesota's seniors. The board administers more than \$30 million in federal and state grants every year. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SUSAN WARD TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Ward to the Board of Psychology.

Susan Ward, of New Brighton, is employed at American Family Insurance. Her public service career includes serving as Executive Aide to the Director/Account Officer for the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance from 1995 to 2000. Ward also served in the Office of Governor Arne Carlson as Administrative Assistant/Executive Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor from 1991 to 1995. Ward served as a public member of the Minnesota Board of Nursing from 1996 to 2005. She is a current public board member of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Ward is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Marcia Farinacci on the board.

The Board of Psychology is responsible for licensing and disciplining psychologists. The Board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jessie Czeslawa Daniels and Kristina Malone, and the appointment of Marcia Farinacci and Darin Prescott to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Jessie Czeslawa Daniels, of Minneapolis, is a Senior Teaching Specialist at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis. She has been a registered nurse in Minnesota since 1972. Daniels previously served as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Minnesota State University-Mankato. She received a B.S.N. and a M.A. in Medical-Surgical Nursing from the University of Iowa. Daniels is appointed to the board position for a registered nurse who is teaching in a baccalaureate degree nursing program. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Daniels was first appointed to the board in 2001.

Marcia Farinacci, of St. Paul, previously served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Minnesota Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning. She also served as the Director of Operations for the Office of Governor Arne Carlson. Farinacci served as a public member of the Board of Psychology from 1997 to 2005. She also served as a member of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board and the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees Retirement Association. Farinacci is appointed to a board position for a public member. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Farinacci replaces Susan Ward on the board.

Kristina Malone, of Monticello, is a LPN Staff Nurse and Trainer at the Monticello-Big Lake Community Nursing Home. She has been a licensed practical nurse in Minnesota since 1973. Malone previously served as a Clinic Nurse at RiverPlace Physicians in Monticello. She has also served as a member of the Wright County Mental Health Advisory Committee. Malone is a graduate of the St. Cloud Vocational and Technical School LPN nursing program. She is appointed to a board position for a licensed practical nurse. Malone will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the board in 2001.

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Darin Prescott, of Morton, is the Director of the Family Surgery Center in Willmar. He has been a registered nurse in Minnesota since 1994. Prescott previously served as Unit Coordinator of Surgical Services at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. He also served as an on-call Registered Nurse at Redwood Area Hospital in Redwood Falls. Prescott received an A.A.S. in Nursing from the College of St. Catherine (St. Mary's Campus) in Minneapolis. He is appointed to a board position for a registered nurse. Prescott will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Dianna Bryant on the board.

The Minnesota Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing and disciplining nurses and approving nurse education programs. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Peter in Nicollet County. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Warren E. Litynski on June 30, 2005. The finalists are James D. Fleming, Todd W. Westphal, and Kenneth R. White.

Fleming, of North Mankato, is the chief public defender of the Fifth Judicial District, a position he has held since 2001. He was the first assistant public defender in the Fifth Judicial District from 1995 to 2001, an assistant Kandiyohi County attorney in Willmar from 1989 to 1995, a contract prosecutor with the law firm of Caswell and Associates in Oakdale in 1989, an associate attorney with the law firm of Gilsdorf and Jacobberger in St. Paul from 1988 to 1989, an associate attorney with the Riley Law Office in Edina in 1988, and a judicial law clerk with Ramsey County District Court from 1986 to 1988. Fleming earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1987, and his bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Norbert College in de Pere, Wisconsin in 1982.

Westphal, of St. Peter, is a shareholder with the St. Peter law firm of Mackenzie and Gustafson and an assistant Nicollet County attorney. He has been an attorney with the firm and an assistant county attorney since 1989, and was a Fifth Judicial District judicial law clerk in Worthington from 1987 to 1989. Westphal earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1987 and his bachelor's degree in music from Minnesota State University – Mankato in 1983.

White, of Mankato, is an attorney and owner of the Law Office of Kenneth R. White, and a part-time assistant Nicollet County attorney. He has been a solo practitioner since 2002 and an assistant county attorney since April 2005. White was an attorney with the Farrish Johnson Law Office in Mankato from 1983 to 2002, became partner in 1988, and managing partner in 1999. He was also a judicial law clerk for Third District Judge James L. Mork in Albert Lea from 1982 to 1983. White earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1982 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1979.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 14 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES COURT OF APPEALS APPLICATION PROCESS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process that he will use to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Robert H. Schumacher on September 9, 2005. Judge Schumacher has served as a Judge of the Court of Appeals since December 1, 1987 and previously was a Fourth Judicial District Judge in Hennepin County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who have been a resident of the Third Congressional District for at least one year who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and six to 10 references via U.S. Mail to:

John Hultquist, Judicial Appointments Coordinator Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155

Materials may also be sent via email to john.hultquist@state.mn.us or fax to 651-296-0056.

All candidates who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2005.

Governor Pawlenty has designated an eight-member ad hoc screening committee to review résumés and make recommendations to him. The committee members are:

Eric Magnuson, chair, attorney with Rider Bennett in Minneapolis Rene Diebold, attorney in private practice in Marshall Mary Ellen Domeier, executive officer of the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools Karen Himle, executive vice president of Children's Hospitals and Clinics John Hultquist, Governor's judicial appointments coordinator Karen Janisch, general counsel to the Governor Dan McElroy, Governor's chief of staff Ronald Schutz, attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.

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June 17, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOULTON TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael Boulton to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU).

Michael Boulton, of Porter, is a May 2005 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) in Marshall. He received a B.S. degree in Political Science and Business Administration. This coming fall, Boulton will start classes toward a Master's of Arts in Urban and Regional Studies degree at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is expected to graduate with his M.A. degree in May 2007.

Boulton served on the board of directors for the Minnesota State University Student Association in 2004-05. He served as a president (2004-05) and senator (2002-04) for the SMSU Student Association. Boulton also served as president of the SMSU Political Science Association from 2002-03 and as a member of the SMSU Pep Band from 2002-04.

Boulton worked part-time and summers for the City of Marshall Engineering Department in 2002-05. He also served an internship with the Lincoln County Environmental Office in the summer of 2004. Boulton was born and raised on a farm in rural Lincoln County. He is appointed to the Board seat for a state university student. Boulton will serve a term from July 1, 2005 until June 30, 2007. He replaces Tyler Despins on the Board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The Board has policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The Board appoints the system's chancellor and presidents of the state colleges and universities.

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June 22, 2005

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for four Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

Two of the judgeships are new positions created by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature (2005 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 135, Article 14, Section 1), which take effect on July 1, 2005. The Minnesota Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

The other two vacancies are due to the upcoming retirements of the Honorable Stephen L. Muehlberg on September 30, 2005, and the Honorable Gary J. Meyer on October 31, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of both of these judgeships for the city of Stillwater in Washington County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application for the Wright County positions and/or the Washington County positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for all four positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **July 13**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



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June 23, 2005

Contact: Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS MOON TO GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Peggy Moon to the Gambling Control Board.

Moon, of St. Joseph, is a past district commander and past department vice commander with the American Legion. She has served as gambling manager and post commander of Kriesel-Jacobson American Legion Post 560 in Zimmerman. Moon is also vice president of the National Child Welfare Board of Directors and serves on the Commission of Children and Youth. She has been a member of the Gambling Control Board since 1994 and chair since 1999. Moon is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

The Gambling Control Board issues, suspends and revokes licenses of organizations, bingo halls, distributors and manufacturers of gambling equipment, registers gambling equipment, collects license fees and inspects records, conducts hearings to insure integrity of operations and compliance with all applicable laws and rules. The Gambling Control Board consists of seven members, including five appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SIX TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Peggy Ann Anderholm, Cynthia Lesher, John Molinaro, Leah Schwachtgen, Way Waldron, and Inez Wildwood to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC). All six are appointed to three-year terms that expire on June 30, 2008.

Anderholm, of Warroad, is the manager of education and workforce development with Marvin Windows and Doors in Warroad. Anderholm, who has served one term on the GWDC, is reappointed as a representative of business.

Lesher, of New Brighton, is vice president, chief administrative officer and chief human resources officer with Xcel Energy. Lesher, who was appointed to the GWDC in September 2004, is reappointed chair and a representative of business.

Molinaro, of Fergus Falls, is vice president of programs with West Central Initiative. Molinaro, who has served one term on the GWDC, is reappointed as a representative of community-based organizations.

Schwachtgen, of Clarkfield, is an agricultural education instructor and the FFA advisor at Montevideo Senior High School. Schwachtgen, who has served one term on the GWDC, is reappointed as a representative of agricultural education.

Waldron, of Minneapolis, is the president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO. Waldron, who has served one term on the GWDC, is reappointed as a representative of labor.

Wildwood, of Duluth, is the employee relations manager in the Human Resources Department at Minnesota Power/Allete in Duluth. Wildwood, who has served on the GWDC since November 2003, is reappointed as a representative of business.

The Governor's Workforce Development Council coordinates the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system and Minnesota youth services programs. The council consists of 32 members, including 28 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Waseca in Waseca County. The opening occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Renee L. Worke on June 9, 2005. Judge Worke resigned from the district court bench to accept an appointment to the Court of Appeals. The finalists are Larry Collins, Ross L. Leuning, and Charles E. MacLean.

Collins, of Waseca, is the Waseca County attorney, a position he has held since 1978. He worked in the law school division at West Publishing Company in St. Paul from 1976 to 1978, was an assistant Rochester city attorney from 1974 to 1976 and a Third Judicial District law clerk in Rochester from 1973 to 1974. Collins earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1972 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1969.

Leuning, of Owatonna, has been an attorney and partner in the Owatonna law firm Walbran, Furness and Leuning since 1991. He has also been a Judge Advocate with the U. S. Naval Reserve in Anacostia, Washington, DC since 1991. He was an assistant professor at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland from 1989 to 1991, and a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Great Lakes, Illinois from 1986 to 1989. Leuning earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Oregon Law School in Eugene in 1986 and his bachelor of science degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1983.

MacLean, of Winona, is the Winona County attorney, a position he has held since 1996. He was an assistant Dakota County attorney in Hastings from 1992 to 1996, the Lyon County attorney in Marshall from 1990 to 1992, an assistant Redwood County attorney in Redwood Falls in 1990 and an associate attorney with the law firm Lindquist and Vennum in Minneapolis from 1988 to 1990. MacLean earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1988, his master of business administration in finance (1983) and his bachelor of arts degree (1977) from the University of Minnesota.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 16 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS REID TO THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marlene Reid to the Board of Optometry.

Reid, of St. Paul, is retired. She served as a public member of the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy from 1990 to 2002. Reid is appointed to a public member position on the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Reid replaces Orinne Jones on the Board.

The Board of Optometry is responsible for licensing and disciplining optometrists. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MUNSON TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael J. Munson to the Board of School Administrators.

Michael J. Munson, of Bemidji, has been a Minnesota classroom teacher since 1984. He currently serves as a classroom teacher for TrekNorth High School, a charter school in Bemidji. Munson is on a leave of absence as an advanced placement teacher for Bemidji High School. He is a current member of the Minnesota Advanced Placement Advisory Council and is an Advanced Placement Psychology Exam Reader for the College Board. Munson is appointed to the Board position for a classroom teacher and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He fills the vacant Board seat formerly held by Julie Jagusch.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for (1) the licensing of school administrators; (2) the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and (3) enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of ten members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF TEACHING

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Charlene Delaney and Asad Zaman to the Board of Teaching.

Charlene Delaney, or Rosemount, has been a Minnesota classroom teacher for over 28 years. She currently serves as Work Experience Coordinator and Department Chair for Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools. Delaney previously served as Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Summer English Language Camps in Poland. She continues to be actively involved in this program, and will spend part of the coming summer in Poland. Delaney began her teaching career as a public school kindergarten teacher in Greendale, Wisconsin. Delaney received a B.S. in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, and a M.S. in Vocational Rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She is appointed as a classroom teacher member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Delaney replaces Allen Hoffman on the Board.

Asad Zaman, of Inver Grove Heights, has been the Executive Director of the Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy since 2003. As Executive Director, he serves as the principal of this charter school. Zaman previously served as a Principal Consultant for InterimLogic Solutions, Inc., as a Project Leader for Thompson Corporation/West Group, and as a Team Integration Coordinator for Electronic Data Systems/Technical Engineering Solution Centers. He has served on the President's Advisory Committee for Inver Hills Community College, the Minnesota Governor's 2003 Education and Graduation Standards Committee, and as Imam and Treasurer of the Muslim American Society of Minnesota. Zaman received a B.S. from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He is appointed as a school administrator member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Zaman replaces Dee Grover-Thomas on the Board.

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The Board of Teaching establishes rules governing the licensing of public school teachers and the accreditation of teacher education programs. The Board also establishes a code of ethics for teachers and has the authority to suspend or revoke a teaching license. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Edward Lebrija and Esther Newcome to the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Edward (Alex) Lebrija, of Morris, has been a licensed Minnesota podiatrist since 2000. He currently practices at Stevens Community Medical Center in Morris and at ELEAH Medical Center in Elbow Lake. Dr. Lebrija is board certified in both Foot Surgery and in Rearfoot Reconstruction and Ankle Surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. He received his D.P.M. degree from Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in Miami, Florida. Dr. Lebrija completed three years of surgical residency at Millcreek Community Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. He is appointed as a podiatrist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Dr. Lebrija fills the seat formerly held by Dr. Troy Boffeli.

Esther Newcome, of White Bear Lake, is retired from a sales and marketing career with Carlson Travel in White Bear Lake. She was previously employed by American National Bank in St. Paul, as well as the Superintendent's Office of Chicago (Illinois) Public Schools. Newcome previously served eight years as a member of the Metropolitan Council. She also served as a member of the Health East Foundation Grants Review Committee, the St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, the East Metro Women's Association, the White Bear Lake Women's Club, and as past president of the White Bear Lake Historical Society. Newcome is appointed as a public member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Jane Jones on the Board.

The Board of Podiatric Medicine is responsible for licensing and disciplining doctors of podiatric medicine. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HILL TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kimberly Hill to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Kimberly Hill, of Eagan, currently serves as Gifted and Talented Coordinator for Dakota Hills Middle School, in Eagan. She has been employed as a teacher with the Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District for the past 18 years, and is a nationally certified teacher in reading and language arts. Hill received a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and a M.S. in Experiential Education from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She is appointed as a public member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Hill replaces Rosemary Kassekert on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for licensing and disciplining chiropractors. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathleen Beehler, William Cullen, Rosemary Kassekert, Peter Langseth and Beverly Ryan to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Kathleen Beehler, of Bemidji, has been a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in Minnesota since 1989. She currently works as an independent contractor for the Red Lake Public Schools. Beehler previously worked as a Renal Social Worker for DaVita Dialysis in Red Lake and Cass Lake. She also served as Director of Social Services for Jourdain/Perpich Extended Care Facility in Red Lake. Beehler is appointed to a Board position for a bachelor's level social worker. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Beehler was first appointed to the Board in July 1999.

