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"In her seven years as the Clay County Attorney, Lisa has earned a reputation as a tough prosecutor with a strong work ethic," Governor Pawlenty said. "She has also established herself as a leader in the legal community, and deeply engaged in the Moorhead community."

Borgen serves on the executive committee of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) Board of Directors, is president of the Red River Children's Advocacy Center Board of Directors as well as the Clay County Law Library Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), Minnesota Internet Crimes Again Children Task Force, Clay County Bar Association, Clay County Children's Justice Initiative Executive Committee, Clay County Multi-disciplinary Child Protection Team, and Clay County Permanency Planning Team. She has conducted numerous continuing legal education seminars sponsored by the MCAA and the MSBA, and speaks to many community groups on children's issues, including the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE) graduations.

Borgen, 43, was born and raised in Moorhead, where she lives with her husband, Bradley, and their three children, Michael, 19, Isaac, 12, and CeCe, 9.

Cahill 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, his bachelor of arts degree from Winona State College in 1972, and his high school diploma from Shanley High School in Fargo, North Dakota in 1966.

"Steve has tried dozens of jury trials over his nearly 30 years in practice and has a tremendous reputation in the civil bar," Governor Pawlenty said. "As a well-respected member of the Moorhead community, he will serve the citizens with humility and dignity as a judge."

Cahill is past president of the Clay County Bar Association, and is a member of the Seventh District Bar Association, where he chairs its Ethics Committee, as well as the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), where he currently serves on its Board of Governors, and has chaired the Court Rules Committee. He is also past president of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association and the Ronald N. Davies Inn of Court in Fargo, and has served as secretary of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Cahill also served on the Minnesota Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on General Rules of Practice, and its Local Rules Task Force.

Cahill is certified as a civil trial specialist by the MSBA Civil Trial Certification Council, and is certified in civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He holds the highest rating by the Martindale Hubbell legal directory and has been rated a "Super Lawyer" by the American Research Corporation numerous times, including in 2005.

Cahill, 57, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Moorhead with his wife, Jeri, and their two sons, Jim, 17, and John, 14.



## NEWS RELEASE

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January 12, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ANDERSON TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Princeton** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steven A. Anderson to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Mille Lacs County. This judgeship is a new position 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 this position for the city of Milaca in Mille Lacs County.

Anderson 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.

"Steve has a diverse background practicing civil and criminal law with a combination of jury trials as well as court trials, which is what he will handle as a judge in Mille Lacs County," Governor Pawlenty said. "He has been a respected member of the community for over 20 years, and will serve the citizens with distinction as a judge."

Anderson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he has served on its Real Estate, Probate, and Public Law Sections; and Mille Lacs County Bar Association, where he has served as president. He has also served on the Mille Lacs County Community Justice Circle, the Princeton Kinship Mentoring Partners, Princeton Lions Club, Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce, and has been an adult leader and committee member with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Anderson also has provided numerous seminars on estate planning for local community education and churches.

Anderson, 51, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Princeton with his wife, Karen. They have two adult sons, Christopher, and Mark.



# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 13, 2006

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY'S REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PROCLAMATION

SAINT PAUL -- THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY'S PROCLAMATION FOR REV.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006:

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., called the people of the nation and world to unity

by saying we are "caught in an inescapable network of mutuality"; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King shook us from complacency with statements like, "We will have to repent in this

generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of bad people, but the appalling

silence of good people"; and

WHEREAS: He taught us that, "The good neighbor looks beyond external accidents and discerns those

inner qualities that make all men human and therefore brothers"; and

WHEREAS: He urged us to take action by saying, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice

everywhere"; and

WHEREAS: He said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort

and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy"; and

WHEREAS: He held to a positive vision of the future, saying, "I believe that unarmed truth and

unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily

defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant"; and

WHEREAS: He inspired us all with the words, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and

live out the true meaning of its creed – 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all

men are created equal."

Now, Therefore, I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, that Monday, January 16, 2006, shall be observed as:

### REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and that all Minnesotans make it an occasion to reflect on his life, teachings, leadership, faith, character, great accomplishments, and his yet unfulfilled dream, and dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of justice, reconciliation, and peace.



# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 18, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FOUR TO AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of B. T. "Tom" Duffy, as chair, and Judy Frisch, Howard "Chub" Stewart, and Stuart Voigt as members of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC). All four are reappointed to three-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Duffy, of Minneapolis, is the director of corporate sales and marketing for the 3M Championship in Blaine, and a retired executive from the IBM Corporation. Duffy has chaired the MASC since 1991, and has a member since its inception in 1987.

Frisch, of Moorhead, has volunteered in amateur athletics in the Moorhead area for nearly 30 years. She has been actively involved with the United States Figure Skating Association, Moorhead Youth Hockey Association, Moorhead Amateur Sports Commission, and the Star of the North State Games. Frisch has been a member of the MASC since 2000.

Stewart, of Rochester, is a retired executive with the IBM Corporation in Rochester, and past chair of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners. He was the founding president of the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission, and chair of the 1990 Star of the North State Games in Rochester. Stewart has been a member of the MASC since 1991.

Voigt, of Apple Valley, is president of Ramco, a real estate management company. He played professional football for 11 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings and was a Vikings radio broadcaster for 20 years. Voigt is active with the NFL Alumni Association, Taste of the NFL, Make-a-Wish Foundation, and the Ataxia Foundation. Voigt has been a member of the MASC since 2003.

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.



## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 18, 2006

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SHAH TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ramanik P. Shah, CPA, to the Board of Accountancy.

Shah, of Roseville, is the principal of Shah and Company, Ltd, a full-service accounting firm in Roseville. He has been an active member of the Minnesota Society of CPAs since 1985, and has served continuously for over 20 years as a volunteer manager for Accountability, formerly called the Minnesota Accounting Aid Society. Shah, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2004, and is currently its secretary/treasurer, is reappointed as a certified public accountant member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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



## NEWS RELEASE

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January 18, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FINCH TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael D. Finch, Ph.D., as chair of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors.

Finch, of Minneapolis is a principal with the firm of Finch and King, Inc., in Minneapolis. He is also a full member of the graduate faculty with the University of Minnesota (U of M) School of Public Health, a visiting associate professor with the U of M College of Liberal Arts, as well as a lecturer in the Department of Health Care Management at the U of M Carlson School of Business. Finch was president of the National Association of State Housing Boards in 2001, and a member of its Executive Committee from 1996 to 2000. Finch, who has been chair of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency since 1995, is reappointed chair for another four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Minnesota 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.



## NEWS RELEASE

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January 18, 2006

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Donald Gerdesmeier and Carrie Thomas to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) 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, who has been a member of the MJSP Board since 2005, is reappointed to a position for a labor representative from the GWDC for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Thomas, of St. Paul, is the policy director with the JOBS NOW Coalition, where she develops and directs public policy activities. Thomas, who has been a member of the MJSP Board since 2003, is reappointed to a position for a representative of non-profit organizations for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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.



# NEWS RELEASE

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January 19, 2006

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BARNETTE, REDING, AND SMALL TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Toddrick S. Barnette, Jeannice M. Reding, and Robert M. Small to three Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Hennepin County. The vacancies are as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Jeanne J. Graham, the retirement of the Honorable Diana S. Eagon, and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable Steven Z. Lange. Forty-seven people applied for these positions.

Barnette 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.

"Todd is known in Hennepin County for being well-prepared and for his strong interpersonal skills," Governor Pawlenty said. "Having been both a prosecutor as well as a public defender, combined with his work ethic and personality will make him a great judge."

Barnette is a member of the Restorative Justice Peacemaking Project, Minnesota State Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, Black Prosecutors Association, Mavin Foundation, and has served on the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Black Law Students Association, Hennepin County Juvenile Advisory Committee, and was a board member of Chrysalis.

Barnette, 39, was born in Washington, DC and resides in Maple Grove with his wife, Gretchen Hoffman. He has an adult son, Herman Mean, and two young children, Morgan, 3, and Myles, 1.

Reding 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.

"As a Hennepin County District Court Referee, Jeannice has proven that she can handle the caseload efficiently while giving each individual case personal attention," Governor Pawlenty said. "She has demonstrated her potential to be an outstanding district court judge through her performance as a referee."

Reding is a founding member and past treasurer of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association; volunteers at her children's schools; and is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Plymouth where she is the nursery coordinator, a Sunday school teacher, and actively involved in hosting homeless families at the church. She has also served on the Church Council and the Facilities Planning Committee. In addition, she has been a board member of Family and Children's Services in Minneapolis, and a Guardian ad Litem for children of tribal members in the tribal court of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Reding, 43, was born in Park Falls, Wisconsin, and resides in Plymouth with her husband, Troy, and their three children, Eli, 15, Elizabeth, 11, and Sam, 9.

Small 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, an attorney in the Veterans Administration Office of District Counsel at Fort Snelling from 1975 to 1980, and a staff sergeant with the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, where he served a tour in Viet Nam. 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.

"Bob has a great combination of experience, enthusiasm and wisdom," Governor Pawlenty said. "The professional and personal life experiences – including his service in the military – that he will bring to the Hennepin County bench will make him an immediate asset to the court."

Small has been a baseball coach for the Richfield American Legion, Richfield High School, Richfield Babe Ruth, and Richfield Little League, and has served on the Babe Ruth and Little League Board of Directors. He has also been an Assumption Catholic School Basketball coach and Girls Softball assistant coach, a Richfield Soccer Association coach, Richfield Youth Football Association coach, and was a coach and member of the Board of Directors with the Richfield Basketball Association. He received the Richfield Chamber of Commerce Award for contributions to the Richfield sports community in 1998, and the Minnesota Athletic Directors Association 2004 Distinguished Service Award for Commitment to Youth of Richfield High School. Small also served on the Richfield High School Committee on Gender Equity, and the Assumption Catholic School Finance Committee.

Small, 61, was born in Bogota, New Jersey, and lives in Richfield with his wife, Renee. They have one adult son, Andrew.

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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 20, 2006

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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 trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Lorie S. Gildea, who was sworn-in as an Associate Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court. The effective date of Judge Gildea's resignation was January 10, 2006. The second vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a new district court judgeship, and the third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Isabel Gomez on March 15, 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 **Monday, February 13, 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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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 20, 2006

**Contact:** Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS REMICK AND YON TO NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Crookston – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jeffrey S. Remick and Tamara L. Yon to two Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The openings occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Dennis J. Murphy on November 7, 2005 and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable John M. Roue on January 31, 2006. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Crookston in Polk County. Twelve people applied for these two positions.

"Both Jeff and Tamara have a strong work ethic, are active in the Crookston community, and have a significant practice in the area of family law, which continues to be a growing component of the cases a judge handles," Governor Pawlenty said. "As judges, they will both be a credit to the citizens of Polk County for years to come."

Remick 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.

Remick is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association as well as the Fourteenth District Bar Association, where he is currently treasurer. He is also a judicare panel attorney with Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota, a member of the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program Board of Directors, Red River Valley Shows Board of Directors, and has served on the Little Brothers of Crookston Board of Directors, as a Guardian ad Litem, and a member of Ducks Unlimited. Remick is also active in his church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, having served as president of the congregation, a member of the Board of Deacons, and as a Ninth Grade Sunday school teacher.

Remick, 43, was born in Bemidji, and lives in Crookston with his wife, Ingrid, and their three children, Ryan, 16, Kristin, 14, and Aaron, 12.

Yon 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. You 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.

Yon is the volunteer attorney for Crookston Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc., serves on the Northwest Minnesota Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors, is a member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers, and the Fourteenth District Bar Association, where she was president in 2004-2005. She is a Sunday school teacher as well as a piano accompanist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a director with the Crookston Education Foundation, treasurer of Friends of the Library, Inc., in Crookston, and a director with Sunrise Center – a daycare center run by the Sisters of Mount Saint Benedict – in Crookston.

Yon, 37, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, raised in Roseau, and lives in Crookston with her husband, Bill, and their two children.



## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 23, 2006

**Contact:** Brian McClung

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HABERMAN TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathleen Haberman to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Kathleen Haberman, RN, of Heron Lake, currently serves as education manager for the Worthington Regional Hospital, in Worthington. She also serves as a parish nurse and as the coordinator of the parish nursing program for three parishes in southwestern Minnesota (St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Brewster). Haberman previously served as Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

Haberman has been a licensed registered nurse in Minnesota since 1975. She received a bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of North Dakota and a M.S. in nursing education from South Dakota State University. Haberman currently serves as the president-elect of the Association of Health Care Educators of the Midwest. She previously served as a member of the Minnesota Board of Nursing from 1998 to 2001. Haberman also previously served as treasurer of the Minnesota Licensed Practical Nursing Educators' Association.

Haberman is appointed to a board position for a registered nurse. She will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. She fills the seat formerly held by Vicky Jensen.

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.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 24, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John Meers and Nona Wilson to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.

John Meers, of St. Cloud, currently serves as a program coordinator and clinical supervisor at St. Cloud Hospital Recovery Plus. He is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) in Minnesota. Meers is a graduate of the Hazelden chemical dependency counselor training program. He previously served on the board of directors of the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH). Meers was the 2003 MAARCH Counselor of the Year. He previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a combatwounded Korean War veteran. Meers is appointed as a LADC member of the board and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He fills the seat formerly held by Karen Stokes.

Nona L. Wilson, of St. Cloud, currently serves as an associate professor of counselor education and educational psychology at St. Cloud State University. She previously served as a tenured associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and as a tenured associate professor at South Dakota State University. Wilson is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Minnesota and South Dakota. She received a B.A. in psychology, a M.Ed. in community counseling, and a Ph.D. in counselor education from Ohio University. Wilson is appointed as a LPC member of the board and will serve a term which ends on January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Colin Ward.

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.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 26, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Lynette Boyer and Coralmae Stenstrom to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Lynette Boyer, of Otsego, is the Treasurer of the Minnesota Deaf-Blind Association. She also currently works at the Holiday Inn in Otsego. Boyer is a former member of the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. She is appointed as the Council member who is a representative of the deaf-blind community. Boyer will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Council in December 2003.

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 three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the Council in May 2005.

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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### NEWS RELEASE

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January 27, 2006

**Contact:** Brian McClung

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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 Winona in Winona County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Lawrence T. Collins on December 16, 2005. The finalists are Daniel J. Heuel, Mary C. Leahy, and Karin L. Sonneman.

Heuel, of Byron, is an attorney and partner with the Rochester law firm of O'Brien and Wolf, a position he has held since 2001. He was a partner with the Heuel, Carlson and Spellhaug law firm in Rochester from 1998 to 2001, a partner with the Muir and Heuel law firm in Rochester from 1980 to 1998, and an associate attorney with the Ross Muir Law Offices in Rochester from 1978 to 1980. Heuel earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from St. Mary's University in Winona in 1974.

Leahy, of Rochester, is a senior staff attorney with American Family Insurance in Rochester, a position she has held since 1998. She was an associate attorney with the law firm of Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann and Hovey in Austin from 1992 to 1998, an associate attorney with Michael D. Klampe and Associates in Rochester from 1991 to 1992, and a Third Judicial District law clerk from 1990 to 1991. Leahy earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1984.

Sonneman, of Winona, is a full-time Third Judicial District assistant public defender, a position she has held since 2005. She was an attorney in private practice with the Sonneman and Sonneman law firm in Winona, and a part-time assistant public defender in the Third Judicial District from 1990 to 2005. She was also a telecommunications regulations consultant with S & G Consultants in Eagan from 1989 to 1990, and a principal rates analyst with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission from 1981 to 1990. Sonneman earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989, her master of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Maryland 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 11 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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### NEWS RELEASE

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January 31, 2006

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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 Otter Tail County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable Thomas M. Stringer on January 19, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail 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 **Thursday, February 23, 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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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 7, 2006

Contact: Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LESHER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Cynthia L. Lesher to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Gov. Pawlenty stated, "Cyndi Lesher brings strong business experience to the board. She is well qualified to help lead the University in our fast-paced economy." Lesher stated, "I want to thank the Governor for this incredible opportunity. I have the highest respect for the University and its critical role in Minnesota's economic competitiveness. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve."

Cynthia L. Lesher, of New Brighton, currently serves as the President and CEO of Xcel Energy in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. From 2000 to 2005, she served as Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Human Resources Officer for Xcel Energy. From 1997 to 2000, Lesher served as President of the Northern States Power Gas Company. From 1992 to 1996, she served as Vice President for Human Resources at Northern States Power.

In 2004, Gov. Pawlenty appointed Lesher to chair the Governor's Workforce Development Council. In 2003, she was inducted in the Women's Economic Roundtable, comprising the top 100 women leaders in Minnesota.

Lesher currently serves on the board of directors of Alliant Techsystems, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood House, the Saint Paul Area Red Cross, and the Saint Paul Foundation. She also serves as a member of the executive committee of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association, and is a member of the Minneapolis Downtown Council and the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation.

Lesher received a B.A. in sociology from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and a M.S. in psychology and rehabilitation counseling from St. Cloud State University. She also completed the Master's of Excellence program at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

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Lesher is appointed to complete the remainder of the term of Richard "Pinky" McNamara, who resigned in December 2005. This term ends in February 2007. Lesher resides in the fourth congressional district.

The 12-member Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Minnesota. The legislature elects one regent from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and four from the state at large. One of the four at-large regents must be a University student at the time of election. Regents serve without pay for six-year terms. The president of the University is ex officio president of the Board. The Governor fills all vacancies on the board.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS McMILLAN TO DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David J. McMillan to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) Board.

McMillan, of Duluth, is the senior vice president of marketing, regulatory, and public affairs for ALLETE/Minnesota Power in Duluth, where he oversees the company's marketing and economic development efforts, as well as its legislative, regulatory, and public affairs functions. He is also senior vice president of ALLETE and executive vice president of Minnesota Power. He has held a variety of positions with Minnesota Power since joining the company as an attorney in 1989. Previously, he was an assistant attorney general for Union Pacific Railroad Company from 1987 to 1989. McMillan is a member of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Board, Minnesota Council on Economic Education Board, Natural Resources Research Institute Board, Rotary Club of Duluth, Partners for Affordable Energy Task Force, and was a member of the Goodwill Industries Board of Directors, where he was president from 1996 to 1998. McMillan fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Heidi Dulebohn. He is appointed to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Board administers, promotes, and operates the Duluth Convention Center. The DECC Board consists of 11 members, including four appointed by the Governor and seven appointed by the Mayor of Duluth.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD

~ Jeff Johnson also designated as board chair ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William H. Tendle, Jr. and William A. Wroolie, Jr. to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board. The Governor also designated current board member, Jeffery L. Johnson, as the board's chair.

William H. Tendle, Jr., of Plymouth, currently serves as the executive director and CEO of Southside Community Health Services, which includes three clinics in Minneapolis and one in Stillwater. From 1994 to 1996, he served as business manager and finance director for the Minnesota Epilepsy Group, P.A. From 1993 to 1994, Tendle served as state plan director – rate setting for the State of Minnesota Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP).

Tendle received a B.S. in business administration and public health from the University of Minnesota and a M.S. in health services administration from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1969. Tendle is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Mel Euteneuer on the board.

William A. Wroolie, Jr., of Brainerd, currently serves as the president of the Brainerd Public Utilities Commission. He also currently serves as the treasurer of the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Service Foundation and as the chairman of the V4V Trust, a trust created with the proceeds from the sale of the Big Island Veterans Camp on Lake Minnetonka.

Wroolie currently serves as Jr. Vice Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota. He is a volunteer van driver from Brainerd to the Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VAMC) in St. Cloud and Minneapolis. He also currently serves on the consumer advisory board for the Minneapolis VAMC. Wroolie previously served as national commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

From 1991 to 2000, Wroolie worked as a project manager and division manager for Anderson Brothers Construction. From 1978 to 1991, he was employed by Northcentral Outdoor Equipment Sales, including serving as general sales manager.

Wroolie is a graduate of Brainerd Community College. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1976, with a two year break in service. Wroolie served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969 and was wounded in combat. He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Wroolie is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Dr. Frank Budd on the Board.

Jeffery L. Johnson, of Alpha, currently serves as the vice chair of the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board. He also serves as chair of the board's Special Review Committee. Johnson was first appointed to the board in 2002. In 2005, Gov. Pawlenty reappointed him to a four-year term ending January 5, 2009. With the retirement of board chair Dr. Frank Budd, the Governor has now designated Johnson as the chair of the Veterans Homes Board.

Johnson 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.

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 <a href="https://www.mvh.state.mn.us">www.mvh.state.mn.us</a>.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BOLDUC AND HARR TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of John A. Bolduc and Scott Harr to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board). Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Bolduc, of Fort Ripley, is the Brainerd Police Chief, a position he has held since 2001. Previously, he was the Mora Police Chief from 1998 to 2001, and a peace officer with the city of Maple Grove from 1986 to 1998, achieving the rank of sergeant. Bolduc is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, North Hennepin Leadership Academy, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Management Series. He is a member of the Minnesota Chief's of Police Association Board of Directors, and the International Association of Chief's of Police. Bolduc, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of municipal police chiefs.

Harr, of Edina, chairs the criminal justice department at Concordia University in St. Paul. He has been with Concordia since 2002. Previously, Harr was a law enforcement and criminal justice instructor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, from 1999 to 2002, and at Normandale Community College in Bloomington from 1986 to 2000. He has also been a licensed private investigator since 1986. Harr was the Chanhassen public safety director from 1987 to 1998, a detective at Canterbury Park (then called Canterbury Downs) in Shakopee from 1986 to 1987, a legal investigator at Meshbesher and Spence in Minneapolis from 1983 to 1986, and a peace officer with the city of Chaska from 1980 to 1982 and Edina from 1978 to 1980. He has been active in a variety of professional and community organizations and authored numerous publications in criminal justice and law enforcement. Harr, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2002, is reappointed as a representative of peace officers or former peace officers who are currently employed on a full-time basis in a professional peace officer education program.

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 HEINTZEMAN TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Scott B. Heintzeman to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Heintzeman, of Plymouth, is a vice president and the chief information officer for Carlson Marketing Group in Minnetonka where he oversees Carlson Marketing's technology efforts as well as information, security, project management, and technical architecture. Previously, Heintzeman worked for Carlson Hotels Worldwide where he was responsible for many technical innovations during his 33 years with the company.

Heintzeman earned his master of business administration degree from the University of Minnesota and completed the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management Minnesota Management Program and Minnesota Executive Program. He was inducted into the Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals' International Hospitality Technology Hall of Fame in 1999. Heintzeman replaces Clyde Miller on the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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 KVIST TO THE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Darlene Kvist to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.

Darlene Kvist, of St. Paul, has been a licensed nutritionist in Minnesota since 1996. She has been a nutrition educator and owner of Nutritional Weight & Wellness in St. Paul since 1989. From 1978 to 1989, Kvist was a weight loss counselor and owner of Diet Center in Minneapolis.

Kivst is a Certified Nutrition Specialist from the American College of Nutrition. She received a B.S. in elementary education from Winona State University and a M.S. in special education from St. Cloud State University. Kvist is appointed to a board position for a licensed nutritionist and will serve a term which ends August 1, 2009. She replaces Linda Dieleman on the board.

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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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SINGH TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ramraj Singh to the Board of School Administrators.

Ramraj Singh, of Burnsville, is Director of Community Education for Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools. He has been with the district since 1994. Singh received a B.A. in Public Administration from Metropolitan State University and a M.A. in Administration of Community Education from the University of St. Thomas. He is appointed to the board position for a community education director and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Singh was first appointed to the board in July 2004.

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 REAPPOINTS ADOLPHSON TO PERPICH CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District and is appointed to four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He was first appointed to the board in November 2005 to fill out the remainder of a vacant term.

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 AMUNDSON TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Maureen "Mo" Amundson to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC).

Amundson, of Rochester, has been an educational consultant to the Rochester Public Schools and Rochester Community and Technical College since 2002. She was the executive director for non-profit organization with the Rochester Community Learning and Business Partnership from 2000 to 2002, the coordinator of the career awareness program for Rochester Public Schools from 1994 to 2000, the owner and a teacher with Northgate Driving School in Rochester from 1990 to 1994, and a cost analyst with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester from 1973 to 1989.

Amundson's community activities include serving on the Workforce Development Youth Advisory Committee, the Rochester Public Schools/Rochester Community and Technical College's Collaboration Among Rochester Educator's Committee (CARE), Youth and Work Advisory Committee, University Center Rochester Health Science Advisory Committee, Higher Education Industry Partnership, Preparing the Workforce Chair – Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Public Schools Career and Technical Education Executive Advisory Committee, Health Occupation Students of America Advisory Committee, and the Distributive Education Clubs of America Advisory Committee, among others. Amundson fills the vacancy on the GWDC created by the resignation of Sandra Peterson to complete a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2006.

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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February 13, 2006

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Elizabeth Bruber and Rebecca Kragnes to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Elizabeth Bruber, of St. Paul, is the mother of a twenty year old visually impaired son. She is appointed to the council seat for a representative of someone who is blind, has multiple disabilities, and has difficulty representing him or herself. Bruber will serve a three-year term which expires on January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the council in May 2003.

Rebecca Kragnes, of Minneapolis, previously served as vice president of the American Council of the Blind—Minnesota. She is appointed to the council seat for a representative of an advocacy organization (the American Council of the Blind—Minnesota). Kragnes will serve a three-year term which expires on January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the council in November 2003.

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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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO ZOO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lois Mack and Sarah Psick and the reappointment of Todd A. Watchmaker to the Minnesota Zoological Board. All three will serve four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Mack, of Waterville, retired last year as the conservation improvement and special projects manager with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. She had been with the Department of Commerce and Department of Public Service since 1992. Mack worked for U. S. Senators Rudy Boschwitz and David Durenberger in the area of agriculture and rural economic development. She was also a partner in Whitewater Creek Grain and Feed, a family-owned grain and feed business from 1992 to 2000. Mack replaces Kenneth Cutler on the Zoo Board.