William Cullen, of Minneapolis, is the president of Cullen Homes, Inc. He founded this company in 2000. Cullen was director of applications development at Silicon Graphics (SGI) in Eagan from 1997 to 2000. He worked in research and development at Cray Research in Eagan from 1987 to 1997. Cullen received a B.S. in Computer Science from the School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota. He is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Cullen replaces Timothy Schmidt on the Board.

Rosemary Kassekert, of St. Paul, is a retired attorney. She currently serves as a trustee and as a member of the board of directors of St. Bernard's School in St. Paul. Kassekert served as a public member of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners from 1993 to 2005. She received a B.A. in English and Political Science from the University of St. Thomas, and a J.D. from the Hamline University School of Law. Kassekert is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Antonia Apolinario-Wilcoxon on the Board.

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Peter Langseth, of Baudette, has been a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in Minnesota since 1990. He currently serves as the Director of Social Services for the LakeWood Health & Care Center in Baudette. Langseth previously served in the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Thailand. He received a B.A. in Social Work and Criminal Justice from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Langseth received the 1996 Annual Service Award from the Minnesota Nursing Home Social Worker Association. He is appointed to a Board position for a bachelor's level social worker. Langseth will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed in 1993 and is the immediate past Board chair.

Beverly Ryan, of Mendota Heights, has been a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) in Minnesota since 1996. She has worked as a social worker since 1979. Ryan currently serves as a medical social worker at United Hospital in St. Paul. She previously worked as a social worker for Augustana Home Health Care in Minneapolis, Hospice of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis, and Hospice of Health East in St. Paul. Ryan received a M.S.W. from the University of St. Thomas/College of St. Catherine. She is appointed to a Board position for a master's level social worker and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Ryan replaces Marilyn Kiloran on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GESKE TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jeremy Geske to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Jeremy Geske, of New Prague, currently serves as a local issues specialist for the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. In addition, he is a sheep and goat producer for JMG Suffolks of New Prague. Geske previously served as an educator for the University of Minnesota Extension Service in Dakota County. He received a B.S. in Animal Science from North Dakota State University in Fargo and a M.S. in Animal Science and Industry from Kansas State University in Manhattan. Geske is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Lynn Green on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine is responsible for licensing and disciplining veterinarians. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS ROWLAND TO THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of David D. Rowland to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

David D. Rowland, of Eden Prairie, currently serves as Senior Vice President and Director of Fixed Income Investments for the St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc., in St. Paul. Prior to joining St. Paul Travelers in 1996, he served as a Vice President in the Public Finance Department of Piper Jaffray, Inc., in Minneapolis. From 1987 to 1992, Rowland also served as an Associate Vice President in the Public Finance Department of Dain Bosworth, Inc., in Minneapolis.

Rowland received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame, and a M.M. from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is appointed as a member of the Authority for a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Rowland was first appointed to the Authority in 2001.

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority assists Minnesota nonprofit institutions of higher education by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. These funds are used to finance construction projects, renovate existing buildings, or purchase equipment. The authority's board is made up of ten members, including eight appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Judson Bemis, Jr., Andrew Berryhill, and Margaret Rapp to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Judson (Kim) Bemis, Jr., of Minneapolis, recently served as Interim Managing Director of the St. Paul Conservatory of Music. He was Chairman and CEO of Solv Technology from 1992 to 2004 and was Sales and Marketing Director for several divisions of the Bemis Company, Inc. from 1985 to 1992. He was a professional actor in New York City from 1979 to 1985. Bemis currently serves on the boards of the Guthrie Theater Foundation, the MacPhail Center for Music, and the Minneapolis Club. He previously served on the boards of the Minnesota Orchestra Association, the Theatre Communications Group, the Playwrights Center, and the Theater de la Jeunne Lune. He is a resident of the fifth Congressional District and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Bemis replaces Chris Osgood on the Board.

Andrew Berryhill, of Duluth, has been the Executive Director of the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra since 2002. From 1996 to 2002, he served as Assistant Director of Programming for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. From 1994 to 1996, Berryhill served as Operations Manager for Jonathan Wentworth Associates in New York. He also served as principal on-site representative for all classical music performances for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Berryhill served as a board member of the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, the Northwoods Nonprofits Business Collaborative, and was a Depot Foundation Arts Initiative Award Winner. He is a resident of the eighth Congressional District and will serve a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. Berryhill replaces William Miller on the Board.

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Margaret Rapp, of Woodbury, served as a high school history teacher at the St. Paul Academy and Summit School from 1991 to 2000. She served as production manager and national sales manager for Claret by Shelley Holl, a jewelry company, from 1990 to 1991. Rapp was the national marketing coordinator and national sales manager for M.E. Design, Inc., a producer of fashion jewelry and accessories, from 1986 to 1989. She holds a M.Ed. in Social Studies Education from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Rapp is appointed to the Board position for a resident of the sixth Congressional District for a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. She replaces Yvonne Condell on the Board.

The Minnesota State Arts Board attempts to enrich the quality of life in Minnesota by making the arts accessible to all citizens, nurturing creative activities, encouraging the development of innovative forms of artistic expression, and preserving the State's diverse artistic heritage. The Board provides grants and services to individual artists, arts organizations, schools, colleges and universities, communities, and other organizations that sponsor arts activities. The Board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Timothy P. Fedje, Bruce Idelkope, Barbara Liebenstein, and Sandra Marden-Lokken to the State Board of Physical Therapy.

Timothy P. Fedje, of Rochester, has been a licensed Physical Therapist (PT) in Minnesota since 1972. He currently serves as a supervisor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester (Eisenberg Building and Charter House). He joined the Mayo Clinic in 1972, and has been a physical therapy supervisor there since 1977. Fedje received a B.A. in Zoology from Concordia College in Moorhead and a M.S. in Health Services Administration from the College of St. Francis, in Joliet, Illinois. He is appointed to a Board position for a physical therapist member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Fedje was first appointed to the Board in 2000.

Bruce Idelkope, of Minneapolis, has been a licensed Physician in Minnesota since 1976. He currently serves as the medical director for the Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology Ltd., in Golden Valley. He previously served as the medical director of Rehabilitative Services at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. Idelkope received B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He completed a residency in neurology at the University of Minnesota and is board certified by the American Academy of Psychiatry and Neurology. Idelkope is appointed to the board position for a physician member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the Board in 2000.

Barbara Liebenstein, of Dundas, is the co-owner of the Wolf Creek Dairy, a 400 cow dairy farm. She has been a dairy producer since 1987. From 1988 to 1993, Liebenstein served as a certified veterinary technician at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in St. Paul. From 1985 to 1988, she served as a certified veterinary technician at the Cannon Valley Veterinary Clinic in Northfield. Liebenstein received an A.A.S. degree in Veterinary Technology from the University of Minnesota-Waseca. She is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Liebenstein replaces Donald Sheffield on the Board.

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Sandra Marden-Lokken, of Duluth, has been a licensed Physical Therapist (PT) in Minnesota since 1977. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. Marden-Lokken previously served as a physical therapist and clinical instructor at the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center in Duluth, and as a physical therapy supervisor at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. She received a B.A. in Physical Therapy and a M.A. in Management from the College of St. Scholastica. Marden-Lokken is appointed to a Board position for a physical therapist member and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the Board seat formerly held by Dennis Lutterman, PT.

The State Board of Physical Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining physical therapists. The board was formed in 1999. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced an Eighth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Willmar in Kandiyohi County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John C. Lindstrom on August 5, 2005.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Eighth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **July 27**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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July 8, 2005

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Penny H.M. Johnson, Roberta Jones, Jane B. McWilliams, Sonja Peterson, and Howard Wilson to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Penny H.M. Johnson, of Willmar, retired in 2000 from the Willmar Regional Treatment Center (RTC). At the RTC, she served as supervisor of the female component of the Adolescent Treatment Unit. Johnson currently serves as a Guardian ad Litem for the Eighth Judicial District, primarily in Kandiyohi County. She is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in Minnesota. Johnson is a resident of the 7th Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Roberta Jones, of Minneapolis, is an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney. She is currently assigned to the civil division of the County Attorney's Office, having previously served in the adult prosecution and juvenile divisions. Jones is a member of the board of directors of the Wayside House in St. Louis Park. She is a resident of the 5th Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in March 2004.

Jane B. McWilliams, of Northfield, is retired. She previously served as a member of the advisory council for the Minnesota Center for Arts Education, the Northfield Arts Guild Board, and the board of the Minnesota Alliance for Arts Education. McWilliams is a resident of the 2nd Congressional District and is appointed to fill a term which ends January 1, 2007. She was first appointed to the Board in 2001 and is now appointed to fill the remainder of the term caused by the resignation of Board member Mary France Skala.

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Sonja Peterson, of Battle Lake, served as director of the Lake Region Arts Council from 1984 to 2002. She also previously served as president of the consortium representing Minnesota's Regional Arts Councils. Peterson is a former member of the board of the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. She is a resident of the 7th Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Peterson was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Howard Wilson, of Northfield, currently serves as the principal of the Longfellow Humanities Magnet School, a public elementary school in St. Paul. He has been employed as an administrator for St. Paul Public Schools since 1997. Wilson began his education career as a music, English and theatre arts teacher in Brisbane, Australia. He is a resident of the 2nd Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Wilson is appointed to the Board seat formerly held by Jane McWilliams.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center includes the Arts High School, which is a tuition-free public high school for 310 students in grades 11 and 12. The Center also conducts research into arts education and acts as a resource for schools, teachers, students, and artists. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS YOUNG TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Victoria M. Young to the Governor's Residence Council.

Young, of St. Anthony, is an assistant professor of modern architecture and the allied arts in the Department of Art History at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. She is the director of the Art History Graduate Program at St. Thomas and vice president of the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Board of Directors. Young earned her doctor of philosophy in architectural history and her master of architectural history from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and her bachelor of arts degree in architectural history summa cum laude from New York University. Young replaces Arlene Leyden as a representative of higher education for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kevin Dahlman and Clifford Vrieze to the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council.

Kevin Dahlman, of Cokato, is the president and part-owner of Dahlco Seeds/Dahlman Farms, a regional seed company and farm selling hybrid corn, soybeans, small grains, and alfalfa seeds in five states. He also serves as president of the Independent Professional Seedsman Association and as a board member of the Wright County Farm Service Agency. Dahlman currently serves as chair of the Dassel-Cokato School Board. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Dahlman replaces Stanley Sahlstrom on the Council.

Clifford Vrieze, of Trimont, currently serves as a farm business management instructor at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Truman. He also works as the owner-operator of the Vrieze Crop Farm, a 250-acre farm in Trimont. Vrieze is a past president of the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators and a past school board member for Trimont Public Schools and Martin County West Public Schools. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Vrieze replaces Charles Funk on the Council.

The Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC) was founded in 1997, and is dedicated to improving and restructuring Agricultural Education in Minnesota at all levels. The Council consists of 16 members, including two members (representing agricultural education and business) appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Douglas A. Fuller and Judge Terri J. Stoneburner to the Board on Judicial Standards. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Fuller, of Bemidji, is the human resource, facilities, and acting service manager with Bemidji and Park Rapids Chrysler Centers. He was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005, and served on the Judiciary Policy and Finance Committee during that time. Fuller replaces Cyndy Brucato as a public member.

Stoneburner, of Little Canada, has been a judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals since 2000, and was a Fifth Judicial District trial court judge in Brown County from 1990 to 2000. Among the committees she currently serves on is the Committee for Peer Support and Stress Reduction. She also served on the Minnesota District Judges Association Judicial Evaluation Committee while she was a district court judge. Stoneburner replaces Judge Bruce Willis as a member of the board who is a judge of the Court of Appeals.

The Board on Judicial Standards investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges and referees and recommends discipline to the Minnesota Supreme Court, including censure, suspension, retirement or removal of judges. The board consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor, including one judge of the Court of Appeals, three trial court judges, two attorneys with at least 10 years of experience in the state and four public members.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dana Allen and Brian Kletscher to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Dana Allen, of Eyota, is currently serves as manager of Gar-Lin Dairy Farms, Inc., in Eyota. In 2002, she was a Congressional Science Fellow and served as a legislative assistant in agriculture policy in the Washington D.C. office of U.S. Congressman Gil Gutknecht. Allen also served as a member of the Governor's Livestock Advisory Task Force from 2003 to 2005. She received a Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Minnesota. Allen is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Karen Harder on the Board.

Brian Kletscher, of Vesta, currently serves as a Redwood County Commissioner. He has been a member of the county board since 1997. Kletscher has been a grain producer (corn and soybeans) since 1979, and has previous experience in dairy production. He is a former school board member for Wabasso Public Schools. Kletscher also previously served as chair of the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Committee. He is appointed to a Board position for a county commissioner and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Kletscher replaces Kevin Anderson on the Board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FAHEY TO THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael A. Fahey to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League.

Michael A. Fahey, of Carver, currently serves as the Carver County Attorney. Prior to being elected to this position in 1987, he was in private practice in Chaska from 1978 through 1986.

Fahey currently serves as the commissioner for middle school football programs for the Chaska Area Football Association and is a volunteer attorney for the Minnesota Baseball Association Board of Directors. He also currently serves as a staff writer for *The Guillotine*, Minnesota's Amateur Wrestling Newspaper.

Fahey is a graduate of Norwood Young America Central High School where he participated in football, wrestling, track, and cross-country. He received a B.A. from St. John's University, in Collegeville, where he was a member of the track and cross-country teams. Fahey received a J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law.

Fahey will serve a four-year term which ends July 31, 2009. He replaces Ann Yonamine on the Board. Fahey previously served on the Board from 1993-1997.

The Minnesota State High School League is a voluntary, nonprofit association of over 400 public and private schools. Member schools provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Minnesota high school students to participate in athletics and fine arts competitions each year. The League administers the state tournaments for athletics, speech, music and dramatics.

The League provides support for member schools with programs that address sportsmanship, chemical health, and scholarship recognition. The League also oversees more than 4,500 registered contest officials and judges. The Board of Directors for the League consists of 20 members, including four appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES ROCHESTER HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rochester, Minn. – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of the 11-member Rochester Higher Education Development Committee. The new committee will evaluate the higher education needs of the Rochester area and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for expanded educational offerings to meet the needs of the community and the state.

The Governor pointed to the need for a stronger higher education presence in the Rochester area in his State of the State address in Rochester this past January. In his speech, the Governor proposed the first state planning funds and a development committee to the Legislature. The proposal had bipartisan support and \$3.2 million for planning and development was included in the Omnibus Higher Education Act signed May 26, 2005.

"This community is growing rapidly thanks to a strong economy based in health care, technology, biotechnology and supporting industries. The need for a more unified higher education presence is clear," Governor Pawlenty said. "Together, these individuals will have the unique opportunity to chart a course for higher education in Rochester and begin to implement a vision of expanded opportunity. I am excited about Rochester's future, and I thank each of these committee members for their willingness to lead."