Psick, of Apple Valley, is the director of government relations for the law firm of McGrann, Shea, Anderson, Carnival, Straughn and Lamb, a position she has held since December 2001. She was the executive assistant to the Minnesota House of Representatives Majority Leader from December 1998 to December 2001, a House research consultant from 1993 to 1998, and a House legislative assistant from 1991 to 1993. Psick replaces Charlene Jundt on the Zoo Board.

Watchmaker, of Edina, is a tax partner in KPMG's Investment Management and Funds Practice, and a Firm representative on the Investment Companies Institute Tax Advisory Committee and the American Bar Association Investment Companies Tax Section Committee. He has been a national instructor for KPMG Investment Companies training courses and has 20 years of experience serving financial services clients. Watchmaker, the current chair of the Zoo Board, has been a Governor-appointed member of the Board since 1998.

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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February 17, 2006

#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS KUMAR TO THE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. Mahesh C. Kumar to the Board of Animal Health.

Mahesh C. Kumar, of St. Cloud, currently serves as a poultry health consultant. His current work includes providing consulting services to Burkel Turkey Farms in Becker County. Dr. Kumar also currently serves as an adjunct associate professor in the department of veterinary pathology at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Kumar has been working as a consultant since his retirement from Jennie-O Foods, Inc., in December 2000. From 1989 to 2000, he was director of veterinary services for Earl B. Olson Farms, a division of Jennie-O. From 1985 to 1989, he was director of veterinary services for Koronis Mills, a division of Jennie-O.

Dr. Kumar received a bachelor of veterinary science and animal husbandry degree from Bihar University of Bihar in India (this is the equivalent of the doctor of veterinary medicine degree). He also received a M.S. and Ph.D. in veterinary microbiology and public health from the University of Minnesota. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Dr. Kumar is appointed to a Board position for a livestock producer and will serve a four-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the board in January 1998, and was reappointed in 2002.

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 THREE TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ardith Beveridge, AIFD, and Kristin Parrish and the reappointment of Andrea Hart Kajer to the Governor's Residence Council.

Beveridge, of Minneapolis, is the director of education and an instructor at Koehler and Dramm's Institute of Floristry in Minneapolis. She owns Floral Communications, a consulting and training company that assists industry individuals and businesses, and is a member of Smithers Oasis and Teleflora Design Team. Beveridge will fill the public member vacancy created by the resignation of Helene Houle to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Hart Kajer, of Edina, is the director of government affairs with Cook Hill Girard Associates. She had worked in issues management and government relations for the city of Minneapolis for 18 years and is a recognized expert in local government and urban studies. She also serves on the Ripley Foundation and the Minneapolis Aquatennial Board. Hart Kajer, who has been a public member on the Governor's Residence Council since 1999, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Parrish, of Hamel, is the president of the 1006 Summit Society. Parrish also chaired the Children's Theatre Company's Curtain Call Ball last year, is the service chair for the MOMS Club, and is a member of the Family Literacy Foundation's National Advisory Board. Parrish replaces Karla Blomberg as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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 STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara J. Holcomb and Ethel "Tiny" Macheel to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Barbara J. Holcomb, of North Branch, currently works as a personal care attendant for A Chance to Grow. She also currently works as a meal server for seniors at Pointe Pleasant in North Branch. From 1989 to 2003, Holcomb served as a community support technician and family based service provider for the Chisago County Health and Human Services Department. She currently serves as a board member of the Consumer Survivor Network in Minneapolis and the Salvation Army-Northern Unit, in Roseville. Holcomb is appointed to a Council position for a consumer member and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the seat formerly held by Linda Skime.

Ethel "Tiny" Macheel, R.N., of Fergus Falls, currently works as an adult psychiatric/mental health registered nurse at the state Regional Treatment Center (RTC) in Fergus Falls. She has been employed at the RTC since 1989. Macheel previously served as a journalist, writing a weekly mental health column in a local paper and appearing in a local television show on mental illness education. She is also active in the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Macheel received a B.S.N. degree from Moorhead State University. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Macheel is appointed to the Council position for a nurse and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. She fills the seat formerly held by Ericka Tyler-Benson.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, the Legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council also educates the public about mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members, including 25 appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BURNS TO THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Christopher Burns to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Christopher Burns, of Woodbury, is an attorney and partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Rider Bennett, LLP. He has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Youth at Risk Program in Onandaga County, New York. A native of Woodbury, Burns is a graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law in New York. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Burns will serve as a business representative on the board. He currently serves as the MAEF board chair.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools such as the Classroom Quality Program. MAEF also administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors appointed by the Governor.

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March 3, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GUNNARSON TO THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. LaMar Gunnarson to the Board of Optometry.

Dr. LaMar Gunnarson, of Nisswa, has been a licensed optometrist in Minnesota since 1984. He currently operates a private practice in Staples, Long Prairie, and Baxter. Gunnarson received his O.D. degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. He is appointed to an optometrist position on the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Gunnarson was first appointed to the board in 2002. He currently serves as the president of 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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March 3, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Linda Boyum and the appointment of Candace Mensing to the Board of Dentistry.

Linda Boyum, of Plymouth, has been a registered dental assistant in Minnesota since 1982. She currently serves as the Dental Assistant Student Services Director at Herzing College – Lakeland Medical Dental Academy Division in Crystal. Boyum also currently works as a clinical dental assistant at the Uptown Community Clinic in Minneapolis. She is a graduate of the Hennepin Technical College dental assistant program.

Boyum is a past president of the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association. She currently serves as member of Minnesota Educators of Dental Assistants. Boyum is appointed as the dental assistant member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the board in 2002. Boyum served as president of the board in 2004 and 2005.

Dr. Candace Mensing, of Rochester, has been a licensed dentist in Minnesota since 1975. She currently practices pediatric dentistry at Dentistry for Children & Adolescents, Ltd., in Rochester. Mensing received D.D.S. and M.S.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Mensing is the past president of the Southeastern District Dental Society. She is a current member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists. Mensing is appointed as a dentist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Dr. Freeman Rosenblum 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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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Terry C. Hallenbeck on April 30, 2006.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Sixth 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, March 29, 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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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Finnegan and the reappointment of Theresa Iliff to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Finnegan, of West St. Paul, is a cosmetology instructor at Saint Paul College, a position she has held since 1993. She was previously the owner and operator of a family hair care business, and has over 30 years of experience in the industry. Finnegan holds cosmetology manager, instructor, and school manager licenses and degrees in cosmetology and esthetics. She has been a member of the National, as well as the Minnesota Cosmetology Associations for 26 years, and co-founded the Minnesota Chapter of the American Aesthetics Education Association, and the Esthetics Professional Association. Finnegan replaces Susan Schaefer as a representative of cosmetologists.

Iliff, of Little Canada, has been a partner and operator of Three Irishmen/Airport Barber Stylists since 1998, as well as the owner and operator of City Salon, and its predecessor, Appearances, in Minneapolis since 1998. Previously, she was the manager of the Minneapolis Athletic Club Barber Shop from 1979 to 1998, and a barber with Arcade Barbers in Minneapolis from 1978 to 1979. Iliff is the third vice president of the National Association of Barber Boards of America. She has been a member of the Minnesota Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners since 1994 and is a past chair of the board. Iliff is reappointed as a representative of barbers.

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 ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**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, effective January 10, 2006, of the Honorable Lorie S. Gildea who was sworn-in as an Associate Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court. The second vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant Fourth Judicial District court referee position into a new district court judgeship. The third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Isabel Gomez on March 15, 2006.

The finalists are Ronald L. Abrams, Gina M. Brandt, Peter A. Cahill, Margaret H. Chutich, William H. Koch, Anne K. McKeig, and Daniel C. Moreno.

Abrams, of Minnetonka, is a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He has been a state representative since 1989, has served as Speaker Pro Tempore since 1999, and chaired the House Tax Committee from 1999 through 2004. He was a Minnesota House of Representatives Committee Administrator from 1985 to 1986, an attorney and area manager with Group W. Cable Television in Minneapolis from 1980 through 1984, and an attorney with the law firm of Briggs and Morgan in St. Paul from 1977 to 1980. Abrams earned his juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1977, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1974.

Brandt, of St. Bonifacius, is an associate attorney with the Eagan law firm of Campbell Knutson, a position she has held since 1999. She was an assistant Carver County Attorney from 1996 to 1999, an assistant Hutchinson city attorney and chief of criminal prosecution from 1995 to 1996, an associate attorney with the law firm of Arnold and McDowell in St. Louis Park and Hutchinson, as well as an assistant Hutchinson city attorney from 1993 to 1995, and a First Judicial District law clerk in Carver County from 1991 to 1993. Brandt earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph 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.

Koch, of Bloomington, is an assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held sine 2000. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer in Sacramento, California from 1997 to 2000, an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis from 1991 to 1997, an area defense counsel with the United States Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland from 1990 to 1991, and a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Maryland, as well as a prosecutor with the United States Air Force from 1988 to 1990. Koch earned his juris doctorate degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1988, and his bachelor of science degree from Duke University in Durham, NC in 1985.

McKeig, of Brooklyn Park, is an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1992. McKeig earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1989.

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.

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 49 applications for these three judicial vacancies.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LEAHY TO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Carroll Leahy to a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Winona in Winona County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Lawrence T. Collins on December 16, 2005. Eleven people applied for this position.

Leahy is a senior staff attorney with American Family Insurance in Rochester, a position she has held since 1998. She was an associate attorney with the law firm of Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann and Hovey in Austin from 1992 to 1998, an associate attorney with Michael D. Klampe and Associates in Rochester from 1991 to 1992, and a Third Judicial District law clerk from 1990 to 1991. Leahy earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1984.

"Lawyers who work with Mary say she takes a very hands-on approach to her work, listens and analyzes the issues, and works to solve the problem and come up with a reasonable solution. This will serve her well as a judge where problem-solving is a large and growing part of the job," Governor Pawlenty said.

Leahy is a member of the American, Minnesota State, and Olmsted County Bar Associations, the Defense Research Institute, Minnesota Defense Bar Association, and is a Supreme Court-appointed member of the Court's No-Fault Standing Committee. She has also served as a volunteer attorney coach and judge for the Minnesota State Bar Association's Mock Trial Program, a judge for Hamline University's Mock Trial Competition, and had served as a mentor for the Austin High School Mentorship Program. She has also been a Daisy Scout Leader and a volunteer at her children's schools.

Leahy, 44, was born in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, grew up in Monroe, Wisconsin, and resides in Rochester with her husband, Timothy, and their four children, Shannon, 10, James, 8, Erin, 8, and Matthew, 4.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Amanda Dionne, Amanda Heu, Chong Lo, and Antonio Tejeda, and the reappointment of the Honorable Michael Mayer and Brenda Pautsch to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC).

Dionne, of Crystal, is a student at Cooper High School in Crystal, where she is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, a tutor for at-risk youth, and a Link Crew leader. She also mentors girls in the Little Earth of United Community in South Minneapolis through Young Women's Mentoring Program, a program of YouthCARE (Cultural Appreciation and Racial Equality). Dionne replaces Chalip Chacon Bonilla as a youth member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Heu, of Lino Lakes, is a police officer with the St. Paul Police Department, currently assigned as a patrol officer on the city's east side. She previously served as a community liaison officer for the department and has been a St. Paul Police officer since 2002. Heu has also mentored at-risk high school students from St. Paul's west side community, and collaborated with the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute in formulating community policing in the Hmong community. Heu replaces Susan Carlson for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Lo, of St. Could, is an assistant public defender in St. Cloud where he handles juvenile cases. He previously served in the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps as chief of civil law, chief of adverse actions and legal assistance, chief of claims/deputy chief of justice, and chief of operations/chief of magistrate court. Lo replaces Reverend Devin Miller on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Mayer, of Eagan, is a First Judicial District trial court judge, where he serves as one of the juvenile court judges. Prior to his appointment to the bench by Governor Pawlenty in 2004, Mayer was an attorney and partner with the Eagan law firm of Grannis and Hauge. He has been a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee since 1995, chaired the committee until his appointment to the bench, and currently serves as vice-chair. Mayer is also midwest regional chair of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice in Washington, DC, and a member of the federal advisory committee for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Mayer is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Pautsch, of Gaylord, is a juvenile and special programs supervisor with Blue Earth County Community Corrections in Mankato. Her 19-year career in corrections includes having previously served as a juvenile probation agent. She has participated in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's "Partnering to Prevent Truancy" program, and its "Training for Juvenile Agency Training Coordinators" program. Pautsch, who has been a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee since 2004, is appointed to a full four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Tejeda, of Spicer, is an attorney with the Willmar law firm of Anderson, Larson, Hanson and Saunders. His practice includes criminal prosecution as well as criminal defense law. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Tejada handles many of the firm's non English-speaking clients. He is also a Minnesota National Guard Judge Advocate General Officer. Tejeda replaces Francisco González 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 WILHELM TO PETROFUND BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bonita "Bonnie" Wilhelm to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petrofund Board).