Marilyn D. Stewart, of Rochester, is appointed to chair the committee. She currently serves as real estate broker and branch manager for Edina Realty Rochester. Stewart has served on the University Center Rochester Board of Directors and the Regents Advisory Committee of the University of Minnesota Rochester since 1987. She served for six years on the Greater Rochester Area University Center Board, and served as chair in 2002 and 2003. Stewart served as the first female president of the Minnesota Association of Realtors in 1989 and first female president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce in 1996. She is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

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Claire E. Bender, M.D., of Rochester, currently serves as the dean of the Mayo School of Health Sciences and as a professor of radiology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She also works as a practicing Mayo Clinic radiologist. Bender also currently serves as a member of the Board of Governors and chair of the academic affairs committee at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Bender will serve as the committee member with expertise in postsecondary academic planning and programming.

Allen J. Berning, of Rochester, has served as chairman and chief executive officer of PEMSTAR, Inc., since 1994. Prior to this, he had a 15 year career in engineering and management at IBM in Rochester. In 1999, Berning received the national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He is a current board member and past chair of the Greater Rochester Area University Center Board. Berning is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

Allan R. DeBoer, of Rochester, currently serves as development director for the Rochester Area Foundation. He also works as an attorney at the O'Brien & Wolf law firm. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Hamline University and the advisory committee of the University of Minnesota-Rochester Center. DeBoer currently serves as board member and chair of task force on higher education for the Greater Rochester Area University Center Board. DeBoer is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

Drew Flaada, of Rochester, currently serves as IBM Director of the IBM/Mayo Clinic Collaboration and Life Science development team. He has board experience in computer science, engineering, and management in his 23-year IBM career. Flaada previously served on the advisory board for the College of Engineering and Science at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is a current board member of the Greater Rochester Area University Center Board. Flaada is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

Dwight A. Gourneau, of Rochester, currently serves as president of NAMTech, Inc., an information technology services consulting firm. He retired from IBM in 1992 as a senior engineering manager. Gourneau is a former member of the Board of Trustees for the Minnesota Private College Council. He is a current board member for the Bush Foundation and serves as chair of the Board of Trustees for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Gourneau is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

Robert H. Hoffman, of Waseca, is the current chair of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). He is a senior executive with Taylor Corporation based in North Mankato. Hoffman previously served as a senior executive for Brown Printing Company and as a school superintendent for Waseca Public Schools. He is a former president of the foundation board for Minnesota State University-Mankato. Hoffman is appointed as the committee member who is a Trustee of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Peggy Ingison, of New Brighton, is the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance. Prior to her appointment as commissioner in 2004, she served as state budget director for the Department of Finance. Ingison began her state government career in 1976, as a auditor for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Ingison, or her designee, is directed to serve on the committee and will serve as a non-voting member.

David R. Metzen, of South St. Paul, is a current member and immediate past chair of the Board of Regents for the University of Minnesota. He is a former teacher, principal and superintendent for South St. Paul Public Schools. Metzen has also served as chief executive officer and president of Metzen Leadership, executive director of the Dodge Nature Center, and as a consultant to Wold Architects. He is appointed as the committee member who is a Regent of the University of Minnesota.

Wendy S. Shannon, of Byron, currently serves as superintendent of Byron Public Schools. Prior to becoming superintendent in 1999, she served as executive director of the Zumbro Education District. Shannon is a past chair of the advisory council of University Center Rochester. She currently serves as a member of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Board. From 1993-1994, she served as chair of the Greater Rochester Area University Center Board. Shannon is one of six Rochester area representatives appointed to the committee.

Michael M. Vekich, of St. Louis Park, currently serves as chief executive officer for Vekich Associates, an independent accounting and management firm. He is a former chair of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) and is a former vice chair of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Council. A certified public accountant, Vekich is a current member of the Minnesota Board of Accountancy. Vekich will serve as the committee member with expertise in postsecondary finance and planning.

The Rochester Higher Education Development Committee will develop a proposal for the future of higher education in Rochester that will address institutional missions, the nature and focus of undergraduate and graduate programs to be developed, funding, site and facility needs and governance structures. The committee will issue its report to the legislature no later than January 15, 2006. The designated funding may be used for research, study and initial program implementation. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education will serve as fiscal agent for the committee's work. The development committee expires on December 31, 2007.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Garfield Eckberg, James Hoolihan, Kevin Kelleher, and Sherry Ristau to the Board of Directors of the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Garfield Eckberg, of Nicollet, retired from farming in 2001. He has been an active member of Farm Bureau, serving both at the state and national level. Eckberg has also been active at the local level, including serving on the board of the Nicollet County Farm Bureau since 1963. He is appointed to a board position for a representative of a statewide farm organization and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. Eckberg was first appointed to the Center's board in 1999.

James Hoolihan, of Grand Rapids, currently serves as the president of Blandin Foundation. He served as mayor of Grand Rapids from 1990 through 1995. Hoolihan served as a board member of the Blandin Foundation from 1992 through 2003, and served as board chair from 1996 through 1999. He is appointed to a board position for a representative of a private foundation and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. Hoolihan fills the board seat formerly held by Paul Olson.

Kevin Kelleher, of Houston, currently serves as a Houston County Commissioner. He was first elected to the county board in 1990, and took office in 1991. Kelleher operates a 214-acre sheep farm in Houston. He is a board member for the National Association of Counties and is active in the Association of Minnesota Counties. Kelleher is appointed to a board position for a representative of rural county government and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. He was first appointed to the Center's board in 1997.

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Sherry Ristau, of Hutchinson, is the president of the Southwest Minnesota Foundation, one of six regional initiative organizations in Minnesota. She currently serves as a member of the Hutchinson Area Health Care Board, the National Council on Foundations Membership Committee, and the Regional Economic Development (RED) Leadership Group. Ristau is appointed to a board position for a representative of a regional initiative organization and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. She replaces Tom Renier on the board.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development, based in St. Peter, Minn., is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization focused on rural issues. The Center's board is made up of 20 members, including twelve members appointed by the Governor.

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NICOLLET RESIDENT APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR PAWLENTY TO THE CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

Saint Paul – Garfield Eckberg of Nicollet was appointed today by Governor Tim Pawlenty to the Board of Directors of the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

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The Center for Rural Policy and Development, based in St. Peter, Minn., is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization dedicated to benefiting Minnesota by providing its policy makers with an unbiased evaluation of issues from a rural perspective. To fulfill this mission, they work with academic and non-academic researchers from throughout the state to design and conduct research projects.

The Center's board members come from all over the state, representing a variety of interests. Fifteen are appointed by the Governor and represent different aspects of rural Minnesota, while five are at large positions, nominated and voted on by the board members themselves. The board works closely with staff to help guide the direction of the Center, to set research priorities and to help make the Center a presence in the rural policy community.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development's mission is to provide unbiased, reliable research on the issues important to rural Minnesota. Research projects are generated either within the Center or through consultation with academics, government staff and other policy practitioners throughout the state.

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HUTCHINSON RESIDENT APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR PAWLENTY TO THE CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

Saint Paul – Sherry Ristau of Hutchinson was appointed today by Governor Tim Pawlenty to the Board of Directors of the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Ristau is the president of the Southwest Minnesota Foundation, one of six regional initiative organizations in Minnesota. She currently serves as a member of the Hutchinson Area Health Care Board, the National Council on Foundations Membership Committee, and the Regional Economic Development (RED) Leadership Group. Ristau is appointed to a board position for a representative of a regional initiative organization and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. She replaces Tom Renier on the board.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ruthe Batulis, Dennis Morrow, and David Schwartzkopf to the board of directors of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation.

Ruthe Batulis, of Burnsville, currently serves as president of the Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce. She currently serves on the Inver Hills Community College Foundation Board. Batulis is appointed to a board position for a business representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She replaces Susan Holderness on the Foundation's board.

Dennis Morrow, Ph.D., of Plymouth, currently serves as director of the doctoral program in educational administration at Bethel University in St. Paul. He previously served as superintendent of Brooklyn Center Public Schools. Dr. Morrow is appointed to a board position for an education representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Mary Mackbee on the Foundation's board.

David Schwartzkopf, of Rochester, is retired from IBM. He also previously served as assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training. Schwartzkopf currently serves as chair of the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities. He is appointed to a board position for a business representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Schwartzkopf replaces Gary Schnellert on the Foundation's board.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors, including 20 appointed by the Governor.

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BURNSVILLE WOMAN APPOINTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ruthe Batulis to the board of directors of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Batulis, of Burnsville, brings a strong background in strategic planning, management, sales, and marketing. Since 2004, she has served as president of the Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce. From 2002 to 2004, she was president of the Bloomington Council of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce.

From 2000 to 2002, Batulis was director of sales for the Holiday Inn in Burnsville. From 1998 to 2000, she was employed in sales and marketing for the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her private sector career, Batulis served as an assistant teacher in early childhood education for Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Public Schools.

Batulis also brings extensive leadership in community and education based boards and committees. She currently serves on the Inver Hills Community College Foundation Board. Batulis is a member of the Dakota Future Board of Directors, the Eagan Technology Task Force, the Eagan Rotary, and the Eagan Citizens Academy.

Batulis is appointed to a board position for a business representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. MAEF's board of directors consists of representatives of both education and business. Batulis replaces Susan Holderness on the Foundation's board.

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PLYMOUTH MAN APPOINTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dennis Morrow to the board of directors of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Morrow, of Plymouth, has an extensive background in education. He currently serves as director of the doctoral program in educational administration at Bethel University in St. Paul. Morrow previously served as Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies and Chair of the Education Department at Bethel University. He previously served as superintendent of Brooklyn Center Public Schools and as a high school principal at the Hong Kong International School in Hong Kong

Morrow received a B.A. in History and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota. He received his M.A. in Teaching from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Morrow was a Bush Leadership Fellow in 1996-97.

Morrow is appointed to a board position for an education representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. MAEF's board of directors consists of representatives of both education and business. Morrow replaces Mary Mackbee on the Foundation's board.

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ROCHESTER MAN APPOINTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David Schwartzkopf to the board of directors of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Schwartzkopf, of Rochester, has a lengthy and distinguished professional career. He joined IBM in 1967 as a systems development computer programmer. He held numerous positions, including team leader, manager, and assistant to corporate director prior to his retirement from IBM in 1996.

From 1989 to 1991, Schwartzkopf was on loan to the Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training as assistant commissioner of the Division of Rehabilitation Services. He also served as executive director of the Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living from 1996 to 2001.

Schwartzkopf also has a remarkable record of civic and community service. He currently serves as chair of the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities. He is past chair of the Minnesota Special Education Advisory Council, past chair of the Minnesota Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, past chair of the Governor's Initiative of Technology for People with Disabilities, and a past member of the Minnesota Governor's Council for Developmental Disabilities.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush personally presented the Disabled American of the Year Award to Schwartzkopf. This award is the highest award given to a person with disability in the United States. In 1988, Schwartzkopf was honored by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities as Distinguished Disabled American of the Year. In 1988 he also received the Rochester, Minnesota Mayor's Medal of Honor for Community Service.

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Schwartzkopf received a B.S. in Mathematics and Physics from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He also completed graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

He is appointed to a board position for a business representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Schwartzkopf replaces Gary Schnellert on the Foundation's board.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS APOLINARIO-WILCOXON TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Antonia Apolinario-Wilcoxon to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Apolinario-Wilcoxon, of Hopkins, currently serves as a grant coordinator for the Children's Mental Health Unit of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She previously served as chair of the Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Local Advisory Council. She received a bachelor's degree in economics from the Federal University of Espirito Santo in Vitoria, Brazil, and a master's degree in international management from the University of Saint Thomas, in St. Paul.

Apolinario-Wilcoxon is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Board in 2002 and currently serves as the Board's secretary/treasurer. Apolinario-Wilcoxon is now appointed to replace Miriam Bergmark on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CARLA NELSON TO THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of former State Representative Carla Nelson to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Nelson, of Rochester, is currently employed by the Olmsted Financial Group. From 2003 to 2004, she was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. While in the legislature, Nelson was a member of the higher education finance, education policy, and metropolitan and government affairs committees.

House Speaker Steve Sviggum appointed Nelson to the Education Commission of the States. Nelson has also served on the education committee of the National Council of State Legislatures, the education committee of the Council of State Government, and the commerce and economic development committee of the American and Legislative Exchange Council.

From 1998 to 2000, Nelson was a reading teacher at Willow Creek Middle School in Rochester. From 1992 to 1998, she worked as a Title One teacher at Holmes Elementary School in Rochester.

Nelson has a significant record of community service. She has been a board member of the Greater Rochester Area University Center and a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the University of Minnesota Extension. In January 2005, Governor Pawlenty appointed Nelson to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

Nelson has also served on the government affairs committee of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of Rochester Junior Achievement, and the board of directors of the Rochester Music Guild.

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Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (HEFA) was created by the state legislature in 1971 to assist nonprofit institutions of higher education within the state in financing or refinancing capital construction projects by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. Beginning in Fiscal Year 1988, the legislature also asked that the Authority finance limited types of projects at certain public higher education institutions. The Authority receives no General Fund tax dollars or any other legislative funding. The operating funds come from fees charged to the institutions that benefit from tax-exempt bonds.

The Authority has access to capital improvement funds only through borrowing directly. When a higher education institution needs funds for capital improvements, the Authority is able to provide more favorable interest rates because of its status as a government entity. Since the Authority is an agency of the state, the interest paid by the institution to the bondholders is exempt from both state and federal income taxes. The Authority has no liability to repay the bondholders.

The Authority is authorized to have a maximum total of \$800 million outstanding bond principal. In Fiscal Year 2004, the Authority completed four financings for a total of \$59 million. In total, twenty-one nonprofit, post-secondary institutions in Minnesota have utilized the program of the Authority and realized interest savings on financing their capital improvements.

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ROCHESTER WOMAN APPOINTED TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD BY GOVERNOR PAWLENTY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of former State Representative Carla Nelson to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Nelson, of Rochester, is currently employed by the Olmsted Financial Group. From 2003 to 2004, she was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. While in the legislature, Nelson was a member of the higher education finance, education policy, and metropolitan and government affairs committees.

House Speaker Steve Sviggum appointed Nelson to the Education Commission of the States. Nelson has also served on the education committee of the National Council of State Legislatures, the education committee of the Council of State Government, and the commerce and economic development committee of the American and Legislative Exchange Council.

From 1998 to 2000, Nelson was a reading teacher at Willow Creek Middle School in Rochester. From 1992 to 1998, she worked as a Title One teacher at Holmes Elementary School in Rochester.

Nelson has a significant record of community service. She has been a board member of the Greater Rochester Area University Center and a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the University of Minnesota Extension. In January 2005, Governor Pawlenty appointed Nelson to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GARDNER TO THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment Sandra Gardner to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Sandra Gardner, of New Prague, was raised on a family farm in Lincoln, Illinois. She received a B.S. degree from Illinois State University, and a J.D. from Southern Illinois University. Since 1981, Gardner has been employed by Syngenta Crop Protection, and its predecessors, the Ciba-Geigy Corporation, CIBA, and Novartis. She currently works as a sales representative for Syngenta Crop Protection and covers eight counties in south central Minnesota: Nicollet, Sibley, McLeod, Hennepin, Scott, Le Sueur, and part of Carver and Rice counties.