Wilhelm, of Willmar, has most recently served as the production manager and marketing director of the Willmar Community Theatre. She is also a member of the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, serving on its Public Policy Board, and is a past president of the Willmar Convention and Visitors Bureau. Wilhelm replaces Leonard Axelrod as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board administers compensation from the petroleum tank release clean-up fund for cleanup of leaks and spills from storage tanks. The board consists of five members, including three appointed by the Governor; one representative of the petroleum industry, one representative of the insurance industry and one public member.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lori Brown, Laurie A. Hill, Robert A. Jensen, Karla McKenzie, Kevin R. Miller, and Marlys Tanner to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulatory Board.

Brown, of Roseville, is a health systems sales executive with McKesson Supply Solutions in Minneapolis. She has previously served as the legislative chair for the Minnesota Ambulance Association, director of sales and marketing for Life Link III, in Minneapolis, marketing manager for Regions Hospital in St. Paul, and a pharmaceutical sales representative for Burroughs Wellcome (Glaxo Smith Kline) in Minneapolis and The Upjohn Company in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Brown replaces Roger Boatman as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Hill, of Akeley, is the assistant director of the Walker Ambulance Service. It is anticipated that she will become its director later this year. Hill is also a part-time critical care paramedic with North Memorial Ambulance Service in Park Rapids and Brainerd. Previously, she was the office manager for May Creek Lodge in Walker. Hill also served as mayor of Akeley from 2000 to 2004. Hill replaces Brian LaCroix as a representative of ambulance directors for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Jensen, of Mora, is the chief deputy Kanabec County Sheriff, a position he has held since 2003. He has been a deputy Kanabec County Sheriff since 1981. Jensen is also a volunteer firefighter with the Mora Fire Department, a police officer with the Minnesota State Fair, a member of the Mora City Council, a Kanabec Hospital Board member, and a board member for The Refuge Network. Jensen replaces Sheriff Dean Albers as a representative of county sheriffs for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

McKenzie, of Duluth, is the executive director of the Arrowhead EMS Association in Duluth. She has also served as president of the Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, and captain of the Central Lakes Volunteer First Responders. McKenzie replaces Jon Linell as a representative of non-metro EMS programs for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Miller, of Cannon Falls, is the Dakota County EMS Coordinator. He is also a part-time paramedic with ALF (Apple Valley, Lakeville Farmington) Ambulance. Miller has held both positions since 2002, when he came to Minnesota from Texas, where he held a number of positions in the EMS field. He has also been a part-time police officer with the city of Stillwater. Miller replaces Robert Carlson as a representative of metro EMS Programs to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Tanner, of Carlton, is the nurse manager of emergency services at St. Luke's Hospital and Regional Trauma Center in Duluth, a position she has held since 1999. She has been the trauma program manager and a clinical as well as a charge nurse in the emergency department at St. Luke's Hospital. Tanner is a member of the Arrowhead EMS Association, where she chair its Projects and Review Committee; and the Emergency Nurses Association, where she has held a number of positions. Tanner replaces Linda Way as a representative of registered nurses practicing in a hospital emergency department for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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. Members may not serve more than one consecutive term on the board.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO MINNESOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Polly Fry, Elizabeth A. Hartwig, Cay Shea Hellervik, Tess Hohman, Sarah Janecek, Dr. Reatha Clark King, Mark Peterson, Dallas D. Ross, and Joe Swedberg to the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission. This Commission, created by the 2005 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2005, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 121), will plan for activities relating to Minnesota's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood, which is May 11, 2008.

Fry, Ph.D., of Mankato, is a research associate with the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History. She was a co-producer, writer and researcher for *Minnesota: A History of the Land*, producer, writer and researcher for *Minnesota: A History of the Northern Forest*, and a content specialist and writer for *Minnesota: Rivers and Fields*. She is also the producer and copywriter for the website, *Minnesota: A History of the Land* (www.historyoftheland.org).

Hartwig, of Minneapolis, is the health policy director for the Minnesota Business Partnership. She is a board member and vice president of the Sexual Violence Center in Minneapolis, and has been a volunteer mentor for Bolder Options, and a team member with Habitat for Humanity International, where she worked in a rural Brazilian community.

Hellervik, of St. Paul, is vice president of executive communications and relationship marketing with Personnel Decisions International (PDI), in Minneapolis. She was a member of the State Capitol 2005 Commission, serves on the U.S. delegation for Friendship Among Women, and is a board member with the James Sewell Ballet Company and the U. of M. Pediatric Foundation.

Hohman, of Excelsior, is the corporate communications manager for General Mills, a position she has held since 2001. She has held a variety of positions with General Mills since 1989, which have included serving as a project manager in corporate communications, and as a trainer, manager, and general manager of its Olive Garden Restaurants (now Darden restaurants).

Janecek, of Minneapolis, is a writer, editor and publisher of *Politics In Minnesota Weekly Report*, founded its online public affairs news service, <a href="www.politicsinminnesota.com">www.politicsinminnesota.com</a>, publishes *Politics in Minnesota: The Directory*, a biennial directory on Minnesota government, and hosts a talk radio show on KTLK, FM 100.3 She makes regular appearances on Twin Cities Public Television's public affairs program, *Almanac*, and appears on local, as well as national media as a political consultant.

King, Ph.D., of Minneapolis, is a senior advisor of the Council of Foundations. She is the former president and board chair of the General Mills Foundation, and an advisor on governance and philanthropic programs. Previously, she was vice president of General Mills, Inc., and chairperson of the Foundation's Board of Trustees; president of Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis; and a professor of chemistry and associate dean at York College of the City University of New York, and a research chemist with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC. She currently serves on numerous corporate and community boards of directors.

Peterson, of Winona, is the executive director of the Winona County Historical Society, a position he has held since 1983. He is a member of the Winona State University Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, the Minnesota Historical Society Grants Review Committee, a member and past chair of the city of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission, and has been a board member and committee chair with the Minnesota Association of Museums. Peterson has also served as an adjunct professor in the history department at Winona State University and St. Mary's University in Winona.

Ross, of Granite Falls, is the director of environmental programs for the Upper Sioux and Lower Sioux Indian communities where he oversees the environmental programs conducted by the two reservations. He served as chairman of the Upper Sioux Community for six years, and chaired the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council for two years. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Medicine Wheel Coalition for the Protection of Sacred Sites of America.

Swedberg, of Austin, is corporate vice president of legislative affairs and marketing services with Hormel Foods Corporation, a position he has held since 2003. He began his career with Hormel in 1981 and has held a variety of positions during his 25 years with the company. He is the current chair of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, vice-chair of the board of Minnesota Agri-Growth, a board member of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), and a member of the Advisory Leadership Circle for the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. He also served on Governor Pawlenty's Livestock and Siting Task Force, and is past president of the Austin YMCA Board of Directors.

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 legislative appointees are Senator Don Betzold, Fridley, Representative Sondra Erickson, Princeton, Representative Morrie Lanning, Moorhead, Senator Cal Larson, Fergus Falls, Representative Diane Loeffler, Minneapolis, Representative Mary Murphy, Hermantown, Senator Gen Olson, Minnetrista, and Senator Ann Rest, New Hope. The Minnesota Historical Society will provide staff support to the commission. The commission expires on December 31, 2008.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Teresa Marshall and the appointment of Ralph Stouffer to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Teresa Marshall, D.C., of Chaska, has been a Minnesota licensed chiropractor since 1993. Her clinic, the Mankato Chiropractic Center is located in Mankato. Dr. Marshall also has staff physician privileges at St. Peter Community Hospital in St. Peter. She received her doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington.

Dr. Marshall is a Part IV test examiner for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. She currently serves as a voting delegate to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards and as an alternate delegate to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Marshall is appointed to a chiropractor position on the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the board in 2002 and currently serves as the administrative officer of the board.

Ralph Stouffer, Ed.D., of Roseville, is a Professor in the School of Education at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. He also currently serves as Interim Associate Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Stouffer has been on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas since 1972. He received his doctor of education degree from the University of South Dakota.

Dr. Stouffer is one of fourteen Test Administrators for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He is a former member of the Charter Commission for the City of Fridley and a former school board member for Fridley Public Schools. Dr. Stouffer is appointed to a public member position on the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He fills the board seat previously held by the late Joan Patalonis.

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 TWO TO PERA BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathryn Green and Richard L. Jacobsen to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Board of Trustees. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Green, of Austin, has been the chair of the Austin School Board (Independent School District # 492) since 2003 and an Austin School Board member since 2000. She is also currently president of the Austin Community Scholarship Committee, and served on the Minnesota Academic Standards Committee. Green chaired Austin's 1990 levy referendum; was a mayor's appointee to the Austin Park, Recreation and Forestry Committee; and was a judicial appointee to the Austin Charter Commission. Green replaces Terry Martinson on the PERA Board as a representative of school boards.

Jacobsen, of Burnsville, has been an independent consulting actuary since 1985. Previously, he was an actuarial consultant and principal with Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby from 1978 to 1985, a consulting actuary and vice president with George V. Stennes and Associates from 1973 to 1978, a staff actuary with the 3M Company from 1966 go 1973, and held a variety of actuarial positions with Northwestern National Life Insurance Company from 1960 go 1966. He was a member of the Burnsville City Council from 1983 through 1992, and served on Burnsville's Planning Commission from 1979 through 1982. Jacobsen replaces Walter Gray as a public member with knowledge in pension matters.

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 SIX TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jayne Hager Dee, Terry Dempsey, Susan Humphers-Ginther, and Beth Nelson, and the appointment of Michael Klatt and Mary Jane Thompson to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Jayne Hager Dee, of Northfield, is the regional director at the Farmington Regional Center of the University of Minnesota Extension Service. She previously served as the director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service for Dakota County. Dee currently serves as the Chair of the Diversity Committee on the Minnesota Board on Aging. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Dee was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

The Honorable Terry Dempsey, of New Ulm, is a retired District Court Judge. He also previously served fourteen years as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Judge Dempsey also previously practiced law and served three years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Judge Dempsey was first appointed to the Board in 2002.

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. Dr. Humphers-Ginther is a member and former chair of the Coalition for Service Providers to the Elderly. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Dr. Humphers-Ginther was first appointed to the Board in 2005.

Michael Klatt, of Belle Plaine, is the president and chief executive officer of the Lutheran Home Association. He is a former vice president of the Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority and the founder of the Belle Plaine Community Foundation. Klatt currently serves on the Board of Directors of Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Klatt replaces Larry Fortner on the Board.

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Beth Nelson, of Battle Lake, is the strategic development manager for Public Programs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. She was previously employed at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, serving as executive director of Minnesota Chore Corps as well as director of the Seniors Agenda for Independent Living (SAIL) program. Nelson is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the Board in 2001.

Mary Jane Thompson, R.N., of St. Paul, is a retired nurse. She served as president of the MJT Management Consulting Firm from 1989 to 2001. Thompson also previously served as director of nursing, director of quality assurance, and director of alternative services for the North Ridge Care Center Senior Campus. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Thompson replaces James Bougie on 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 ELEVEN TO THE MINNESOTA EARLY LEARNING FOUNDATION

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of eleven members to the board of directors of the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation. The appointees are: Education Commissioner Alice Seagren, State Senator Betsy Wergin, State Representative Karen Klinzing, State Representative Doug Meslow, State Representative Barbara Sykora, Sarah Caruso, Diane Cross, Chad Dunkley, Kathryn Green, Dr. Joe Nathan, and Carter Peterson.

Alice Seagren, of Bloomington, is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education. She served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1992 to 2004, including serving as chair of the House Education Finance Committee.

Sen. Betsy Wergin, of Princeton, was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2002. She currently serves on two education committees: the Senate Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division and the Senate K-12 Education Budget Division.

Rep. Karen Klinzing, of Woodbury, was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2002. She currently serves on the House Education Finance Committee and the House Education Policy and Reform Committee.

Rep. Doug Meslow, of White Bear Lake, was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2002. He currently serves on the House Education Finance Committee.

Rep. Barbara Sykora, of Excelsior, was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1994. She currently serves as chair of the House Education Finance Committee and as a member of the House Education Policy and Reform Committee.

Sarah Caruso, of Minnetonka, is the president of Minnesota Children's Museum. She currently serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Minnesota State Arts Board. Caruso previously served as chair of the board of the PACER Center.

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Diane Cross, of Minnetonka, is the president and chief executive officer of Fraser, a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that provides housing, early childhood education and healthcare to children and adults with disabilities.

Chad Dunkley, of Plymouth, currently serves as chief operating officer of new Horizon Child Care. He also serves as president of the Minnesota Child Care Association and on the board of the National Child Care Association.

Kathryn Green, of Austin, currently serves as the chair of the Austin School Board. She was first elected to the school board in 2000. Green previously served on the Minnesota Academic Standards Committee.