Gardner is reappointed to the Board position for a representative of agricultural chemical manufacturers and wholesalers and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Gardner was first appointed to the Board in 2001 and currently serves as the Board's Chair

The Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board provides reimbursement for the clean-up cost of pesticide and fertilizer spills. Reimbursement funds come from the Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account (ACRRA). The board is made up of five members, including three appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Russell Philstrom and David Schwartzkopf to the Council on Disability. Schwartzkopf was also reappointed as the Council's chair.

Russell Philstrom, of Emily, is the owner of Northwoods Exposure Picture Framing in Emily. He is a former member of the Emily City Council, and previously served as a loan officer at Commonwealth United Mortgage in Arden Hills. Philstrom is chair-elect of the board of directors of the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. He is a past chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Emily and Fifty Lakes. Philstrom is appointed to the Council for a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He is a resident of Region five and was first appointed to the Council in 2001. Philstrom currently serves as the Council's vice chair.

David Schwartzkopf, of Rochester, is retired from IBM. He also previously served as assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training. Schwartzkopf is past chair of the Minnesota Special Education Advisory Council, past chair of the Minnesota Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, and past chair of the Governor's Initiative of Technology for People with Disabilities. He is appointed as a member of the Council for a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Schwartzkopf is also appointed as chair of the Council for a term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a resident of Region ten. Schwartzkopf was first appointed as a member of the Council in 1999. He was first appointed as the Council's chair in 2004.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members appointed by the Governor as well as additional members from various state agencies.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Justin Page, Elena Polukhin, and Sean Roy to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Justin Page, of Minneapolis, currently serves as Client Assistant Project Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Disability Law Center in Minneapolis. He previously served as a law clerk for Hennepin County District Court Judge Pamela Alexander. Page received his J.D. degree from the University of Iowa Law School. He is appointed to the Council position for a representative of client assistance project (the Minnesota Disability Law Center) and will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Page was first appointed to the Council in 2004.

Elena Polukhin, M.D., Ph.D., of Maplewood, is a physician practicing in the area of physical medicine and rehabilitation. She is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Polukhin completed her residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Western Ontario. She previously served as chief medical officer for the Israeli National Olympic Committee. Polukhin currently serves as president of the Eastern European Medical Society of Minnesota. She is appointed to the Council for a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Polukhin replaces Rich Diedrichsen on the Council.

Sean Roy, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a coordinator for U.S. Department of Labor grant programs at the PACER Center. The PACER Center is a training and information center for parents of children with disabilities. He previously served as a juvenile probation officer for Dakota County and as a juvenile correction officer for Hennepin County. Roy is appointed to the Council position for a representative of a parent training and information center (the PACER Center) and will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Rachel Parker on the Council.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation programs. The Council consists of 19 members, including 18 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SANDSTROM TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ardis Sandstrom to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Sandstrom, of Motley, currently serves as associate director of the Brian Injury Association of Minnesota. She has held this position since 1999, and works out of the Minneapolis office three days per week. From 1996 to 1999, she served as director of TBI (traumatic brain injury) and senior programs for Mary T, Inc., in Coon Rapids. From 1994 to 1996, Sandstrom served as program supervisor at the Courage Center in Golden Valley. From 1992 to 1994, she served as program coordinator for the Direct Connections TBI Program.

Sandstrom received a B.S. in applied psychology and a M.S. in rehabilitation counseling from St. Cloud State University. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC) and a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW).

Sandstrom has served as a mentor and member of the research team for the Midwest Regional Head Injury Center for Rehabilitation and Prevention. She has also served on two advisory committees for the Minnesota Department of Human Services: the traumatic injury advisory committee and the personal care assistant advisory committee. Sandstrom is a past member of the Stearns-Benton Private Industry Council and the Stearns-Benton Employment and Training Council.

Sandstrom is appointed to the Council position for a representative of current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Sandstrom replaces Jerry Roberts on the Council.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs. The Council prepares an annual report for the Governor and the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

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Vocational rehabilitation (VR) services are available for persons who have a disability that makes it difficult to obtain employment. Some services provided through VR include: career counseling, job training, job search assistance, and job retention skills. There is no charge for counseling or job placement services. Other VR services require payment by those clients who do not meet financial eligibility criteria. The VR program receives significant funding from federal and state government.

According to the Council's 2004 annual report, Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation program served 19,139 Minnesotans. This included 9,309 new applicants. By 2004, 85% of VR's caseload has three or more serious functional limitations. This is up from 75% in 2002. Additionally, 30% of the VR caseload is for school transition-age persons, classified as people between 16 and 21 years of age. The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are over 267,000 Minnesotans aged 18-64 with an employment disability.

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MOTLEY RESIDENT APPOINTED TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

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Sandstrom is appointed to the Council position for a representative of current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Sandstrom replaces Jerry Roberts on the Council.

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August 10, 2005

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for four Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

Two of the judgeships are new positions created by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature (2005 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 135, Article 14, Section 1), which took effect on July 1, 2005. The Minnesota Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

The other two vacancies are due to the upcoming retirements of the Honorable Stephen L. Muehlberg on September 30, 2005, and the Honorable Gary J. Meyer on October 31, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of both of these judgeships for the city of Stillwater in Washington County.

The finalists are Suzanne Bollman, B. William Ekstrum, Richard C. Ilkka, Jonathan N. Jasper, Kenneth L. Jorgensen, Kristin C. Larson, Catherine McPherson, Kelley Malone O'Neill, and Michelle A. Tonelli.

Bollman, of Ramsey, is an assistant Sherburne County attorney, a position she has held since 2003. She was an assistant Stearns County attorney from 1999 to 2003, an assistant St. Cloud city attorney from 1998 to 1999 and an assistant Benton County attorney from 1988 to 1998. Bollman earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1986 and her bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1982.

Ekstrum, of Blaine, is an attorney and shareholder with the Fridley law firm of Newquist and Ekstrum, a position he has held since 1987. Prior to that, he was an attorney with the Fridley law firm of Smith, Juster, Feikema, Malmon and Haskvitz from 1980 to 1987. Ekstrum earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1971.

Ilkka, of Oak Park Heights, has been a self-employed attorney in Stillwater since 1990. He has also been the Oakdale city attorney since 1993. He was an attorney with the Magnuson Law Firm in Stillwater from 1989 to 1990 and a Tenth Judicial District law clerk in Stillwater from 1987 to 1989. Ilkka earned his juris doctorate degree (1986) and his bachelor of arts degree (1983) from the University of Minnesota.

Jasper, of Andover, is the managing partner of the law firm of Jasper and Brandt in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors since 1994. He was an associate attorney with the Berglund and Varco law firm in Anoka from 1993 to 1994 and with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1993. Jasper earned his juris doctorate degree from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Hamline University in St. Paul in 1984.

Jorgensen, of West Lakeland, is the director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, a position he has held since 2002. He was the Office's first assistant director from 1993 to 2002, senior assistant director from 1988 to 1993 and assistant director from 1984 to 1988. Jorgensen earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1984 and his bachelor of science degree from Mankato State University cum laude in 1981.

Larson, of Lino Lakes, is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 1990. She was an assistant Wright County attorney from 1988 to 1990, executive director, attorney and, volunteer attorney coordinator of Legal Assistance of Dakota County from 1986 to 1988, a staff attorney with Hyatt Legal Services in Bloomington from 1985 to 1986, and a volunteer attorney with Mid-Minnesota Legal Services in Minneapolis from 1984 to 1985. Larson earned her juris doctorate degree from George Washington University Law School in 1984 and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1981.

McPherson, of Ramsey, has been an assistant county attorney in the Anoka County attorney's office since 1999. Her practice is primarily in the areas of child protection and juvenile delinquency. She was also an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office from 1994 to 1999. McPherson earned her juris doctorate degree summa cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1994, her master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1985.

O'Neill, of Woodbury, is an assistant Second Judicial District public defender in Ramsey County, a position she has held since 1990. She was a special assistant Ramsey County attorney for six months from 1989 to 1990, an appellate judicial law clerk for the Honorable Daniel Foley from 1988 to 1989, and a student attorney and chief law clerk for the Second Judicial District public defender's office from 1987 to 1988. O'Neill earned her juris doctorate degree from Mitchell College of Law in 1988 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1983.

Tonelli, of Andover, is a senior attorney and trial team supervisor with the Fourth Judicial District public defender's office in Hennepin County. She has been an assistant public defender in the Hennepin County public defender's office since 1992. Tonelli earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1992 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 53 applications for these judicial vacancies.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GILDEA TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lorie S. Gildea to a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Hennepin County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Myron S. Greenberg on March 1, 2005. Twenty-eight people applied for this position.

Gildea is an assistant Hennepin County attorney, a position she has held since 2004. She was associate general counsel for the University of Minnesota from 1993 to 2004, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Arent Fox in Washington, DC from 1986 to 1993. Gildea earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law School in Washington, DC in 1986 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

"Lorie has the intellect as well as the common sense to handle any case that will come before her as a judge – from a complex civil insurance case to a simple traffic violation," Governor Pawlenty said. "She handled some difficult and sensitive cases while at the University of Minnesota with the utmost of professionalism. She will be an asset to the Hennepin County bench."

Gildea is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and serves on its Executive Council, Board of Directors, and Civil Litigation Governing Council. She had also been a member of its Diversity Committee. Gildea is also a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association, serving on its Board of Directors. She has also been a member of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, MINNCOR Industries Advisory Board, and the YWCA of Minneapolis Board of Directors.

Gildea, 43, was born in Plummer and resides in Minneapolis with her husband, Andrew.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ALSHOUSE AND AWSUMB TO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Diane R. Alshouse and Robert A. Awsumb to two Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Ramsey County. The first vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship. The second vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Louise Dovre Bjorkman on April 8, 2005. Thirty-nine people applied for these positions.

Alshouse is a managing attorney in the Ramsey County Public Defender's office in St. Paul. She has been an assistant Ramsey County public defender since 1985, except from 1997 to 1998, when she was an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office in Minneapolis. Alshouse earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1970.

"In her 20 years in the Ramsey County Public Defender's office, Diane handles the types of cases that make up the vast majority of what a district court judge oversees," Governor Pawlenty said. "She has handled her caseload expeditiously and treated her clients with respect. I know she will continue that tradition as a judge."

Alshouse is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), the Ramsey County Bar Association (RCBA), and the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She currently serves on the MSBA's Executive Council of the Public Law Section and served on the RCBA's Ethics Committee. Alshouse volunteers for United Hospital, Companion Animal Assisted Therapy and Last Chance Forever, a birds of prey conservancy. She is a member of the White Bear Area Choral Association, the Women of Today Service Club, and was president of the Como Zoo docents as well as chair and founder of Como Zoo's Nature Walk Program.

Alshouse, 57, was born in Lebanon, Indiana and resides in Roseville. She has one adult son, Eric Rasmussen.

Awsumb is the chief manager, attorney and mediator with R.A. Awsumb and Associates in St. Paul, a position he has held since 1998. He has also been an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul since 1993. Awsumb was the president and founding attorney of Rambow and Awsumb in Bloomington from 1991 to 1998 and an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel from 1986 to 1991. Awsumb earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell in 1986 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982.

"Bob had a civil law practice and also serves as a mediator. He also has done an extensive amount of pro bono law work for indigent clients throughout the state," Governor Pawlenty said. "I know Bob has the brainpower to sort through the complex issues of any case that may come before him as a judge, as well as the compassion for individuals who appear before him."

Awsumb is an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution neutral, a member of the American Arbitration Association, the American, Minnesota State, and Ramsey County Bar Associations (RCBA), and is a member of the RCBA Board of Directors. He is an associate member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association. He holds Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's preeminent rating, and has been rated a "Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law and Politics every year since 2000. Awsumb is also a trustee for the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, volunteers for the Greater Twin Cities United Way, and is a member of the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Awsumb, 45, was born in St. Paul where he currently resides with his wife, Lisa Nasseff Awsumb and his son, Andrew, 14.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

These judgeships are new positions created by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature (2005 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 135, Article 14, Section 1), which took effect on July 1, 2005. The Minnesota Supreme Court has certified the chambers of one of the positions for the city of Moorhead in Clay County and the chambers of the other position for the city of Milaca in Mille Lacs County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application for the Clay County position and/or the Mille Lacs County position by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for all four positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **September 14**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 FINALISTS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted three finalists recommended to him by the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee for an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 10. District 10 includes the Anoka County cities of Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington, and the Ramsey County cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and Shoreview, and the portion of Spring Lake Park that lies in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Mary Krinkie on May 9, 2005. Krinkie had been a member of the Metropolitan Council since July 2004. Eight people applied for this position. The finalists are John Q. Doan, John M. Kysylyczyn, and Fred E. Meyer.

Doan, of Blaine, is the MnPASS program director with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He is a lieutenant in the Civil Engineering Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve, director of the St. Thomas Academy Board of Trustees, and chair of the Minnesota Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Kysylyczyn, of Roseville, is self-employed in home remodeling and restoration. He is a member at-large of the Boy Scouts of America Northern Star Council, and previously served as the Roseville mayor and as a member of the Roseville City Council. He was also a member of the I-35W Corridor Coalition and the League of Minnesota Cities Policy Committee.

Meyer, of Roseville, recently retired as vice president of Ulti Med, Inc., after nearly 40 years as a business professional in strategic planning, marketing development and management. He serves on the Children's Safety Center Network Board of Directors, and chaired the Fourth Congressional District Republican Party and the St. Paul Republican City Committee.

The seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates to the Governor, conducted a public hearing on July 11th in Blaine to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for the position. The Nominating Committee members who made these recommendations were William Pulkrabek, Chair, Sherry Broecker, Mike Burton, Dave Clark, Cyndee Fields, Paul Gaston, and Mark Schiffman.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BENDER TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jack Bender to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH).

Jack Bender, of Duluth, graduated from the Minnesota School for the Deaf in 1953. He worked 42 years as a Teamsters Union truck driver and heavy equipment operator. Bender also served in leadership positions in Teamsters local 346. He retired in 1996.

Bender currently serves as an AARP volunteer and as a member of the northeast advisory council for the state deaf and hard of hearing agency. He is appointed to the Commission seat for a representative of the northeast advisory council and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Bender fills the seat formerly held by Brian Farrell.

The Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH) serves as the principal state agency advocating on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans and working to ensure they have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others. The Commission is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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(651) 296-0001

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES STURROCK TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has designated Dr. David E. Sturrock of Marshall as Minnesota's official liaison to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Sturrock is a professor of political science in the Department of Business and Public Affairs at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, where he has taught since 1996. Sturrock was previously a faculty member at the State University of New York, Brockport, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Georgia. His teaching and research specialties include American political institutions, American political thought, state and local government, and political parties and elections.

Sturrock has been the coordinator of Southwest Minnesota State University's political science program since 1996, and has supervised over 30 student internships, with placements including the United States Congress, U.S. State Department, Minnesota Legislature, local governments, non-profit organizations, and election campaigns.

Sturrock is a gubernatorial appointee to the Commission on Judicial Selection and a member of the MnSCU Trustee Candidate Advisory Council. He has also served on the Minnesota Academic Standards Committee.

Sturrock has served in Marshall as a City Councilman, Chairman of the Planning Commission, and as member of the Community Services Advisory Board and the McKnight Partnership Welfare-to-Work Advisory Committee.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission was created by the U.S. Congress to plan observances and events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 2009. The Commission will emphasize the contributions of Abraham Lincoln's thoughts, ideas, and actions throughout the period leading up to the bicentennial of his birth. Each state has the opportunity to designate a resident of that state to serve as the official state representative to the Commission.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for an Eighth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Willmar in Kandiyohi County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable John C. Lindstrom on August 5, 2005. The finalists are Dwayne N. Knutsen, Thomas G. Kramer, and Michael J. Thompson.

Knutsen, of Montevideo, is an attorney with the Montevideo law firm of Prindle, Maland, Sellner, Stennes, Knutsen and Stermer and is also the Chippewa County attorney. He has been an attorney with the Prindle firm since 1986 and the Chippewa County attorney since 1999. He also was a part-time assistant Eighth Judicial District public defender from 1995 to 1998. Knutsen earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of South Dakota, at Vermillion, in 1973.

Kramer, of Granite Falls, is the Yellow Medicine County attorney as well as a self-employed attorney in private practice. He has been the Yellow Medicine County attorney since 1979. He has also served periodically as a special county attorney for Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Lyon and Renville Counties and a special city attorney for Echo, Granite Falls, Porter and Renville and has been the city prosecutor for Wood Lake and the city attorney for Hazel Run. Kramer earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1976 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

Thompson, of Litchfield, is the Meeker County attorney, a position he has held since 1990. He was an assistant Meeker County attorney from 1986 to 1990, a solo practitioner in Litchfield from 1983 to 1986, an attorney with White and Thompson in Litchfield in 1982 and an attorney with the White Law Office in Cosmos in 1981. Thompson earned his juris doctorate cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Montana, at Missoula, in 1976.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 14 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR MINNESOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission. This Commission, created by the 2005 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2005, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 121), will plan for activities relating to Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood, which is May 11, 2008. The Commission will create a plan for capital improvements, celebratory activities, and public engagement in every county in the State of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission consists of 17 members, including nine appointed by the Governor representing major corporate, non-profit, and public sectors of the state, selected from all parts of the state. The remaining eight members of the Commission are appointed by the Legislature. The Minnesota Historical Society will provide staff support to the Commission.

The Governor-appointed positions will be published by the Secretary of State's office today. Anyone interested in applying for the Governor-appointed positions must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, www.sos.state.mn.us, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is September 27, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator, at 651-296-0019 or john.hultquist@state.mn.us.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES STURROCK TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has designated Dr. David E. Sturrock of Marshall as Minnesota's official liaison to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Sturrock is a professor of political science in the Department of Business and Public Affairs at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, where he has taught since 1996. Sturrock was previously a faculty member at the State University of New York, Brockport, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Georgia. His teaching and research specialties include American political institutions, American political thought, state and local government, and political parties and elections.

Sturrock has been the coordinator of Southwest Minnesota State University's political science program since 1996, and has supervised over 30 student internships, with placements including the United States Congress, U.S. State Department, Minnesota Legislature, local governments, non-profit organizations, and election campaigns.

Sturrock is a gubernatorial appointee to the Commission on Judicial Selection and a member of the MnSCU Trustee Candidate Advisory Council. He has also served on the Minnesota Academic Standards Committee.

Sturrock has served in Marshall as a City Councilman, Chairman of the Planning Commission, and as member of the Community Services Advisory Board and the McKnight Partnership Welfare-to-Work Advisory Committee.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS LEEGARD TO RACING COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Lynn Leegard to the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Leegard, of Blaine, is vice president and general counsel of Shamrock Development, Inc. in Coon Rapids. Previously, she was vice president and general counsel of Edina Realty and vice president and corporate counsel with the St. Paul Port Authority. Leegard, who was president of the Minnesota Association of Realtors in 2003 – 2004, has a Minnesota real estate broker's license (1988), a salesperson's license (1985) and a law degree from Hamline University Law School in St. Paul. Leegard was first appointed to the Racing Commission in May to complete the remainder of the term of a member who resigned. She is now appointed to a full six-year term that expires on June 30, 2011.

The Minnesota Racing Commission licenses persons and organizations to operate racetracks, conduct horse racing, and conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; enforces and collects all applicable taxes and license fees; establishes a Minnesota Breeders' Fund; and, operates a card club. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for three Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Jean J. Graham, who has accepted an appointment as a United States Magistrate Judge. The effective date of Judge Graham's resignation was September 23, 2005. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Diana S. Eagon on November 4, 2005, and the third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Steven Z. Lange on February 3, 2006.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **October 19**, **2005**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JONES TO THE MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert J. Jones to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission.

Robert J. Jones is the Senior Vice President for System Administration at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He has held this position since 2004. From 2002 to 2004, he served as Vice President and Executive Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Programs at the University. Jones has been a Professor at the University of Minnesota since 1988, and currently serves as a full faculty member of the Plant Biological Sciences Graduate Program.

Jones received a B.S. in Agronomy from Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia, a M.S. in Crop Physiology from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. in Crop Physiology from the University of Missouri. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Jones replaces William Hogan on the Commission

The Midwestern Higher Education Commission is a nonprofit regional organization established by interstate compact and devoted to achieving greater cost effectiveness in higher education. The Commission serves 853 public and private nonprofit colleges, universities, community colleges, and technical colleges in ten member states. The Commission is made up of five members from each state, including three gubernatorial appointees, one State Senator, and one State Representative.

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September 26, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Connie Lee Berg, Michael Malver, and Judith Sanders to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind

Connie Lee Berg, of Red Lake, is appointed to a Council position for a representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Berg replaces Gloria LaFriniere on the Council.

Michael Malver, of Minneapolis, is appointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services. He will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Malver replaces Eric Smith on the Council.

Judith Sanders, of Minneapolis, is appointed to a Council position for a representative from the Statewide Independent Living Council. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Sanders replaces Roseann Faber on the Council.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of 20 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Connie Lee Berg, Mark Eggen, Adrienne Haugen, and Judith Sanders to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Connie Lee Berg, of Red Lake, is appointed to a Council position for a representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Berg replaces Gloria LaFriniere on the Council.

Mark Eggen, of Minneapolis, is appointed to a Council position for an advocate member. He will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Eggen was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

Adrienne Haugen, of Olivia, is appointed to a Council position for an advocate member. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Haugen replaces Clarence Jones on the Council.

Judith Sanders, of Minneapolis, is appointed to a Council position for a representative of the blind community. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Sanders replaces Roseann Faber on the Council.

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HAWORTH TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Roderic Haworth to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Roderic Haworth, of Apple Valley, has been a servicing representative for the United Auto Workers International Union (UAW) since 1998. From 1993 to 1998, he served as president of the UAW Local 879 at the St. Paul Ford Plant. From 1990 to 1993, Haworth served as vice president of Local 879. He worked as an auto assembler at the St. Paul Ford plant from 1973 to 1990.

Haworth has also been active in government service. He has been a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC) since 1999, serving as a representative of labor. Haworth currently serves as chairperson of the GWDC Creating Connections committee. He has also been a member of the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind (RCB) since 2000. Haworth served as chair of the RCB from 2003 to 2005, the first sighted person ever to serve as chair.

Haworth received a B.A. in Organizational Management and Communications from Concordia College. He served on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972. Haworth served in the Minnesota National Guard from 1973 to 1996, retiring as a Colonel.

Haworth is appointed to the Council position for a representative from the Governor's Workforce Development Council. He will serve a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Haworth replaces Robert Niemiec on the Council.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs. The Council prepares an annual report for the Governor and the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

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Vocational rehabilitation (VR) services are available for persons who have a disability that makes it difficult to obtain employment. Some services provided through VR include: career counseling, job training, job search assistance, and job retention skills. There is no charge for counseling or job placement services. Other VR services require payment by those clients who do not meet financial eligibility criteria. The VR program receives significant funding from federal and state government.

According to the Council's 2004 annual report, Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation program served 19,139 Minnesotans. This included 9,309 new applicants. By 2004, 85% of VR's caseload has three or more serious functional limitations. This is up from 75% in 2002. Additionally, 30% of the VR caseload is for school transition-age persons, classified as people between 16 and 21 years of age. The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are over 267,000 Minnesotans aged 18-64 with an employment disability.

The State Rehabilitation Council consists of 19 members, including 18 appointed by the Governor.

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September 27, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PETERSON TO THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Saint Paul –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Kathleen Peterson to the Council on Disability.

Kathleen Peterson, of Warren, is currently employed by the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She works in Disability Support Services and is the manager of interpreter services for university students.

Peterson is involved in her community, and has served on the executive board of the Warren Parent Teacher Association. She has also been a member of the Greater Grand Forks Support Group for Parents of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children. Peterson also founded "Socialization Day," an annual workshop for deaf/hard of hearing students, their parents, interpreters, and teachers.

Peterson also has previous experience serving on statewide councils. She previously served as a member of the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. Peterson also previously served as a member, and board chair, of the Special Education Advisory Council.

Peterson is appointed to the Council for a three-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She is a resident of Region one and was first appointed to the Council in 2002. She and her husband, Dwight, live on a farm in Marshall County. They are the parents of three boys.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members appointed by the Governor as well as additional members from various state agencies.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR MINNESOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

~Governor's office extends application deadline~

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The Governor-appointed positions will be published by the Secretary of State's office today. Anyone interested in applying for the Governor-appointed positions must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, www.sos.state.mn.us, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, has been extended to **Tuesday**, **October 25**, **2005** at 4:30 p.m.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator, at 651-296-0019 or john.hultquist@state.mn.us.



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September 28, 2005

Contact: Brian McClung

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS COLLINS TO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Larry M. Collins to a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Waseca in Waseca County. The vacancy occurred with the resignation, on June 9, 2005, of the Honorable Renee L. Worke to accept an appointment to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Sixteen people applied for this position.

Collins is the Waseca County attorney, a position he has held since 1978. He worked in the law school division at West Publishing Company in St. Paul from 1976 to 1978, was an assistant Rochester city attorney from 1974 to 1976 and a Third Judicial District law clerk in Rochester from 1973 to 1974. Collins earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1972 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1969.

"Larry has served the citizens of Waseca very well as their county attorney for 27 years," Governor Pawlenty said. "He has the experience, leadership skills, community involvement, and the demeanor to be an exceptional judge."

Collins is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, National District Attorneys Association, and the Waseca County Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and has been a member of the Waseca County Emergency Management Services Advisory Committee, Children's Justice Initiative, Waseca County Child Protection Team, and the Waseca County Vulnerable Adult Team. He has also served as a mock trial judge, and a Waseca youth hockey and soccer coach.

Collins, 58, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up in Waseca, where he resides with his wife, Diane. They have two children, Shayna, 21, and Blake, 16.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WESTPHAL TO FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Todd W. Westphal to a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Peter in Nicollet County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Warren E. Litynski on June 30, 2005. Fourteen people applied for this position.

Westphal is a shareholder with the St. Peter law firm of Mackenzie and Gustafson and an assistant Nicollet County attorney. He has been an attorney with the firm and an assistant county attorney since 1989, and was a Fifth Judicial District judicial law clerk in Worthington from 1987 to 1989. Westphal earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1987 and his bachelor's degree in music from Minnesota State University – Mankato in 1983.

"Todd has a tremendous combination of civil and criminal experience. He has a wealth of trial experience, and is also a well-rounded person, with interests ranging from playing hockey to being a violinist in a symphony orchestra," Governor Pawlenty said. "His professional background, combined with his interests outside the legal profession, will serve him well as a judge."

Westphal is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, St. Peter Lawyers Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is a board member and second vice-president of the St. Peter Hockey Association, a violinist with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, and a board member of the St. Peter Education Foundation. He has also served as president of the St. Peter Lutheran Church and School, head coach of the mite level of Minnesota Showcase Hockey, a member of the St. Peter Heritage Preservation Commission, St. Peter Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the St. Peter Library, St. Peter Jaycees, and has been a St. Peter High School Mock Trial coach.

Westphal, 45, was born in Waseca and resides in St. Peter with his wife, Lisa, and their three sons, Ben, 12, Noah, 10, and Isaac, 6.

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October 4, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Representative Karen Klinzing and Head Start Director Sandra Simar to the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Intervention.

Rep. Karen Klinzing, of Woodbury, represents House District 56B, which includes the cities of Woodbury and Landfall in southern Washington County. She was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2002, and was re-elected in 2004. Rep. Klinzing serves as a member of the Education Finance Committee, the Education Policy and Reform Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee. She previously worked as a high school social studies teacher for 12 years. Rep. Klinzing is appointed as the State Representative member of the Council. She will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Rep. Klinzing fills the Council seat formerly held by Rep. Lynda Boudreau.

Sandra Simar, of Rochester, currently serves as Head Start Director at Child Care Resource & Referral in Rochester. From 2000 to 2005, she served as state collaboration director for Minnesota Head Start at the Minnesota Department of Education. From 1994 to 2000, she served as Head Start Director for Wright County Community Action in Maple Lake. Simar fills the Council position for a Head Start Director member. She will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Simar fills the Council seat formerly held by Mavis Ochsendorf.

The Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Intervention is charged with advising on the creation of interagency programs of early childhood intervention services for children with disabilities (primarily under five years of age) and their families. The Council is made up of 23 members, including 17 appointed by the Governor.

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October 11, 2005

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SANDY LAYMAN TO THE CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sandy Layman to the Board of Directors of the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

"Sandy Layman is an energetic and accomplished Minnesota leader. Her background in organizational management and rural economic development will be of great value to the Center," Governor Pawlenty said. Layman currently serves as the state's Commissioner of Iron Range Resources. She was appointed to this cabinet-level agency by Gov. Pawlenty in April 2003.

"I am honored by the appointment and excited for the opportunity to work for all of Greater Minnesota," said Commissioner Layman. "We strive to be one Minnesota, not a group of regions. We need to work hard to ensure that all Minnesotans share in our economic success."

Layman brings a strong, 20-year background in organizational management, community leadership and economic development to Iron Range Resources. Her previous experience includes serving as president of the Itasca Development Corporation and president of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to accepting the top post at Iron Range Resources, Layman served two terms as Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum's appointee to the Iron Range Resources Board.

In addition to her work at the Iron Range Resources, Layman is actively involved in rural community development through service on the boards of the Blandin Foundation, the University of Minnesota Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute and membership in a statewide public/private initiative known as the Regional Economic Development Group.

Layman received a B.A. in organizational management and communications from Concordia University in St. Paul and has completed graduate work towards a M.B.A. at the University of St. Thomas. She and her husband live in Cohasset and have two adult children.

Layman is appointed to a board position for a representative of rural regional government and will serve a six-year term which ends January 3, 2011. She fills the board seat formerly held by Sherron Reilly.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development, based in St. Peter, Minnesota, is a not-for-profit policy research organization dedicated to benefiting Minnesota by providing its policy makers with reliable research on the issues important to rural Minnesota. To fulfill this mission, they work with academic and non-academic researchers from throughout the state to design and conduct research projects.