Joseph H. Nathan, Ph.D., of St. Paul, currently serves as a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and as the director of the Center for School Change. Nathan has decades of experience in early childhood education, including serving on President George H.W. Bush's Educational Policy Advisory Committee.

Carter Peterson, of Wayzata, currently serves as a member of the Wayzata School Board. She was first elected to the school board in 2001. Peterson also served on the board of Minnesota Early Learning Design.

The Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF) was established in 2005 with a mission to identify cost-effective ways of ensuring that children under five years from low income or challenged families are ready for success in school. MELF's goal is to support programs and initiatives that educate, inform and empower parents, particularly in Minnesota's fast-growing immigrant communities and other under-served communities. MELF is governed by a board of directors which consists of 23 members, including 11 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 in the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County. The opening occurred upon the death of the Honorable Thomas M. Stringer on January 19, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for Otter Tail County. The finalists are Jay D. Carlson, Timothy M. Churchwell, and Mark F. Hansen.

Carlson, of Big Cormorant Lake, is an attorney in private practice with offices in Detroit Lakes and Fargo, North Dakota. He has been a self-employed attorney since 1979, except between 2003 and 2005, when he was an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Ohnstad and Twichell. Carlson earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1976.

Churchwell, of Burtrum, is an attorney and shareholder with the Long Prairie law firm of Peters and Churchwell, and a part-time Seventh Judicial District assistant public defender. He has held both positions since 1994. He was an attorney with the law firm of Brown and Sellnow (now known as the Brown Law Office) in Long Prairie from 1991 to 1994, an attorney with the law firm of Curott and Jesse in Milaca from 1990 to 1991, and a Third Judicial District law clerk for the Honorable Lawrence T. Collins in Winona from 1989 to 1990. Churchwell earned his juris doctor degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and his bachelor of arts degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb in 1985.

Hansen, of Ottertail, is an attorney and partner with the Wadena law firm of Hansen and Pederson, a position he has held since 1985. He is also a part-time assistant Wadena County Attorney; city attorney for Aldrich, Bertha, Sebeka, and Wadena; a prosecuting attorney for the cities of Menahga and Verndale; and township attorney for Blueberry Township and Deer Creek Township. Prior to forming Hansen and Pederson, Hansen was an associate attorney with the law firm of Kennedy and Nervig in Wadena from 1974 to 1985, and an Eighth Judicial District law clerk in Chippewa County from 1972 to 1974. Hansen earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1972, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Macalester College in St. Paul in 1969.

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 18 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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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 due to the retirement of the Honorable Timothy J. Baland on April 4, 2006. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Wadena County to the city of Long Prairie in Todd 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 <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing to:

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, May 3, 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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## 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 trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable LaJune Thomas Lange on February 21, 2006. The second vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Katherian D. Roe on March 22, 2006. The third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Catherine C. Anderson effective May 1, 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:

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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**, **May 10**, **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 SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Terry C. Hallenbeck on April 30, 2006. The finalists are Leslie E. Beiers, Eric Hylden, and David M. Johnson.

Beiers, of Duluth, is a senior assistant St. Louis County Attorney in Duluth. She has been an assistant St. Louis County Attorney since 1995. Beiers was an assistant Carlton County Attorney from 1991 to 1995, a staff attorney with Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota from 1985 to 1991, and a law clerk to United States Magistrate Judge Patrick McNulty in Duluth from 1983 to 1985. Beiers earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota Law School in Grand Forks in 1983, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of North Dakota in 1980.

Hylden, of Duluth, is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Reyelts, Leighton, Bateman, Hylden and Sturdevant in Duluth, a position he has held since 1992. He was an associate attorney with the firm from 1987 to 1992. Hylden earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1984.

Johnson, of Duluth, is the adult felony prosecutor in the St. Louis County Attorney's office in Duluth. He has been a prosecutor in the St. Louis County Attorney's office since 1996, except between January 2002, and June 2005, when he was on active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Marine Corps in Washington, DC, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Bagram, Afghanistan. Johnson was also a prosecutor in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in Minneapolis in 1996, and a prosecutor with the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego, California from 1993 to 1995. Johnson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Notre Dame Law School in 1993, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

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 18 applications for this judicial vacancy.



### NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MOONEY TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Kate Mooney, Ph.D., to the Board of Accountancy.

Mooney, of Cold Spring, is a professor of accounting with Minnesota State University, St. Cloud. She has been a tenured professor since 1991, an associate professor from 1986 to 1991, and was department chair from 1997 to 2003. Mooney earned her doctorate degree from Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas in 1989, her bachelor of science degree cum laude from Minnesota State University, St. Cloud (then called St. Cloud State University) in 1983, and has been a certified public accountant in Minnesota since 1998.

Mooney is a member of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, and has served on its Board of Directors. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Accounting Association. Mooney is a member of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Social Service, and the St. Cloud State University Alumni Association, where she was president in 2001. She was a member of St. Cloud State University's College of Business Search Committee, treasurer of its Faculty Senate, and has received numerous faculty recognition awards. Mooney replaces Sherri Moyle, who resigned, as a certified public accountant member to complete 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 REAPPOINTS LANDY TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Mike Landy to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Landy, of St. Cloud, is the CEO and owner of Landy Beef International, Inc., of St. Cloud, the CEO of Landy Properties LLC, of St. Cloud as well as the CEO of Cake Candy and Wedding Supply Company, Inc. of Waite Park. He is president of the St. Cloud City Council, and has been a member of the council since 1999. He is currently chair of the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, a member of the St. Cloud Economic Development Partnership, St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sertoma Club. Landy, who has been a member of the MAC since 2002, is reappointed as a representative of key airport systems.

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 REAPPOINTS SMAYLING TO MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Miles Smayling, Ph.D., to the Merit System Council.

Smayling, of Mankato, is a professor and chair of the Department of Management at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has been department chair since 1999, and a faculty member since 1982. Smayling, who has been a member of the Merit System Council since 1991 and chair since 1993, is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

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 MORENO, ABRAMS, AND BRANDT TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Daniel C. Moreno, Ronald L. Abrams, and Gina M. Brandt to three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. The vacancies are as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Lorie S. Gildea, the retirement of the Honorable Isabel Gomez, and the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant Fourth District referee position into a new district court judgeship. Forty-nine people applied for these positions.

Moreno 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.

"For 15 years, Dan has provided representation to clients who can not afford an attorney. He has treated every client with respect and given their case the individual attention it deserves," Governor Pawlenty said. "He also volunteers extensively in the Latino community."

Moreno is a founding member of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, where he served on its Board of Directors; past chair of Centro Cultural Chicano; was a founding member of the Minneapolis Mayor's Latino Advisory Committee, where he chaired the Public Safety Committee; past board chair of the University of Minnesota President's Latino Advisory Committee; and a member of the Prostitution Intervention Project Task Force. He has also been a member of the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the Minnesota Minority Lawyers Association.

Moreno, 42, was born in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and resides in Minneapolis with his wife, Jean Burdorf, and their two children, Thomas, 6, and Sam, 4.

Abrams is a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He has been a state representative since 1989, has served as Speaker Pro Tempore since 1999, and chaired the House Tax Committee from 1999 through 2004. He was a Minnesota House of Representatives Committee Administrator from 1985 to 1986, an attorney and area manager with Group W. Cable Television in Minneapolis from 1980 through 1984, and

an attorney with the law firm of Briggs and Morgan in St. Paul from 1977 to 1980. Abrams earned his juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1977, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1974.

"Ron has a well-earned reputation for fairness as a legislator, committee chair, and speaker pro-tem that crosses party lines," Governor Pawlenty said. "His intellect, leadership, and sense of humor will be a great asset on the Hennepin County bench."

Abrams is a member of the Tyrone Guthrie Theater Board of Directors, League of Women Voters, Citizens League, TwinWest Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the Minnesota Orchestral Association Board of Directors, Minneapolis Art Institute Board of Trustees, and Minnesota Chapter American Jewish Committee Board of Directors.

Abrams, 54, was born in Minneapolis, and resides in Minnetonka with his wife, Joanne, and their two children, Benjamin, 20, and Alexander, 17.

Brandt is an associate attorney with the Eagan law firm of Campbell Knutson, where she primarily handles the Plymouth city prosecution work. She has been an attorney with the firm since 1999. Brandt was an assistant Carver County Attorney from 1996 to 1999, an assistant Hutchinson city attorney and chief of criminal prosecution from 1995 to 1996, an associate attorney with the law firm of Arnold and McDowell in St. Louis Park and Hutchinson, as well as an assistant Hutchinson city attorney from 1993 to 1995, and a First Judicial District law clerk for Judge Philip Kanning in Carver County from 1991 to 1993. Brandt earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph in 1988.

"Gina's legal practice requires that she appear in court frequently on a wide-range of areas of law. She has a strong work ethic and an enthusiasm for the justice system," Governor Pawlenty said. "Her professional background and personality will serve her well as a district court judge."

Brandt is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where she serves on its Criminal Section; Eighth District Bar Association, where she is a past president; Dakota County Bar Association; Minnesota State DWI Task Force; National District Attorneys Association; Hennepin County Suburban Prosecutors Association; Carver County Justice Advisory Council; and Burnsville Domestic Abuse Response Team. She volunteers annually with Project Stand Down, is an alumni student mentor for the College of St. Benedict, and assists student attorneys from William Mitchell College of Law on court appearances and supervises them in trials.

Brandt, 39, was born in Chicago, Illinois, and resides in St. Bonifacius with her husband, John, and their two children.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELLINGSON TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Brian Ellingson to the Governor's Residence Council.

Ellingson, of Edina, is a senior designer with The Design Studio of Gabberts. He has 30 years of experience as a designer, including 24 years with Gabberts. Ellingson's work has been featured in *Traditional Home*, *Midwest Home & Garden*, *Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine*, *Minnesota Monthly*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Decorating*, *Bedroom & Bath*, and *Window & Wall* magazines, as well as on the cover of Pella Windows' book, *World of Windows*. He received the 2004 American Society of Interior Designers' (ASID) First Place for Residential Kitchen, First Place for Residential Bathroom, Second Place for Multiple Spaces, and Second Place for Residential Singular Space awards. Ellingson replaces Mark Suess on the Governor's Residence Council for a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. He is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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 THREE TO JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William J. Egan and Cynthia C. Jepsen and the reappointment of Judge Gary J. Pagliaccetti to the Board on Judicial Standards. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Egan, of Edina, has been an attorney with the law firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff, and Donnelly in Minneapolis since January 2006. He was an attorney in private practice in Edina from 1999 through 2005, an attorney with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1998, a law clerk to Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Donald P. Lay from 1986 to 1987, a law clerk to Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl from 1985 to 1986, and a law clerk to Hennepin County District Judge Robert G. Schiefelbein from 1984 to 1985. Egan replaces Martha Holton Dimick as an attorney member on the board.

Jepsen, of Marine on St. Croix, is a principal contract lobbyist and consultant with Capitol Resource, a position she has held since 2002. She was vice president of legislative affairs for the Minnesota Credit Union Network from 1998 to 2002, and held a variety of positions in Governor Arne Carlson's administration from 1991 to 1998. Jepsen has served as mayor of Marine on St. Croix, chair of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board, and chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Jepsen replaces Jacqueline Hauser as a public member on the board.

Pagliaccetti, of Virginia, has been a Sixth Judicial District trial court judge in the city of Virginia in St. Louis County since 1989. He was Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial District from 2000 to 2004, and vice chair of the Conference of Chief Judges from 1998 to 2002. He also served on the Supreme Court's Judicial Orientation Faculty, its Judicial Governance Transformation Workgroup, and its Special Congressional/Legislative Redistricting Panel. Pagliaccetti, who has been a member of the board since 2002, is reappointed as a trial court judge member.

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 REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Alina Granholm, Douglas Holton, Joanne Myrvik, Kelli Slavik, and Judy Smith Thill and the reappointment of Dennis Andrist, Marvin Calvin, Wayne Durant, Jim Fisher, Troy Gilchrist, Margaret "Peg" Larsen, Kathleen Mullen, Thomas Pressler, and John Wiskocil to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education. The board, which had expired, was reauthorized by the 2005 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2005, Chapter 110).

Andrist, of Shakopee, is a captain with the Faribault Fire Department. He has been a firefighter with Faribault for 27 years. He has also served as a vice president of the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association since 2004, and is a nationally certified fire service instructor. Andrist, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of professional firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Calvin, of New London, has been the Willmar Fire Chief and Fire Marshal since 2000. He is active in numerous professional associations, including the Kandiyohi County Fire Chiefs Association, Lakes Region Firefighters Association and the Fire Instructors Association of Minnesota. Calvin, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer fire chiefs for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Durant, of Brainerd, has been a volunteer firefighter with the Brainerd Fire Department for nearly 20 years. He is also secretary of the Cuyuna Range Firefighters Association, and secretary of the Cuyuna Range Fire Chiefs Association. Durant, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Fisher, of Zim, has been a township officer for 20 years, and has been a volunteer firefighter for 24 years. He was also a member of the Governor's Fire Council. Fisher, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of townships for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Gilchrist, of Becker, has been the director of operations and general counsel for the Minnesota Association of Townships since 1991. He is also a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician and vice president of the relief association with the Becker Fire Department. Gilchrist, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of townships for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Granholm, of Esko, is the editor-in-chief of *Minnesota Fire Chief* magazine and a member of the Thomson Township-Esko Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a firefighter and first responder. She also serves on the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors, Minnesota Fire Service Foundation Board, and Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial Association. Granholm replaces David Christian as a representative of volunteer firefighters on the board for a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Holton, of St. Paul, is Chief of the St. Paul Department of Fire and Safety Services, a position he has held since 2003. He has over 28 years of experience as a firefighter, and is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association and Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers. Holton replaces Ulysses Seal on the board as a representative of professional fire chiefs for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Larsen, of Lakeland, is president of RCS Consulting and a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. She was also the mayor of Lakeland serving as the public safety director for the city council. Larsen, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Mullen, of Minneapolis, is a captain with the Minneapolis Fire Department. She has been a professional firefighter with the city of Minneapolis for over 12 years. She is also past vice president of the Minnesota Women's Firefighters Association, and served on the Minneapolis Fire Department's Cultural Awareness Committee. Mullen, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of professional firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Myrvik, of Minneota, has been the mayor of Minneota since 1996. She is the director of the senior citizens' program, chair of the Joint Powers Board, as well as Minneota's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and is a member of the Fire Relief Board, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, and the Southwest Regional Development Commission. Myrvik replaces Judy Johnson as a representative of cities for a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Pressler, of Bloomington, is president of the Minnesota State Fire Department Association. He has also been a volunteer firefighter with the Bloomington Fire Department for 20 years, and has been involved in the national Assistance to Firefighter Grant program. He has also been an officer with the Fire Instructors Association of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Fire Service Joint Council. Pressler, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Slavik, of Plymouth, has been a member of the Plymouth City Council since 1999. She is the council's liaison to the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, Wayzata School Board, and Plymouth Civic League. Slavik replaces Dallas Larson on the board as a representative of cities for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Smith Thill, of Eagan, is a full-time deputy fire chief and emergency management coordinator with the Maple Grove Fire Department, a position she has held since 1996. She is also an on-call training officer, and station lieutenant with the Eagan Fire Department, and has been a volunteer with Eagan since 1989. She chairs the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association's Safety and Health Committee, and is a member of its Education Committee. Smith Thill is past president of the Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Dakota County Incident Management Team. She has also created classes in community risk analysis and highway incident management for Minnesota State Fire Schools. Smith Thill replaces Brian Fuder on the board as a representative of career firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Wiskocil, of Montgomery, is a vice president at First National Bank of Montgomery. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Montgomery Fire Department for over 25 years, 15 of which as an assistant chief. He has also served as the Minnesota Valley Regional Firefighters Association representative to the Minnesota State Fire Department Association for eight years. Wiskocil, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Firefighter Training and Education reviews fire service training needs, establishes standards for educational programs and establishes qualifications for fire service training instructors. The Board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO BOARD OF INVENTION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Candace Campbell, Dr. Mary Sue Collins, Pat L. Dillon, Leonard S. Pederson, and Theresa A. Santiago, and the reappointment of Weston Cutter, Randall Olson, and Andrew Wells to the Board of Invention.

Campbell, of Minneapolis, is the principal of CDC Associates, a business consulting firm, as well as an adjunct associate with the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Campbell replaces Daniel Pauly as a Fifth Congressional District member of the board for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Collins, Ed.D., of Ely, is the provost of Vermilion Community College in Ely, where she serves as the chief academic and operating officer. Collins replaces Mary Mathews as an Eighth Congressional District member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Cutter, of Mendota Heights, is a geometry teacher at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, president of Cutter Edge, Inc., clock, watch, and jewelry repair, and an intellectual property consultant for Capital Safety in Milton Keynes, England. Cutter, who has been a member of the Board of Invention since 2001, is reappointed as a Fourth Congressional District member to a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Dillon, of Bloomington, is the principal of Pat Dillon and Associates, a business consulting firm to technology-based companies, as well as an independent contractor for the Defense Alliance of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Dillon replaces William Connelly as a Third Congressional District member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Olson, of Eagan, is the general manager with University Enterprise Laboratories in St. Paul. Olson, who has been a member of the Board of Invention since 2001, is reappointed as a Second Congressional District member for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Pederson, of Waterville, is the plant manager and chief financial officer of LCS Precision Molding in Waterville, a plastic injection molder of precision parts for the window and door industry. He is also a member and treasurer of the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School Board. Pederson replaces Milton Toratti, who resigned from the board, as an at-large member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Santiago, of Eagan, has over 12 years of business experience in the manufacturing industry, and has played an active role in the Minnesota Chapter of the Precision Manufacturing Association. Santiago replaces Daniel Ferber on the board as an at-large member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Wells, of Bemidji, is the CEO and president of Wells Technology, an aerospace manufacturing business, as well as the founder and director of Wells Academy, a non-profit machinists' trade school for disadvantaged people. Wells, who is a Native American and a member of the Red Lake Ojibwa Tribe, has been a member of the board since 2002, and is reappointed as a Seventh Congressional District member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Board of Invention encourages the creation, performance and appreciation of invention in the state. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor including one from each congressional district and three at-large.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SOLHEID TO OSHA REVIEW BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Patricia A. Solheid to the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Review Board.

Solheid, of Spicer, is the vice president of human resources and administration with Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc., in Willmar. She has held a number of positions within the Jennie-O Turkey Store human resources function since 1986. Solheid is a member of the Kandiyohi County YMCA Board of Directors, Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee, Ridgewater College General Advisory Board, Early Childhood Coalition of Willmar, United Way of Kandiyohi County Community Needs Assessment Steering Committee, and treasurer of the Midwest Poultry Consortium.

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Board reviews cases involving OSHA citations and proposed penalties. The board consists of three members appointed by the Governor, including a representative of labor, management and the public.



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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 as a result of retirement of the Honorable Timothy J. Baland on April 4, 2006. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Wadena County to the city of Long Prairie in Todd County. The finalists are Susan R. Anderson, Mark F. Hansen, Todd Kosovich, and Frank J. Kundrat.

Anderson, of Alexandria, is an attorney and partner with the Alexandria law firm of Swenson, Lervick, Syverson, Anderson, Trosvig, Jacobson, P.A. She has been an attorney with the firm, which also includes serving as an assistant Alexandria City Attorney, since 1990. Anderson earned her juris doctorate degree form the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1986.

Hansen, of Ottertail, is an attorney and partner with the Wadena law firm of Hansen and Pederson, a position he has held since 1985. He is also a part-time assistant Wadena County Attorney; city attorney for Aldrich, Bertha, Sebeka, and Wadena; a prosecuting attorney for the cities of Menahga and Verndale; and township attorney for Blueberry Township and Deer Creek Township. Prior to forming Hansen and Pederson, Hansen was an associate attorney with the law firm of Kennedy and Nervig in Wadena from 1974 to 1985, and an Eighth Judicial District law clerk in Chippewa County from 1972 to 1974. Hansen earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1972, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Macalester College in St. Paul in 1969.

Kosovich, of Little Falls, is an assistant Morrison County Attorney, a position he has held since 2004. He was a solo practitioner in St. James as well as an assistant Watonwan County Attorney from 1992 to 2004. He was also the St. James city prosecutor from 1995 to 2004, and a law clerk to Fourth Judicial District Judge Eugene Minenko in Hennepin County from 1988 to 1992. Kosovich earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1987, his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1984, and his associate of arts degree from Hibbing Community College in 1981.

Kundrat, of St. Cloud, owns Kundrat Law Office in St. Cloud. He has practiced law in that office since 1999. He was an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Hall and Byers from 1983 to 1999, chief, counsel (1981 to 1983), assistant director of law (1978 to 1981), and an assistant prosecutor (1976 to 1978) with the city of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Kundrat earned his juris doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1973.

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 15 applications for this judicial vacancy.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JOHNSON TO SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David M. Johnson to a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Terry C. Hallenbeck on April 30, 2006.

Johnson is the adult felony prosecutor in the St. Louis County Attorney's office in Duluth. He has been a prosecutor in the St. Louis County Attorney's office since 1996, except between January 2002, and June 2005, when he was on active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Marine Corps in Washington, DC, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Bagram, Afghanistan. Johnson was also a prosecutor in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in Minneapolis in 1996, and a prosecutor with the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego, California from 1993 to 1995. Johnson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Notre Dame Law School in 1993, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

"David has the legal background and experience prosecuting the types of cases that comprise a large share of the court's work in Duluth," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, he has a long and deep commitment to public service, and has made numerous sacrifices to actively serve his country in the Marine Corps."

Johnson is a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, Marine Corps Association, and has participated in the Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" drives. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and a little league coach in Duluth. Johnson was also a little league baseball coach, basketball coach, and literacy volunteer for Franklin-Sherman Elementary School in McLean, Virginia.

Johnson, 44, was born in Fridley, and lives in Duluth with his wife, Mary, and their two children, Nick, 10, and Margaret, 7.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF

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ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Douglas C. Cooley and the reappointment of Harvey H. Harvala and Doris M. Sullivan to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 1, 2010.

Cooley, of Long Lake, is the principal and executive vice president with Michaud, Cooley, Erickson Consulting Engineers. He is a registered mechanical professional engineer in 28 states. Cooley is a past president of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He is also a member of the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) of Minnesota, where he chaired its Mechanical and Electrical Practice Group Education Committee. He received the ACEC's President's Award in 2002. Cooley earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Cooley replaces Sonia M. Jacobsen as a representative of professional engineers.

Harvala, of Duluth, is the chief executive officer and principal engineer of H3 Plus Engineering in Duluth, and has over 30 years of experience as a structural engineer. He is a volunteer member of the Minnesota Structural Engineering Emergency Response Program, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as the Minnesota American Council of Engineering Companies, where he is a past president and a national director. In 1999, Harvala received the Tom Roche Motivation Award from the ACEC for outstanding service to his profession and community. Harvala earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. Harvala, who is the current board chair, is reappointed as a representative of professional engineers.

Sullivan, of Minneapolis, works in the general engineering section of the St. Paul District United States Army Corps of Engineers. She has held a number of positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since 1989 and previously held landscape architect positions with private sector firms in Minneapolis. She has received numerous professional awards, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Landscape Architect of the Year" award in 2000, and the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects' "Lob Pine Award" in 2002, for her leadership, contributions to the association, and dedication to the profession. Sullivan earned her bachelor of landscape architecture degree from the University of Minnesota. Sullivan is reappointed to the board as a representative of landscape architects.

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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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June 1, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BADGEROW AS CHAIR OF THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dana Badgerow as chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

Badgerow currently serves as Commissioner of Administration in the cabinet of Gov. Tim Pawlenty. She also currently serves as a statutory member of the EQB, representing the state's strategic and long-range planning office. Badgerow is now appointed as EQB chair and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She replaces Bob Schroeder as chair.

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 7, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPLICATION PROCESS FOR BOXING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced details on the application process for the position of executive director to the Minnesota Boxing Commission. This position, created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 16) and signed by Governor Pawlenty on June 2, 2006 is appointed by the Governor and will provide staff support to the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Persons interested in applying for the position should submit a letter of interest, a current résumé, and a list of six to 10 references to:

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

Application materials may also be sent via facsimile to 651-296-0056, or via e-mail to <u>john.hultquist@state.mn.us</u>. The deadline for receipt of all materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is **Friday**, **July 7**, **2006** at **4:30** p.m.

The Minnesota Boxing Commission, also created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 14), consists of five members appointed by the Governor. Details on the application process for membership to the Commission will be posted on the Secretary of State's website, <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>, on July 3, 2006.

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

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June 7, 2006

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two trial court bench vacancies in the Tenth Judicial District in Anoka County.

The vacancies will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Joseph Quinn on June 30, 2006, and the retirement of the Honorable James A. Morrow on August 2, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Anoka in Anoka County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth 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**, **June 28**, **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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June 7, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**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 vacancies occurred as a result of the retirement of the Honorable LaJune Thomas Lange on February 21, 2006, the resignation of the Honorable Katherian D. Roe on March 22, 2006, and the retirement of the Honorable Catherine L. Anderson on May 1, 2006.

The finalists are Peter A. Cahill, Kerry W. Meyer, Jay M. Quam, Susan M. Robiner, Gloria Stamps-Smith, and Richard A. Trachy.

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.

Meyer, of Orono, is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1992. She has been a prosecutor in the general violent crimes division since 2004, and has previously worked in the property division from 2002 to 2004, the gangs division from 1998 to 2002, and the juvenile division from 1992 through 1997. She was also a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in 1991. Meyer earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Alma College in Alma, Michigan in 1987.