The Center's board members come from all over the state, representing a variety of interests. The board consists of 20 members, including 12 appointed by the Governor. The board works closely with staff to help guide the direction of the Center, to set research priorities and to help make the Center a presence in the rural policy community.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two new Seventh Judicial District trial court bench judgeships.

These judgeships are new positions created by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature (2005 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 135, Article 14, Section 1), which took effect on July 1, 2005. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of one of the positions for the city of Moorhead in Clay County and the chambers of the other position for the city of Milaca in Mille Lacs County.

The finalists for the Clay County position are Steven J. Cahill, Kenneth J. Kohler, and Timothy J. McLarnan. The finalists for the Mille Lacs County position are Steven A. Anderson, Daniel A. Benson, and Frederick L. Grunke.

Anderson, of Princeton, is the managing partner in the Princeton branch office of the Minneapolis-based law firm Anderson, Dove, Fretland and Van Valkenburg. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors since 1979. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

Benson, of St. Cloud, is a managing attorney with the Seventh Judicial District public defender's office in St. Cloud. He has been an assistant public defender since 2003. He was an assistant Stearns County attorney from 1995 to 2003, an assistant St. Cloud city attorney from 1993 to 1995, an associate attorney with the Johnson Law Office in Center City as well as an assistant Tenth Judicial District public defender from 1991 to 1993, an assistant Pine County attorney from 1990 to 1991 and an associate attorney with the law firm of Foley and Lardner in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1988 to 1990. Benson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1988 and his bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982.

Cahill, of Moorhead, is an attorney and partner with the law firm Pearson, Christensen, Cahill and Clapp in Moorhead, a position he has held since June 2005. He was an attorney and president of Cahill Law Office in Moorhead from January through May 2005, an attorney and president (since 1994) of the law firm Cahill and Marquart in Moorhead from 1981 through 2004, and an attorney and partner (since 1979) with the Moorhead law firm Cahill, Gunhus, Streed, Grinnell, Jeffries and Klinger from 1975 to 1981. Cahill earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in1976 and his bachelor of arts degree from Winona State College in 1972.

Grunke, of St. Cloud, is a shareholder with the law firm Rajkowski Hansmeier in St. Cloud. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1984. He was also an associate attorney with the law firm Donohue Rajkowski in St. Cloud from 1979 through 1983, and a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in St. Cloud from 1978 to 1979. Grunke earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa in 1975.

Kohler, of Moorhead, is the chief assistant Clay County attorney in Moorhead, a position he has held since 2002. He was the Nobles County attorney as well as an attorney and partner with the law firm Mork, H. Darling, Hagemann and Kohler in Worthington from 1984 to 2002, and an assistant Redwood County attorney in Redwood Falls from 1982 to 1984. Kohler also served as a judge advocate general with the Minnesota National Guard from 1984 to 1996. Kohler earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1982 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Morris in 1979.

McLarnan, of Moorhead, is a partner with the Moorhead law firm of McLarnan, Hannaher and Skatvold. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1979. McLarnan earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 16 applications for these two judicial positions.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ERDAHL AS HONORARY UNITED NATIONS DAY CHAIR

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of former Congressman Arlen Erdahl as the honorary Minnesota chair of United Nations Day. U.N. Day is celebrated annually on October 24th.

Arlen I. Erdahl, of Burnsville, served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1983. While in Congress, he served as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. From 1983 to 1985, he served in the United States Peace Corps as country director for Jamaica. From 1986 to 1989, Erdahl served as associate director of the Peace Corps. From 1989 to 1993, he served as principal assistant secretary for international affairs in the U.S. Department of Energy. Erdahl currently serves as the president of Stassen, Stern & Erdahl, International, a consulting firm in Eden Prairie.

Erdahl began his public service career as a State Representative. He served in the Minnesota House from 1963 to 1970. He then went on to serve as Minnesota's Secretary of State from 1970 to 1974, and as a member of the Minnesota Public Service Commission from 1975 to 1978. He is a past president and currently board member of the Minnesota chapter of United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA).

Erdahl was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota and attended Faribault county public schools. He received a B.A. from St. Olaf College, and a M.P.A. from Harvard University. Erdahl served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He also served as a Congressional Fellow in Washington D.C. in 1967-68.

United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the date when the United Nations Charter went into effect. Public officials, educators, students and civic groups across the country use the occasion to hold activities to build public awareness and support for international cooperation through an even more effective United Nations. United Nations Day celebrations are sponsored throughout the country by the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). For more information, see www.unausa.org.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO RACING COMMISSION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bill Kozitza and the reappointment of Dr. Camille McArdle, DVM, to the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Kozitza, of North Mankato, recently retired as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Taylor Corporation in Mankato. He had been with Taylor Corporation for over 23 years. Kozitza became a certified public accountant in 1981 and earned his bachelor of science degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 1978. He received the college's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2002. Kozitza currently serves on the Immanuel St. Joseph's Foundation Board. He served as president of the Mankato Area Chamber and Convention Bureau and the Greater Mankato Area United Way. Kozitza has also been a member of the Valley Industrial Development Corporation (now called Greater Mankato Economic Development), North Mankato Port Authority, and the South Central College Foundation, where he continues to serve on the finance committee. Kozitza replaces Lynn Johnson on the Racing Commission for a six-year term that expires on June 30, 2011.

McArdle, of Corcoran, is a self-employed veterinarian with over 35 years of experience in the horse racing industry working with thoroughbreds, quarter horses, and standardbreds in various parts of the country. She has spent 12 years as a racing regulatory veterinarian at race tracks in Florida before coming to Minnesota in 1985 to become the track veterinarian at Canterbury Park, then called Canterbury Downs. In 1993, McArdle left her position at Canterbury to practice in companion-animal medicine and currently works part-time at the Veterinary Center on Main in Osseo. She has written professionally for Horse Illustrated, Dog Fancy, American Kennel Gazette, and Thoroughbred Times. McArdle was first to the Minnesota Racing Commission in 1993 and has been a member since that time, serving as its chair from 2003 to 2004. She has most recently served as chair of the Commission's Racing Committee. McArdle is reappointed to another term that expires on June 30, 2011.

The Minnesota Racing Commission licenses persons and organizations to operate racetracks, conduct horse racing, and conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; enforces and collects all applicable taxes and license fees; establishes a Minnesota Breeders' Fund; and, operates a card club. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SANDA TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kris Sanda to the Metropolitan Council. Sanda will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mary Krinkie in Metropolitan Council District 10. District 10 includes the Anoka County cities of Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington, and the Ramsey County cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and Shoreview, and the portion of Spring Lake Park that lies in Ramsey County.

"Kris Sanda will bring to the Metropolitan Council her considerable experience in government, as well as an impressive record of community service," Governor Pawlenty said. "She is the kind of person who is not afraid to ask tough questions and push for cost-effective solutions to difficult problems."

Sanda, of Blaine, served as director of the Office of Consumer Services from 1979 to 1983 under Governor Al Quie and as commissioner of the Department of Public Service from 1991 to 1999 under Governor Arne Carlson. More recently, she has served as a member of the Board of Medical Practice under Governors Jesse Ventura and Pawlenty.

In recent years, Sanda has been deeply involved in transportation issues, serving on Blaine's Transportation Committee and the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). The 33-member TAB, composed of local government officials, transportation experts and citizens, advises the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation on transportation planning and programming in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

"Kris Sanda's experience on transportation issues will be enormously helpful as the as the Metropolitan Council works to expand our multi-modal transportation system and slow the growth in traffic congestion," Metropolitan Council Chair Peter Bell said. "Moreover, Kris' background equips her to be a strong representative for District 10."

Sanda's involvement in the community has included service as president of the Minnesota Lutheran Social Service Foundation, a consumer representative on the Medica Board and vice president of the St. Paul Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JASPER AND TONELLI LARKIN TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jonathan N. Jasper and Michelle A. Tonelli Larkin to two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2005 Minnesota Legislature (2005 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 135, Article 14, Section 1), which took effect on July 1, 2005. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

Jasper is the managing partner of the law firm of Jasper and Brandt in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors since 1994. He was an associate attorney with the Berglund and Varco law firm in Anoka from 1993 to 1994 and with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1993. Jasper earned his juris doctorate degree from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Hamline University in St. Paul in 1984.

"Jonathan has a great breadth of legal experiences – from practicing civil commercial litigation with a large law firm to a criminal defense practice in a two-person law firm," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, Jonathan's wonderful people skills and sense of humor will be appreciated by those who appear before him."

Jasper is a Supreme Court-appointed member and vice-chair of the State Board of Public Defense. He is also a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, serving on its Board of Governors and chairing its Young Lawyers' Section from 1993 to 1994; and the Anoka County Bar Association, where he was a member of the Executive Board. He had also served on the 21st District Bar Association Ethics Committee.

Jasper is a member of the Andover Planning Commission, Minnesota StandDown (helping indigent veterans find solutions to their legal problems), has been a volunteer Moot Court Judge at Hamline University Law School, and a speaker at law schools and high schools.

Jasper, 42, was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, and lives in Andover with his wife, Jenny, and their two daughters, Courtney, 9, and Casey Jo, 7.

Tonelli Larkin is a senior attorney and trial team supervisor with the Fourth Judicial District public defender's office in Hennepin County. She has been an assistant public defender in the Hennepin County public defender's office since 1992. Tonelli Larkin earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1992 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

"Michelle is assigned the most difficult cases that the public defender's office handles, which is a testament to her legal skills," Governor Pawlenty said. "Her intellect and ability to handle a heavy caseload will be an asset to a very busy bench in Wright County that has an ever-growing caseload."

Tonelli Larkin serves on the Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Delinquency Rules Committee and previously served on the Supreme Court's Task Forces on Court Appointed Civil Counsel, Juvenile Justice Services its and Advisory Committee on the Amendment of the Juvenile Protection Rules. She has been an instructor for numerous continuing legal education seminars, and volunteers for the University of St. Thomas School of Law mentor program. Tonelli Larkin is also co-chair of the Church of the Epiphany's Springfest Silent Auction Committee and volunteers for the church's State Fair diner, magazine drive, and marathon.

Tonelli Larkin, 39, was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, and lives in Andover with her husband, Joel Larkin, and their son, Porter, 6.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Moorhead in Clay County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable William E. Walker on December 9, 2005. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Becker County to Clay County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at <u>john.hultquist@state.mn.us</u> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 9, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc screening committee that reviewed résumés and conducted interviews for the current judicial vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The opening occurred as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Robert H. Schumacher on September 9, 2005. This position is for a resident of the Third Congressional District. The finalists are Kevin G. Ross, Judge Kathleen Hvass Sanberg, and Judge James T. Swenson.

Ross, of Minnetonka, is an attorney and partner with the Minneapolis law firm of Greene Espel, practicing in the areas of government and constitutional litigation, employment litigation counseling, and investigations. He has been a partner since 2001 and an attorney with the firm since 1997. Ross was a law clerk for Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Donald P. Lay from 1996 to 1997 and for U.S. District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson from 1994 to 1996. He was also a police officer in Iowa City from 1987 to 1992. Ross earned his juris doctorate degree with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1994, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts in 1991.

Sanberg, of Edina, is a judge on the Minnesota Tax Court, a position she has held since 2001. Prior to that, she was an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Faegre and Benson from 1990 to 2001, becoming partner in 1995. Her practice was in the areas of banking, bankruptcy, insurance, loan workouts, and complex commercial litigation. Sanberg was also an attorney practicing in insurance defense and insurance coverage in Santa Ana, California from 1986 to 1989, and an attorney with the law firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff, Foster, Shepard and Donnelly in Minneapolis from 1982 to 1985. Sanberg earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1982, and her bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1979.

Swenson, of Edina, is a trial court judge in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. He has been a district court judge since 1995 and has been assigned to the Family Court Division since 1997, where he is currently the presiding judge. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Swenson was an attorney, partner and chair of the Commercial Litigation Department at the Minneapolis law firm of Mackall, Crounse and Moore. He was with the firm from 1976 to 1995. In addition to being a frequent continuing legal

education lecturer, Swenson has also been a legal writing instructor at the University of Minnesota Law School, where he earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude in 1976. Swenson earned his bachelor of arts degree Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts. Eight people submitted their résumés for consideration for this position.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO ELECTRONIC REAL ESTATE RECORDING TASK FORCE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Timothy K. Anderson, F. Charles Baggeroer, Regina Brown, Teresa Bulver, Shirlee Heitz, Geri Kane, Frederic W. "Fritz" Knaak, Eileen M. Roberts, and Jinnelle Weis to the Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force. These members are appointed to new positions and will all serve three-year terms that commenced on July 1, 2005 and expire on June 30, 2008.

Anderson, of Mankato, is a senior attorney with AgStar Financial Services. His practice includes banking and business, real estate, agricultural, and commercial law. Anderson has been with AgStar since 1997, and previously was an attorney with the Pipestone law firm of O'Neill, O'Neill and Barduson. His community activities have included participation in the Greater Mankato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute, AgStar's Leadership Development Program and membership in the Minnesota State Bar Association and Sixth District Bar Association. Anderson is appointed as a representative of real estate lenders.

Baggeroer, of Minnetonka, is the director of the Government Marketing Group of Datacard in Minnetonka. He has over 26 years of experience in the field of identity and transaction documents. Prior to joining Datacard, he held engineering and product management positions with Honeywell, Control Data and data 100 corporations. Baggeroer is a member of the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators, serves on numerous industry standards committees, has spoken at over 70 international seminars, and has provided training to Interpol, U.S. Secret Service, and other national police agencies and fraud investigators throughout the world. Baggeroer is appointed as a representative of technical and industry experts in electronic commerce and electronic records management and preservation.

Brown, of Minneapolis, is the assistant vice president and manager of the Procurement Services Group in Post Closing Services with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Minneapolis. Previously, she was a technology manager in servicing, escrow services supervisor, and held positions in cash management and customer service with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Brown was a trust accountant for First Trust, a plan administrator for Great West Life Assurance Company and an owner/operator of a medical billing processing company. Brown is appointed as a representative of mortgage companies.

Bulver, of Apple Valley, is the vice president of Pooling and Whole Loan Delivery with U.S. Bank Home Mortgage. Her department is responsible for the delivery of loans into secondary markets. Previously, Bulver was a closing manager with Bank of America Mortgage, vice president for closing and post-closing with GMAC-RFC Homecomings Financial Network, assistant vice president for secondary marketing operations, and a mortgage loan processor for Knutson Mortgage, and a loan application and closing clerk for Twin City Federal Savings and Loan. Bulver is appointed as a representative of mortgage companies.