Quam, of Eden Prairie, is an attorney and shareholder in the litigation department at the Fredrikson and Byron law firm in Minneapolis. He has been a shareholder since 1995 and an associate attorney with the firm from 1988 to 1995. He has also been a Hennepin County Conciliation Court Judge as well as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at St. Thomas University School of Law in Minneapolis since 2005. Quam earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1988, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Moorhead State University in 1984.

Robiner, of Minneapolis, is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis. She was a shareholder from 1993 to 2000 and again since 2001, and an associate attorney with the firm from 1985 to 1993. She was an attorney and partner with the Sprenger and Lang law firm 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.

Stamps-Smith, of Plymouth, has been an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis since 1995. She was a disciplinary counsel with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court in Nashville from 1990 to 1995, and an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney from 1985 to 1989. Stamps-Smith earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa Law School in Iowa City in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi in 1981.

Trachy, of Hopkins, has been a senior attorney in the Hennepin County Public Defender's office in Minneapolis since 1996, and has been an attorney in the office since 1983. He was an assistant Anoka County Attorney from 1975 to 1983. Trachy earned his juris doctorate degree from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts in 1975, and his bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan in 1972.

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 48 applications for these three judicial vacancies.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 9, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA EARLY LEARNING FOUNDATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Senator John Hottinger and State Representative Nora Slawik to the board of directors of the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation.

Sen. John Hottinger, of St. Peter, was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1990. He serves as chair of the Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division. Sen. Hottinger also previously served as Majority Leader in the Senate.

Rep. Nora Slawik, of Maplewood, was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1996, and is currently serving her fourth non-consecutive term. She currently serves on the Civil Law and Elections committee and the Jobs and Economic Opportunity Policy and Finance committees.

The Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF) was established in 2005 with a mission to identify cost-effective ways of ensuring that children under five years from low income or challenged families are ready for success in school. MELF's goal is to support programs and initiatives that educate, inform and empower parents, particularly in Minnesota's fast-growing immigrant communities and other under-served communities.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KELLY TO CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Randy C. Kelly to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Kelly, of St. Paul, brings over 30 years of experience as an elected official from St. Paul. He was the Mayor of St. Paul from 2001 to 2005, a Minnesota state Senator from 1991 to 2001, and a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1974 to 1991. During his tenure in the legislature, Kelly chaired numerous committees, and was the chief author on a variety of initiatives in transportation, public safety, corrections, affordable housing and the environment. He has been recognized for his efforts to improve the St. Paul's infrastructure, which include the Minnesota Science Museum, Children's Museum, and the St. Paul Convention Center. Kelly replaces David Reiling as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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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June 16, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Gerald Dexter and Shirleen Hoffman to the Gambling Control Board.

Dexter, of Little Canada, is a criminal investigator with the Minneapolis City Attorney's office. Previously, he was chief of the St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin Police department for three years, after 27 years with the St. Paul Police Department as a patrolman and then an investigator. Dexter is active in the American Legion and has been a member of the International Rotary Club and the Oakdale Police Commission. Dexter, who has been a member of the Gambling Control Board since 2002, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on June 30, 2010.

Hoffman, of Delano, is the director of safety and security services at Hamline University in St. Paul, a position she has held since 2004. Previously, she was a supervisor with the Transportation Safety Administration at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, a part-time faculty with the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in St. Paul, and a part-time compliance agent with the Gambling Control Board after a 24-year career with the Minneapolis Police Department, retiring in 2000 as a lieutenant. Hoffman, who has been a member of the Gambling Control Board since 2004, is appointed to a full four-year term that expires on June 30, 2010.

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 APPOINTS NINE TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steven Ditschler and Jon Thompson and the reappointment of Maureen "Mo" Amundson, Sharon Bredeson, Kathleen Carney, Don Gerdesmeier, Larry Mareck, Dr. Mary Nichols, Ph.D., and Terry Smith to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC).

Amundson, of Rochester, is an educational consultant to the Rochester Public Schools and Rochester Community and Technical College. She represents secondary or post-secondary vocational institutions on the GWDC. Amundson, who was initially appointed to the GWDC in February, is appointed to a full three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Bredeson, of Minneapolis, is the founder, owner, and chief executive officer of Staff-Plus. She chairs the Minneapolis Private Industry Council's Dislocated Worker Program, and is the immediate past chair of the Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association. Bredeson, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of business to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Carney, of Nevis, is the chief executive officer of Teamworks, Inc., in Park Rapids. Teamworks is a non-profit subsidiary of Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation that specializes in providing low-income, low-skilled individuals with good-paying jobs primarily in the area of manufacturing. Carney, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of community-based organizations to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Ditschler, of Eagan, is the president of ProAct, Inc., a private, non-profit human services organization that provides a variety of services to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. He is an active member of the Dakota-Scott Counties Workforce Investment Board, chair of the State Rehabilitation Council, and serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Nonprofit Employers Workers' Compensation Fund. Ditschler replaces LaDonna Boyd as a representative of community-based organizations to a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Gerdesmeier, of Roseville, is a member of the Teamsters Union, administrator of the Teamsters Service Bureau, and its Joint Council 32 DRIVE representative. He is also a member of the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board, Workers' Compensation Advisory Board, Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association, University of Minnesota Labor Education Advisory Committee, and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department's Community Advisory Board. Gerdesmeier, who has been a member of the GWDC since 1996 and is currently vice-chair, is reappointed as a representative of labor to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Mareck, of Albany, is the business representative for the Carpenters Union, and previously was the financial secretary of the St. Cloud Carpenters Union. He has been a member of the Carpenters Union #930 since 1971. Mareck is president of the St. Cloud Building and Construction Trades Council, serves on the executive board of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, and is a member of the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board. Mareck, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2000, is reappointed as a representative of labor to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Nichols, of St. Paul, is the dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing Education, and a professor of strategic management and organization at the Carlson School of Management. Nichols, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of post-secondary education to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Smith, of Forest Lake, is a journeyman furniture refinisher and an in-home service technician and customer service representative with Marshall Field's. He has been a member of Teamsters Local 638 for 35 years. Smith is the mayor of Forest Lake, and previously served on its city council. He also served on the State Board of Technical Colleges, and was board president in 1995 during the merger that resulted in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Smith, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of labor to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

Thompson, of Elk River, is the president and chief executive officer of Opportunity Partners in Minnetonka, a non-profit organization that provides personalized employment, housing and educational opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities, brain injury, autism, and other special needs. He is an active member of the Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota, and the Minnesota Association of Community Rehabilitation Organizations. Thompson replaces John Molinaro on the GWDC as a representative of community-based organizations to complete a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2008.

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.

## NEWS RELEASE

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June 21, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Kristen Piper and the appointment of Barbara Carlson to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.

Barbara Carlson, of New Ulm, is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in Minnesota. She currently maintains a private practice in Mankato. Carlson previously served as an instructor at Minnesota State University-Mankato. She received a B.S. in corrections, a B.S. in alcohol and drug studies, and a M.S. in community health from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Carlson is appointed as a LADC member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She fills the board seat formerly held by Maria Dupree.

Kristen Piper, of St. Louis Park, is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Minnesota. She currently works as an independent consultant and previously served as Director of the Oklahoma Diagnostic and Evaluation Center for Children in Norman, Oklahoma. Piper received a B.A. in psychology and a Master's of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She is appointed as a LPC member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Piper was first appointed to the board in 2003.

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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June 21, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Rebecca J. Hafner-Fogarty and the appointment of Gregory B. Snyder to the Board of Medical Practice.

Rebecca J. Hafner-Fogarty, M.D., of Avon, currently serves as a staff physician at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, Minnesota. She also serves as a member of the medical staff at St. Cloud Hospital. Hafner-Fogarty received a B.A. in biology from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, a M.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in Grand Forks, and a MBA in healthcare administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Hafner-Fogarty completed a family practice internship at the University of North Dakota Family Practice Center in Fargo. She has been a licensed physician in Minnesota since 1979 and is board certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Hafner-Fogarty resides in the sixth Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year board term which ends January 4, 2010. She previously served on the Board of Medical Practice from 1998 to 2003, and from 2004 to present.

Gregory B. Snyder, M.D., of St. Louis Park, is the founder, medical director and chief executive officer of Minnesota Radiology in Edina. He also serves as an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Snyder received a B.A. from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and a M.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Minneapolis. He completed a residency in diagnostic radiology and a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics. Snyder has been a licensed physician in Minnesota since 1996 and is board certified in diagnostic radiology with added qualifications in vascular and interventional radiology. Dr. Snyder resides in the fifth Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year board term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Burton Schwartz, M.D., on the board.

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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June 21, 2006

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a trial court bench vacancy in the Tenth Judicial District in Anoka County.

This vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Edward W. Bearse on December 12, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Anoka in Anoka County.

The process of filling Judge Bearse's position will be added to the two previously-announced vacancies for the Honorable Joseph Quinn and the Honorable James A. Morrow's positions. A news release announcing the application process for Judges Quinn and Morrow's vacancies was issued by the Governor's office on June 7, 2006.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth 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**, **June 28**, **2006**. One set of application materials will be considered for all three positions.

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.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 22, 2006

**Contact:** Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kay Ek, Herbert Grant, Sonia Hohnadel and Dr. John Seymour to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Kay Ek, of St. Cloud, retired in 2004 as director of the Office of Natural Family Planning for the Diocese of St. Cloud. She currently serves as president of the Billings Ovulation Method Association – USA. Ek is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Shireen Lee on the board.

Herbert Grant, of Minneapolis, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) in Minnesota. He currently operates a private practice in Minneapoli. Grant holds a M.A. in counseling psychology from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He is appointed to a board position for a LMFT member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Grant replaces Charme Davidson on the board.

Sonia Hohnadel, of Moorhead, currently serves as communications coordinator and administrative assistant to the Provost of Tri-College University of Fargo/Moorhead. She also serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. Hohnadel is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She fills the board seat formerly held by Mae Beecham.

John Seymour, of Mankato, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) in Minnesota. He currently serves as assistant professor of counseling and student personnel at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Seymour holds a Ph.D. in counseling from the Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas. He is appointed to a board position for a LMFT member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Seymour replaces Penny Johnson on the board.

The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining marriage and family therapists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PLECHASH TO THE PERPICH CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Alex Plechash to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Alex Plechash, of Wayzata, currently serves as vice president of FOLIOfn, Inc., a private online brokerage platform for financial advisors. His business career includes work in institutional sales and investment banking as well as holding management positions at PepsiCo, the Oracle Corporation, and Exxon Company USA. Plechash previously served as a TOPGUN fighter pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Plechash received a B.S. in aerospace engineering and physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and a MBA in finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He serves as an admissions officer for the U.S. Naval Academy and as president of the Upper Midwest chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.

Plechash's involvement in the arts included studies at the Art Institute of Chicago on scholarship, as well as serving as first chair viola in a symphony orchestra which toured Europe.

Plechash is a resident of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District and is appointed to four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Daniel Reigstad on the board.

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 HANSEN AND CARLSON TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mark F. Hansen and Jay D. Carlson to two trial court bench vacancies in the Seventh Judicial District.

The first vacancy occurred with the death of the Honorable Thomas M. Stringer on January 19, 2006. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Fergus Falls in Otter Tail County. Hansen is appointed to the Otter Tail County position.

Hansen is an attorney and partner with the Wadena law firm of Hansen and Pederson, a position he has held since 1985. He is also a part-time assistant Wadena County Attorney; city attorney for Aldrich, Bertha, Sebeka, and Wadena; a prosecuting attorney for the cities of Menahga and Verndale; and township attorney for Blueberry Township and Deer Creek Township. Prior to forming Hansen and Pederson, Hansen was an associate attorney with the law firm of Kennedy and Nervig in Wadena from 1974 to 1985, and an Eighth Judicial District law clerk in Chippewa County from 1972 to 1974. Hansen earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1972, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Macalester College in St. Paul in 1969.

"Mark's experience as both a civil and criminal practitioner will serve him well as a judge," Governor Pawlenty said. "He also has the personal demeanor that will immediately put people as ease in the courtroom."

Hansen is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he currently chairs its Publications Committee. He is also a member and past president of the Seventh District Bar Association, and has served on the Seventh District Bar Ethics Committee. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota Association of City Attorneys, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, and American Trial Lawyers Association. Hansen's community activities include serving on the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center Board of Directors, and the Wadena Lions Club, where he has served on its Board of Directors. He has also been president of the Wadena Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Wadena Library Board, Wadena/Deer Creek Dollars for Scholars, and held a number of volunteer positions with the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena.

Hansen, 59, was born in Minneapolis and resides in Ottertail with his wife, Cathy. They have two adult children, Erik, and Kirsten, and one granddaughter, Sophia, 18 months.

The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Timothy J. Baland on April 4, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this position for the city of Long Prairie in Todd County. Carlson is appointed to the Todd County position.

Carlson is an attorney in private practice with offices in Detroit Lakes and Fargo, North Dakota. In his practice, he represents the townships of Lake Eunice, Audubon, and Burlington, and the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District. He has been a self-employed attorney since 1979, except between 2003 and 2005, when he was an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Ohnstad and Twichell. Carlson earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1976.