Heitz, of Big Lake, is a realtor with Dynamics Real Estate in Big Lake and has nearly 20 years of experience in the industry. She is active with the National Association of Realtors, where she has served on the Board of Directors and numerous committees; the Minnesota Association of Realtors, where she currently serves on the Professional Standards Committee and has been a member of the Board of Directors, and its Executive Committee; and the North Metro Realtors Association, serving as president from 2001-2002. She was named "Minnesota Realtor of the Year" in 1999-2000 by the Minnesota Association of Realtors, "North Metro Realtor of the Year" in 2002-2003 by the North Metro Realtors Association, and a "Super Agent" in 2003 and 2004 by *Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine* and *Twin Cities Business*. Heitz is appointed as a representative of real estate agents.

Kane, of Lakeville, is vice president and operations manager for Stewart Title of Minnesota. Her responsibilities include managing the title production processes, overseeing the document recording process, recommending, implementing, and maintaining all existing and new technology within the company, and analyzing the needs of the business and trends in the field. Kane has 23 years of experience in the title insurance industry. She is a board member of the Minnesota Land Title Association, chairing its County Recorder Liaison Committee for the past five years; a member of Title Info Now!; and the Lakeville Chamber of Commerce. Kane is appointed as a representative of title companies.

Knaak, of North Oaks, is the managing partner of Knaak and Kantrud as well as president of Ancona West Corporation, which operates as North Oaks Title, in Vadnais Heights. He has been a practicing attorney in Minnesota for over 27 years in a number of different law firms. During that time, he has also served as a city attorney for Fridley, Lake Elmo and Newport and legal counsel for the Forest Lake School District and White Bear Lake Conservation District. Knaak was a member of the Minnesota Senate from 1983 to 1993 where he served on the judiciary and education committees and the education funding subcommittee. Knaak is appointed as a representative of real estate attorneys.

Roberts, of Minneapolis, is a professor of law at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, teaching courses in Property, Real Estate Transactions, Remedies, Land Use Survey, Comparative Land Use Seminar, and Drafting for Residential Real Estate Transactions. She was elected "Teacher of the Year" in 2002 by William Mitchell Law School students. Previously, Roberts was a partner with the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis, practicing in commercial real estate and land use law. She is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Hennepin County Bar Association, where she chaired the Real Property Section in 1990-1991. Roberts is appointed as a representative of real estate attorneys.

Weis, of Independence, is the executive vice president with Burnet Title, Inc., in Edina, and has served as a closer, closing manager, training director, and vice president of operations for the company during her nearly 25 years with First Security Title/Burnet Title. Prior to that, she was a closing assistant and real estate closer for over eight years with Frederick Herfurth/Fox Herfurth Real Estate in Wayzata. Weis is a member of the Minnesota Real Estate Services Association, where she was president for two terms in 1997 and 1998; and chairperson from 1999 to 2004 of the Minnesota Association of County Officers, Minnesota Real Estate Services Association, and Minnesota Land Title Association Joint Task Force. Weis is appointed as a representative of title companies.

The Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force was created by the legislature (Laws of Minnesota, 2005, Chapter 156, Article 2, Section 41) to implement and make recommendations for implementation of electronic filing and recording of real estate documents. The Task Force consists of 17 members, including nine appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William F. Arendt, Terry Hoffman, and Judith Russell, and the reappointment of Joshua Downham, Senator David Durenberger, Laura Harris, and Thomas Horner to the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service, also known as the ServeMinnesota Commission. All seven are appointed to unrestricted community member positions on the commission.

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Arendt, of Annandale, is the chief financial officer for The KNW Group, which provides financial services to businesses and individuals, including employee benefits, wealth accumulation and preservation, life insurance applications, investment services, and retirement planning. He has a background in financial, administrative, and human resources in the printing and insurance industries as well as in public accounting. He is currently a member of the ServeMinnesota Finance Committee, and the Cedar Lake Conservation Club of Annandale. Arendt replaces Bonnie Esposito for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Downham, of Minneapolis, is the project and marketing manager for UrbanPlanet in St. Paul, where he coordinates and oversees the development of large-scale software development projects for education, government, and non-profit clients. Previously, he was a government relations liaison with the Minneapolis Public Schools, a campaign consultant for the Minneapolis Public Schools 2000 Referendum Committee, and a committee administrator and communications specialist with the Minnesota House of Representatives. Downham, who has been a member of the ServeMinnesota Commission since 2003 and is a member of its Executive Committee, is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Durenberger, of St. Paul, is the senior health policy fellow with the University of St. Thomas College of Business. He is also chair and chief executive officer of the National Institute of Health Policy, a program of the University of St. Thomas. Durenberger is a commissioner with the National Commission for Quality Long-term Care, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid and the Uninsured. He is also a board member of the National Committee on Quality Assurance, and was appointed by Governor Pawlenty in 2003 to chair the Minnesota Citizens Forum on Healthcare Costs. Durenberger served as a United States Senator from Minnesota from 1978 to 1995. Durenberger is appointed to another three-year term on the ServeMinnesota Commission that expires on August 1, 2008.

Harris, of St. Paul, is an intergovernmental relations representative with the League of Minnesota Cities. She was a policy manager, legislative coordinator, and deputy director of the policy management department in the Office of Governor Jesse Ventura, and a committee administrator and committee legislative assistant with the Minnesota House of Representatives. Harris is a member of the Harriet Bishop Academy Board of Directors, was a member of the St. Paul Capital Improvement Budget Committee, the St. Paul to Kosovo Team, and a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota. Harris, who has been a member of the ServeMinnesota Commission since 2003 and serves on its Public Affairs and Development Committee, is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Hoffman, of St. Paul, is a community consultant and volunteers extensively for civic and non-profit organizations. These include management of the campaign for the restoration of Harriet Island for the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation, serving as interim vice president of development for KTCA Public Television, and director of foundation relations for the College of St. Catherine's capital campaign. Hoffman has served as chair of the Citizens League Board, president of the Courage Center Board of Directors, chair of the United Arts Board of Directors, and a member of the Como Zoo and Conservatory Board. She was commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a Public Utilities Commissioner, and director of the Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Affairs under Governor Al Quie. Hoffman replaces Mark Langseth for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Horner, of Edina, is a founder and principal of Himle Horner Inc., a public relations/public affairs firm. Previously, he was vice president and general manager of the Minnesota office of Hill and Knowlton, press secretary and chief of staff to U.S. Senator David Durenberger, and managing editor of Sun Newspapers, Inc. Horner teaches master's degree courses in corporate communications and public affairs at the University of St. Thomas, a public affairs commentator for Minnesota Public Radio, and a frequent public affairs analyst for other news media. He serves on the Children's Theatre Company Board of Governors, the Citizen's League Board of Directors, and the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communications' Premack Board. Horner, who serves on the ServeMinnesota Commission Executive Committee, is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Russell, of Stillwater, is a licensed social worker with over 35 years of professional experience in human services and community organizations. She recently retired as director of volunteer services for Children's Home Society and Family Services of Minnesota. Russell was a founder of the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administration and currently serves on its board of directors. She currently serves on the Ripley Foundation, and was chair of the St. Paul Public Schools' Special Education Council, co-chair of the Advisory Council for the United Way of Minneapolis Volunteer Center, past president of the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Directors, and a member of the Volunteer Center Board of Directors in St. Paul. Russell replaces Robert Ferderer on the commission to complete a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2006.

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service coordinates volunteer learning service programs, administers the youth works grant program as well as the federal Americorps program. The commission consists of 25 members, including 24 appointed by the governor, the Commissioner of Education plus four ex-officio legislative members.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EKSTRUM AND JORGENSEN TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of B. William Ekstrum and Kenneth L. Jorgensen to two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Washington County. These vacancies are due to the retirements of the Honorable Stephen L. Muehlberg on September 30, 2005, and the Honorable Gary J. Meyer on October 31, 2005.

Ekstrum is an attorney and shareholder with the Fridley law firm of Newquist and Ekstrum, a position he has held since 1987. Prior to that, he was an attorney with the Fridley law firm of Smith, Juster, Feikema, Malmon and Haskvitz from 1980 to 1987. Ekstrum earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1971.

"Bill has a great breadth and depth of experience in civil as well as criminal law," Governor Pawlenty said. "He also has a tremendous diversity of life experiences and active participation in the community, which will serve him well as a judge."

Ekstrum is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, serving on the Elder, Family and Probate Law Sections; the Anoka County Bar Association; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; and chairs the Anoka County Domestic Violence Justice Committee; as well as the Anoka County Order For Protection Oversight Committee. He is a member of the Fridley/Columbia Heights Rotary Club, serving as president in 2003-2004; a member and past board chair of the Emma B. Howe Family YMCA; a member and past president of the Blaine Area Chamber of Commerce; a member and past president of the Metro North Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce. Ekstrum has also held various positions including six years as lay leader of Fridley United Methodist Church, and is a member of the Encore Wind Ensemble and Lake Wobegone Brass Band.

Ekstrum, 57, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Blaine with his wife, Margaret. They have two adult children, Karen Burton and Kristen Ruesges, and five grandchildren.

Jorgensen is the director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, a position he has held since 2002. He was the Office's first assistant director from 1993 to 2002, senior assistant director from 1988 to 1993 and assistant director from 1984 to 1988. Jorgensen earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1984 and his bachelor of science degree from Mankato State University cum laude in 1981.

"Ken's career with the Lawyer's Board gives him a unique and valuable perspective as someone who has investigated and prosecuted ethical complaints against lawyers," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, he has the leadership and demeanor to be a great judge."

Jorgensen is a member of the American, Minnesota State, Ramsey County, First, and Seventeenth District Bar Associations. He is currently secretary of the Seventeenth District Bar Association. Jorgensen also teaches Professional Responsibility and Legal Practicum at William Mitchell Law School, and has presented over 170 continuing legal education programs in Minnesota as well as other states for 20 years. He also served as a member of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, and was a boys and girls soccer coach and boys floor hockey coach through Maplewood Community Recreation.

Jorgensen, 48, was born in Fairmont, and lives in West Lakeland with his wife, Tricia, and their two children, Sam, 15, and Emily, 13.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THOMPSON TO EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael J. Thompson to an Eighth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Willmar in Kandiyohi County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable John C. Lindstrom on August 5, 2005. Fourteen people applied for this position.

Thompson is the Meeker County attorney, a position he has held since 1990. He was an assistant Meeker County attorney from 1986 to 1990, a solo practitioner in Litchfield from 1983 to 1986, an attorney with White and Thompson in Litchfield in 1982 and an attorney with the White Law Office in Cosmos in 1981. Thompson earned his juris doctorate cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Montana, at Missoula, in 1976.

"As a long-time county attorney in a smaller county, Mike has a tremendous background personally trying the types of cases that the Kandiyohi County court handles," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be an immediate asset to the bench in the handling of its sizeable caseload."

Thompson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and a member and past president of the Twelfth District Bar Association. He is also a member of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association Board of Directors, serving on its Criminal Law Committee, and a former member of its Long-Range Planning Committee. Thompson is a member of the Meeker County Law Library Board of Directors; Litchfield Rescue Squad, currently as its chief; Litchfield Baseball Association Board of Directors; and is a Litchfield Babe Ruth youth baseball coach.

Thompson, 52, was born in Amery, Wisconsin, and resides in Litchfield with his wife, Tamra, and their two children, Alyssa, 17, and Chris, 15.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ADOLPHSON TO PERPICH CENTER BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of former State Representative Peter H. Adolphson to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Adolphson currently serves as the director of production and marketing for the ION Corporation. He previously served as a member of Minnesota House of Representatives from 2003 to 2005. While in the House, Adolphson served on the Transportation Finance, Transportation Policy, Ways and Means, and Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committees.

Adolphson served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1981 to 2005, retiring as a Commander. He received a B.A. in Business Administration from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, and a M.B.A. from National University in San Diego, California. Peter and his wife, Kristin, reside in Minnetonka. They are the parents of four children, aged 17 to 27.

Adolphson is a resident of the 3rd Congressional District and is appointed to the remainder of a vacant term which ends January 2, 2006. He fills the board seat formerly held by Scott Halgrim.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center includes the Arts High School, which is a tuition-free public high school for 310 students in grades 11 and 12. The Center also conducts research into arts education and acts as a resource for schools, teachers, students, and artists. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two trial court bench vacancies in the Ninth Judicial District in Polk County.

The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Dennis J. Murphy on November 7, 2005. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John M. Roue on January 31, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Crookston in Polk County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Ninth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, December 5, 2005.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BURANDT TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Burandt to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Robert Burandt, of Waconia, is an elected Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. Burandt also serves as the treasurer of his Soil and Water Conservation District. He is a fifth generation owner of Burandt Lakeview Farms and currently serves as treasurer of Carver Camp Gideons, and as a member of the building committee for Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia.

Burandt previously served on the American Dairy Association Board, the Trinity Lutheran Church Stewardship Board, and the Executive Board of Lutheran High School in Mayer. His history as a conservation-minded farmer goes back to 1977, when he was named Carver County Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Burandt is appointed to a Board position for a soil and water conservation district supervisor and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Victor Ormsby on the Board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kristine A. Kubes and Patrick Parsley to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design.

Kubes, of Minneapolis, is an attorney in the construction law group with Meagher and Geer, in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 2002. Prior to joining Meagher Geer, she practiced in construction and surety law, contracts and appeals with Thomas R. Olson and Associates from 1998 to 2002. She was a judicial law clerk on the Minnesota Court of Appeals for Judges Robert H. Schumacher (1998), Fred C. Norton (1993 – 1998), and Doris Ohlsen Huspeni (1990 – 1992). Kubes was also a professor's assistant in the French MBA program at the University of Rennes, France in 1992.

Kubes earned her law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1986. She is a member of the American Bar Association, where she serves on the Forum on the Construction Industry, and is a member of the TIPS/Fidelity and Surety Law Committee, as well as the Minnesota State Bar Association, where she serves on the Construction Law Section. Kubes is also a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association, and Minnesota Women Lawyers, and has been a speaker at numerous continuing legal education seminars on construction issues. In addition to her professional activities, she is a community crusade block coordinator with the American Cancer Society, and a volunteer and choir member at Visitation Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

Kubes replaces Stephanie Ball as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Parsley, of Fairmont, is the city of Fairmont building official, where he is responsible for all aspects of building code adoption and enforcement for commercial and residential construction. He has been Fairmont's building official since 1989. He has also owned Pat Parsley Inspection Company, where he conducts plan reviews, inspections and bookkeeping, since 1994, and had owned Pat Parsley Construction Company from 1987 to 1989.

Parsley has been a certified building official in Minnesota since 1989. He has also been a certified plans examiner since 1991 and a certified building official since 1994 with the International Codes Council (ICC). Parsley is a member of the ICC's 10,000 Lakes Chapter, and the ICC Association of Minnesota Building Officials, where he was its founding board secretary, is currently executive secretary, and a member of its legislative and code committees. He is also a member and past president of the International Certified Building Officials (ICBO) Southwest Minnesota Chapter, and a member and past president of the ICBO Minnesota Building Officials Chapter's Board of Directors. Parsley received the Minnesota Building Officials "Code Official of the Year" award in 1998.

Parsley replaces Rick Breezee as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists and certifies interior designers. The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EPPERLY TO THE MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David Epperly to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

David Epperly is the Minnesota State Forester. He also serves as Director of the DNR Division of Forestry. Epperly assumed his current position on November 1, 2005. Prior to joining the DNR, he served as the St. Louis County Land Commissioner. He also previously served as Director of Douglas County (Wisconsin) Resources. Epperly received a B.S. in Forest Management/Surveying from Michigan Technological University. He is appointed to the Council position for a representative of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Epperly replaces Michael Carroll on the Council.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.



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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Clay County. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable William E. Walker on December 9, 2005. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Moorhead in Clay County. The finalists are Lisa N. Borgen, Steven J. Cahill, Kenneth J. Kohler, and Timothy J. McLarnan.

Borgen, of Moorhead, is the Clay County attorney, a position she has held since January 1999. She is also an adjunct facilitator at the University of Mary in Fargo, North Dakota. Prior to being elected the Clay County attorney in 1998, she was a solo practitioner in Moorhead, and a contract attorney with Seventh Judicial District public defender's office from 1997 to 1999. Borgen earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks in 1996, her bachelor of arts degree from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, in 1993, and her licensed practical nurse diploma from North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, in1982.

Cahill, of Moorhead, is an attorney and partner with the law firm Pearson, Christensen, Cahill and Clapp in Moorhead, a position he has held since June 2005. He was an attorney and president of Cahill Law Office in Moorhead from January through May 2005, an attorney and president (since 1994) of the law firm Cahill and Marquart in Moorhead from 1981 through 2004, and an attorney and partner (since 1979) with the Moorhead law firm Cahill, Gunhus, Streed, Grinnell, Jeffries and Klinger from 1975 to 1981. Cahill earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in1976 and his bachelor of arts degree from Winona State College in 1972.

Kohler, of Moorhead, is the chief assistant Clay County attorney in Moorhead, a position he has held since 2002. He was the Nobles County attorney as well as an attorney and partner with the law firm Mork, H. Darling, Hagemann and Kohler in Worthington from 1984 to 2002, and an assistant Redwood County attorney in Redwood Falls from 1982 to 1984. Kohler also served as a judge advocate general with the Minnesota National Guard from 1984 to 1996. Kohler earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1982 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Morris in 1979.

McLarnan, of Moorhead, is a partner with the Moorhead law firm of McLarnan, Hannaher and Skatvold. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1979. McLarnan earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 10 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS METRO WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today appointed all 12 members of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will assist the Metropolitan Council in studying the water needs of the Twin Cities metropolitan area and developing a regional water supply master plan.

The advisory committee was authorized by a 2005 law, which directed the Council to complete technical studies and develop a master plan assuring the reliability, security and cost-effectiveness of the region's water supply system.

The legislation also directed the Council and the advisory committee to develop recommendations for streamlining the present water supply decision-making and approval processes, which involve multiple state and regional agencies.

"As the Land of 10,000 Lakes, the origin of the Mississippi River and the home of abundant groundwater supplies, some people may take this precious resource for granted," said Governor Pawlenty. "However, our water supply is not infinite, and it needs to be protected and used properly."

Peter Bell, chair of the Met Council, said his agency has no interest in getting into the water supply business. "That will remain a responsibility of the municipalities in the metropolitan area," he said. "But groundwater aquifers, rivers and watersheds aren't confined to any one political subdivision. It makes sense to take a regional approach to water supply planning."

The members of the new advisory committee include five agency officials designated by the law: Peter Bell, chair of the Metropolitan Council, who will chair the advisory committee; Gene Hugoson, commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Diane Mandernach, commissioner of the Department of Health; Gene Merriam, commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; and Sheryl Corrigan, commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.

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Also appointed were:

- Dennis Berg, Anoka County commissioner
- Joseph A. Harris, Dakota County commissioner
- Tom Furlong, Mayor of Chanhassen
- Linda Loomis, Mayor of Golden Valley
- Barry A. Stock, City Administrator of Savage
- Beverly Aplikowski, Mayor of Arden Hills
- Chuck Haas, Hugo City Council member

Under the law, the Council must submit its first report to the Legislature on its water supply planning efforts by January 2007, and provide updates every five years thereafter. The advisory committee expires December 31, 2008.

The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county metropolitan area. It runs the regional bus and light-rail system, collects and treats wastewater and coordinates water resources preservation, plans regional parks and administers funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Council is appointed by the Governor.

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December 9, 2005 (651) 296-0001

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Jeanne J. Graham on September 23, 2005. The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Diana S. Eagon on November 4, 2005, and the third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Steven Z. Lange on February 3, 2006.

The finalists are Toddrick S. Barnette, Peter A. Cahill, Margaret H. Chutich, Daniel C. Moreno, Jeannice M. Reding, Susan M. Robiner, and Robert M. Small.

Barnette, of Maple Grove, is a senior assistant Hennepin County attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2004. He was an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County from 1993 to 2004, becoming senior attorney in that office in 2001. He was also a law clerk in the Hennepin County public defender's office from 1991 to 1992. Barnette earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992, and his bachelor of arts degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1988.

Cahill, of Plymouth, is the chief deputy Hennepin County attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2000. He has been an attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office since 1997. He was the founder and chief executive officer of The Blue Pages, Inc., from 1996 to 1997, a solo practitioner in Wayzata from 1993 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the law firm of Colich and Cahill in Minneapolis from 1988 to 1993, an associate attorney with the law firm of Colich and Wieland in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1988, and an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County from 1984 to 1987. Cahill earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1981.

Chutich, of Minneapolis, is an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General in St. Paul. She was an assistant attorney general from 1992 to 1994, and again since 1996, serving as deputy attorney general from 1996 to 1998 and executive counsel in 1999. She was an assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis from 1994 to 1996; an attorney with the law firm of Tanick and Heins and its successor firm, Opperman, Heins and Paquin, from 1986 to 1991; and a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Diana E. Murphy from 1984 to 1986. Chutich earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Michigan in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1980.

Moreno, of Minneapolis, is an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County, a position he has held since 1991. He was also a law clerk in the Hennepin County public defender's office from 1987 to 1990. Moreno earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1986.

Reding, of Plymouth, is a Fourth Judicial District referee, in the family court division. She has also been a Fourth Judicial District contract child support magistrate from 1999 to 2004; a contract administrative law judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings from 1997 to 1999; and an attorney with the law firm of Best and Flanagan in Minneapolis from 1990 to 1997. Reding earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1984.

Robiner, of Minneapolis, is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis. She was an attorney with the firm from 1985 to 2000 (becoming a shareholder in 1993), and again since 2001. She was also an attorney and partner with the law firm of Sprenger and Lang in Minneapolis from 2000 to 2001. Robiner earned her juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC in 1985, and her bachelor of arts degree from Carleton College in Northfield in 1981.

Small, of Richfield, is the first assistant United States attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 1998, except during 2001, when he was the acting United States attorney for the district of Minnesota. He has been an attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office since 1981. He was the administrative assistant to the chief of staff with the United States Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis from 1980 to 1981, and an attorney in the Veterans Administration Office of District Counsel at Fort Snelling from 1975 to 1980. Small earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1975, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas (then called the College of St. Thomas) in St. Paul in 1971.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 47 applications for these three judicial vacancies.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ISLAM TO THE COUNCIL ON ASIAN PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of M. Shahidul Islam to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Shahid Islam, of Ramsey, currently serves as a financial advisor for UBS Financial Services in Minneapolis. He previously served as CEO of Icube Capital, LLC, in Ramsey. Islam currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Thomas, where he teaches in the MBA program.

Islam received a B.A. and MBA from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, and a MBA and a M.A. in Economics from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is appointed to the Council position for a representative from the Bangladeshi community. Islam will serve a term which runs from January 2, 2006 to January 4, 2010. He replaces Shirley Sam Souza on the Council.

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans advises the Governor and Legislature on issues pertaining to Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. The Council also advocates on issues of importance to the Asian-Pacific community in Minnesota. The Council is made up of 23 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DALLE-MOLLE TO THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Victoria Dalle-Molle to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Victoria Dalle-Molle, of Rochester, currently serves as executive director of the Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living (SEMCIL), in Rochester. She also currently serves as administrator of the SEMCIL United Home Healthcare Choices, Inc. Prior to joining SEMCIL in 2002, Dalle-Molle served as executive director of the NAMI Olmsted County, a grassroots non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by metal illness. She also previously served as director of community support programs for the Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center in Rochester.

Dalle-Molle received a B.A. in Human Development and a M.P.A. from the University of Kansas. She is appointed to the Council position for a representative of directors of centers for independent living and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Dalle-Molle replaces David Hancox on the Council.

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor.



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PAWLENTY NAMES RUSSELL ANDERSON CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, LORIE GILDEA ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

~ Attorney Kevin Ross appointed to Minnesota Court of Appeals ~

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Russell A. Anderson as Chief Justice. The position is open due to the resignation of Chief Justice Kathleen A. Blatz effective January 10, 2006.

The Governor also announced the appointment of Hennepin County District Court Judge Lorie S. Gildea as an Associate Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court and the appointment of attorney Kevin G. Ross to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

"Justice Anderson is an extraordinary jurist," Governor Pawlenty said. "He is well-respected, hardworking, intelligent and will lead our state's highest court with integrity and thoughtfulness."

Anderson was appointed to the Ninth District Court by Governor Al Quie in 1983. He was subsequently appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court by Governor Arne Carlson in 1998 and was reelected to the court in 2000. Prior to serving on the bench, Anderson was the Beltrami County Attorney from 1978 to 1982. He was in private practice in Bemidji from 1976 to 1982. His first legal experience came while in military service. Lieutenant Commander Anderson served in the Judge Advocate General's Corp of the U.S. Navy. He acted as prosecutor and defense attorney for general and lesser courts-martial, as military judge for special and summary court-martial, and as civil and criminal staff attorney in the Office of Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C.

Anderson earned a Master of Laws from George Washington University in 1977, his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1968, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College in 1964. He has been a leader in a variety of posts, including Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial District and Vice Chair of the Conference of Chief Judges. He also served as a member of his school district's education foundation, president of his church council, and member of the Lion's Club and American Legion.

Anderson, 63, was born in Bemidji. He and his wife, Kristin, have three adult children.

The Governor named Hennepin County District Court Judge Lorie Gildea to the open Associate Justice position on the Minnesota Supreme Court. She was appointed to her current position by

Governor Pawlenty in September 2005. Previously she served as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney since 2004.

Gildea was associate general counsel for the University of Minnesota from 1993 to 2004, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Arent Fox in Washington, D.C. from 1986 to 1993. Gildea earned her Juris Doctorate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1986 and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Morris in 1983. While in law school Gildea achieved high academic honors, including election to the Order of the Coif. She also served as an editor of the American Criminal Law Review.

"Judge Gildea has the intellect and common sense to serve our state with excellence," Governor Pawlenty said. "In her previous posts she has handled difficult and sensitive cases with professionalism and fairness. She will be an excellent addition to our Supreme Court."

Gildea is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and serves on its Council, Assembly, and Civil Litigation Section Governing Council. She had been a member of its Diversity Committee. Gildea is also a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and served on its Board of Directors. She has been a member of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, MINNCOR Industries Advisory Board, and the YWCA of Minneapolis Board of Directors.

Gildea, 44, grew up in Plummer and resides in Minneapolis with her husband, Andrew.

The Governor appointed attorney Kevin Ross to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The vacancy was created due to the retirement of Judge Robert Schumacher on September 9, 2005. The position requires appointment of an attorney who resides in the Third Congressional District.

Ross is a partner at the Minneapolis law firm Greene Espel. He joined the firm in 1997 and his law practice has focused in the areas of constitutional law, employment consultation and litigation, and general litigation.

Before studying and practicing law, Ross enforced it as a police officer from 1987 to 1992 with the Iowa City Police Department. He left that position to attend law school. Ross received both his Juris Doctorate, with high distinction, and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Iowa. Graduating law school in 1994, Ross served as a judicial clerk to Chief Judge Paul Magnuson on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and then to Judge Donald Lay on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ross served as a member of the Federal Local Rules Committee for the Minnesota district and the Federal Practice Committee from 1997 to 2005. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of Christ's Church in Minneapolis, and presently serves as President of Park Avenue United Methodist Men.

"Kevin Ross' extraordinary character and experience will make him an excellent judge on our Court of Appeals," Governor Pawlenty said. "His wide understanding of issues from constitutional law to labor arbitration to employment law will serve our state well."

Ross, 42, was born in St. Louis. He lives in Minnetonka with his wife, Michon, who is a native of St. Paul. They have five children.

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Winona in Winona County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Lawrence T. Collins effective today, Friday, December 16, 2005.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Third Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 12, 2006.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two trial court bench vacancies in the Ninth Judicial District.

The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Dennis J. Murphy on November 7, 2005. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John M. Roue on January 31, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Crookston in Polk County.

The finalists are Michael L. Jorgenson, Philip K. Miller, Jeffrey S. Remick, Alan G. Rogalla, and Tamara L. Yon.

Jorgenson, of Thief River Falls, is an attorney and president of the Charlson and Jorgenson law firm in Thief River Falls. He has been president of the firm since 2000. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm's predecessor, Charlson, Marben and Jorgenson from 1990 to 2000, and an associate attorney with that firm's predecessor, Charlson and Marben from 1987 to 1990. Jorgenson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1984.

Miller, of Williams, is the Lake of the Woods County attorney in Baudette, a position he has held since December 1997. He was an assistant Lake of the Woods County attorney from September through November 1997, an assistant Redwood County attorney from 1996 to 1997, and an assistant St. Paul city attorney from 1991 to 1996. He was also a Second Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Margaret Marrinan in 1991, and a certified student attorney with the Ramsey County attorney's office from 1988 to 1991. Miller earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1990, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1986.

Remick, of Crookston, is an attorney and partner with the Odland, Fitzgerald, Reynolds and Remick law firm in Crookston. He has been a partner with the law firm since 1995, and an associate attorney with the firm's predecessor, Odland, Fitzgerald and Reynolds, from 1990 to 1994. He was also an associate attorney with the Reed and Pond law firm in Mound from 1989 to 1990. Remick earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1989, and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1985.

Rogalla, of Thief River Falls, is an assistant county attorney and the chief prosecutor in the Pennington County attorney's office, a position he has held since 1999. He was an assistant Pennington County attorney as well as a private practice attorney with the Olin Law Office in Thief River Falls from 1990 to 1999, and an assistant Grand Forks city attorney as well as a private practice attorney with the Nelson, Kalash, Molenaar Law Office in Grand Forks, North Dakota, from 1988 to 1990. Rogalla earned his juris doctorate degree (1988), and his Bachelor of Science degree cum laude (1985) from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Yon, of Crookston, is an attorney and partner with the Johannson, Rust, Yon, Stock and Rasmussen law firm in Crookston, a position she has held since 1999. She was an associate attorney with the firm from 1994 to 1999. Yon has also been a Chapter Seven trustee – based in Crookston – with the United States Department of Justice since 2003, and an adjunct professor with the University of Minnesota in Crookston since 1999. Yon earned her juris doctorate from the University of North Dakota Law School in Grand Forks in 1994, and her bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1991.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 12 applications for these two judicial vacancies.

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