"Jay is a self-employed lawyer with a varied practice that takes him all over the Seventh Judicial District as well as the state," Governor Pawlenty said. "His diverse professional background and ability to juggle the demands placed on a solo practitioner will serve him well in Todd County, which is a one-judge county."

Carlson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Becker County Bar Association, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Big Cormorant Lake Association, Cormorant Lakes Watershed District Advisory Committee, St. Mary's of the Lake Church, and Cormorant Lions Club.

Carlson, 52, was born in Topeka, Kansas, raised in Duluth and Moorhead, and lives in Big Cormorant Lake.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Gary Schneider and the appointment of Ikram –ul– Huq to the Board of Pharmacy.

Gary Schneider, of Plymouth, has been a licensed pharmacist in Minnesota since 1971. He has been vice president at Gallipot, Inc. in St. Paul since 1999. From 1997 to 1999, Schneider served as product manager for disease management programs for SmithKline Beecham Health Management Services in Bloomington. From 1993 to 1997, he was manager for pharmacy affairs at Diversified Pharmaceutical Services in Bloomington. Schneider started his pharmacy career in 1962 as a drug cashier at Desnick Bros. Drug & Supply in St. Paul. He later bought the drug store was worked as a pharmacist there until 1993.

Schneider received a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and currently serves as an associate professor of pharmacy practice at the University. He is a former board chair and president of the Minnesota Pharmacist's Association and previously served on the board of trustees of the American Pharmacist's Association. Schneider is appointed as a pharmacist member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He was first appointed to the board in 2002, and just finished his term as president of the board.

Ikram –ul– Huq, of Apple Valley, has served as a post closer for GMAC/RFC Mortgage Corporation in Bloomington since 2004. In 2003, he was a contract employee at Wells Fargo in Bloomington. From 1999 to 2003, Huq was finance administrator/fee for service products at Ceridian in Bloomington. From 1998 to 1999, he was a contract employee at US Bank Corp in St. Paul. Huq also worked for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Iperu, Nigeria, where he served as deputy director of the Sha Sha training center and was controller of examinations.

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Huq received a M.A. in economics from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He is a founding member of the Minnesota chapter of the Supporters of Human Rights in India, and is a member of Human Rights Advocates of Minnesota. Huq is a leading member of the Urdu Poetic Society, which includes Pakistani and Indian Urdu poets. He currently serves as Imam at the Masjid Ar Rehman in Bloomington and is a founding member and religious director of the Muslim Community Center in Bloomington. A former professional cricket player, he currently serves as president of the Cosmos Cricket Club in Minnesota.

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 BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of James Freichels, Jay Lewis, and Joseph Vespa to the Board of Electricity. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Freichels, of Fridley, is the CEO and COO of Dell-Comm, Inc. in Mounds View. He has been with Dell-Comm since 1993. Freichels was a project manager and lead engineer with Vectra Technologies in Minneapolis from 1986 to 1993, and a supervisor with J & G Construction Company from 1982 to 1986. He earned his master of civil engineering and bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology. Freichels has served as president of the Communications, Control, Alarm, Remote, Signaling Association, and is a member of the Building Industry Consulting Service International. Freichels replaces Richard Smith as a representative of power limited technicians who are technology systems contractors.

Lewis, of Cottage Grove, is the managing partner of JETS Electric, an electrical contracting company, as well as JETSmart, a security and low voltage cabling company. Prior to coming to JETS Electric in 1998, he was the CEO of Metro-Wide Electric, Inc. from 1991 to 1997. Lewis received his Minnesota Class A master electrician's license in 1990, and his journeyman's license in 1988. Lewis serves on the Minnesota Electrical Association's Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Dakota County Technical College's electrical program steering committee, the Minnesota Associated Builders and Contractors Association, the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, and the St. Croix Valley Home Builders Association. Lewis replaces Gary Novak as a representative of master electricians.

Vespa, of Hibbing, is a senior electrical engineer with Barr Engineering Company in Hibbing, a position he has held since 2004. He had previously held engineering positions with LHB Engineers and Architects in Duluth, The Design Group, Inc., Krech & Ojard Consulting Engineers, Architectural Resources, Inc., and DMR Electronics, all of Hibbing. Vepsa earned his master of science degree in engineering management from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, and his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Mankato State University. Vespa is a past president and former member of the Board of Directors of the Engineers' Club of Northern Minnesota, and a member of the National Fire Protection Association. Vepsa replaces Jay Cain on the Board of Electricity as a representative of registered electrical consulting engineers.

The Board of Electricity licenses electricians and inspects all new electrical installations in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BALLPARK AUTHORITY COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael M. Vekich and John Wade to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Commission.

Vekich, of St. Louis Park, is the chief executive officer of Vekich Associates, an independent accounting and management advisors firm, as well as chairman and president of Skyline Displays, an Eagan-based manufacturer or modular trade show displays. He is a recognized expert on domestic and international acquisitions, mergers, and the turnaround of troubled organizations and businesses.

Vekich currently serves as chair of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, and a member of the state Board of Accountancy. He served as acting director of the Minnesota State Lottery from February to September 2004. He chaired the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2001, and was a member of the Higher Education Services Council. Vekich has also served on the Board of Directors of a number of organizations ranging from the Salvation Army to a founder and honorary board member of the Accounting Aid Society. His honors include "Who's Who in Financial Accounting" and being named a "Super CPA" by local accountants, lawyers and business leaders.

Wade, of Rochester, is the president of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, a position he has held since 2002. He has held previous positions as a consultant and registered lobbyist for Bresnan Communications and the city of Rochester, vice president of government and public affairs as well as vice president of Midwest development for Charter Communications/Bresnan Communications in Rochester, chief of staff to United States Congressman Gil Gutknecht, chairman of the Gil Gutknecht for Congress Committee, vice president of Scandinavian Broadcasting Systems local stations in Copenhagen Denmark, and sales manager with KTTC-TV in Rochester.

Wade is a member and past chair of the Greater Rochester Area University Center, member and past chair of the Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation, president of Citizens to Stop the Coal Trains, Inc. in Rochester, as well as a board member of the Rochester Salvation Army, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Area Foundation, and Rochester Area Economic Development, Inc.

The Minnesota Ballpark Authority was created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 257, Section 10) to provide for the construction, financing, and long-term use of a ballpark primarily as a venue for major league baseball. The Commission consists of five members, including two appointed by the Governor, one of whom must not be a resident of Hennepin County; two, including the chair, appointed by the Hennepin County Board; and one appointed by the Minneapolis City Council.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Matthew Anderson and Pamela Perri Weaver to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Matthew Anderson, of White Bear Lake, currently serves as vice president for regulatory/strategic affairs at the Minnesota Hospital Association. He previously served as assistant general counsel for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Anderson also served as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, an Assistant Attorney General in Minnesota, and as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Myron H. Bright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He is a former member of the Little Canada City Council.

Anderson received a B.S. from St. John's University in Collegeville, and a J. D. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is a resident of the fourth Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Anderson was first appointed to the board in 2002. He currently serves as the board's chair.

Pamela Perri Weaver, of Anoka, currently serves as executive vice president of the Builders Association of Minnesota. She previously served as a public policy manager in the administration of Governor Jesse Ventura. Weaver also served as executive director of the National Association of Fundraising Ticket Manufacturers and as executive director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. She has been a volunteer with the Minnesota Film Board and the University of Minnesota Early Childhood and Family Learning Advisory Committee.

Weaver received a B.A. in communications from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is a resident of the sixth Congressional District and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Weaver was first appointed to the board in 2002. She previously served as chair of the board.

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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 TWO TO THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Corrine T. Ellingham and the appointment of Elizabeth (Betsy) Schultz to the State Board of Physical Therapy.

Corrine T. Ellingham, of Bloomington, has been a licensed physical therapist in Minnesota since 1959. In 1998, she retired as an associate professor of physical therapy at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Ellingham received a B.S. in physical therapy from Northwestern University in Illinois, and a M.S. from the University of Minnesota. She was one of nine founders of the Peer Review Process of the Minnesota chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. In 2003, Ellingham was named a fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association. She is appointed as a physical therapist member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Ellingham was first appointed to the board in 1999.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Schultz, of Alden, has been a physical therapist assistant since 1987. She currently serves as program coordinator at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth. She previously served as academic coordinator of clinic education at Riverland Community College in Albert Lea. Schultz is a graduate of the physical therapist assistant program at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Illinois and received a B.A. in biology from Winona State University. She also currently serves as a member of the Alden City Council. Schultz is appointed as a physical therapist assistant member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Therese McDevitt on the board.

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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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dan McElroy, Christine D. Rice, C. Scott Thiss, and James F. Van Houten to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University (MnSCU) system.

"Each of these individuals has a proven record as an innovator and change agent. The MnSCU system will benefit from their leadership," said Governor Pawlenty. "An effective MnSCU is a key to Minnesota's continued success and economic growth. These appointees understand the benefits of a strong partnership between higher education and the private sector."

Dan McElroy, of Burnsville, currently serves as Senior Advisor on Innovation for Governor Pawlenty. He previously served as Chief of Staff to the Governor and as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance. Prior to joining the Pawlenty administration in January 2003, McElroy served four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. In the House, he served as Assistant Majority Leader and as Chairman of the Jobs and Economic Development Finance Committee. McElroy also served as mayor of Burnsville.

In addition to his public service career, McElroy has extensive private sector experience. In 1979, he purchased a small travel agency. Along with two partners, he grew it to eight offices, 80 employees, and almost \$40 million in sales, before it was sold in 1992. McElroy received a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He is a resident of the second Congressional District and is appointed to an at-large seat on the board. McElroy will serve a six-year term which ends June 30, 2012. He replaces Bob Hoffman on the board.

Christine Rice, of Lake Elmo, is an active community and civic volunteer with strong public sector experience. She served as deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health from 1995 to 1997. Rice served as assistant commissioner of the department from 1993 to 1995, and as director of public and legislative affairs from 1991 to 1993. From 1987 to 1991 she served as assistant to the minority leader at the Minnesota House of Representatives.

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Rice is a current member of the Commission on Judicial Selection and the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. She is a former board member of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, a current board member and former board president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, and a former gubernatorial appointee to the Advisory Council of Community Based Planning. Rice received a B.A. in speech and communication from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She is a resident of the sixth Congressional District and is appointed to a six-year term which ends June 30, 2012. Rice replaces Will Antell on the board.

Scott Thiss, of Edina, currently serves as president and chief executive officer for Sailforth, Inc., in Edina. He previously served as president and chief executive officer for S&W Plastics, LLC, in Eden Prairie. Thiss currently serves as a board member and chair of the governance committee for Innovance, Inc. Thiss previously served as chair of the board, chair of the small business policy committee, and chair of the strategy committee for the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Thiss currently serves as chair of the board of the Normandale Community College Foundation. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Northwestern University Alumni Association. Thiss received a B.S.B.A. and a MBA from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and holds a CPA certificate. He is a resident of the third Congressional District and is appointed to an at-large seat on the board. Thiss will serve a sixyear term which ends June 30, 2012. He replaces Ivan Dusek on the board.

Jim Van Houten, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a senior lecturer at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. He also serves as an instructor at the University's Humphrey Institute. Van Houten was a founding board member of the Strategic Management Research Center at the University's Carlson School. He capped a extensive business career in 2002, last serving as president and chief executive officer for MSI Insurance Companies in Arden Hills. Van Houten currently serves as chair of the development committee for the Milestone Growth Fund, a nonprofit venture capital firm for minority businesses. He also serves on the board of the Hill Business Reference Library in St. Paul.

Van Houten is a former board member of the Minnesota Business Partnership, where he served on the education and policy committees. He also previously served as chair of the board of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota. Van Houten received a B.A. in English from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and a MBA from Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois. He is a resident of the fifth Congressional District and is appointed to a six-year term which ends June 30, 2012. Van Houten replaces Lew Moran on the board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system comprises 32 colleges and universities, including 25 two-year colleges and seven state universities. The 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 TWO TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Brown and Jack Geller to the Board of Medical Practice.

Robert Brown, of Roseville, recently retired as a professor of leadership, policy, and administration at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. He served on the faculty at the University from 1964 to May 2006, taking a number of leaves for public service. Brown served as special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Education from 1981 to 1986. He served in the Minnesota State Senate from 1967 to 1977, and was a member of the Minnesota Board of Education from 1993 to 1997. Brown received a B.S. in mathematics from Winona State, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is appointed to the board as a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Brown replaces Hilda Betterman on the board.

Jack Geller, of Mankato, currently serves as president of the Center for Rural Policy in St. Peter. He previously served as senior research scientist for the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI. Geller also previously served as a professor and director of the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He currently serves on the board of directors of Southern Minnesota Advocates and is a former member of the Grand Forks City Council. Geller received a B.S. in sociology from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, a M.S. in rural sociology from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and a Ph.D. in rural sociology from Iowa State University in Ames. He is appointed to the board as a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Geller replaces Gloria Perez Jordan on the board.

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 FOUR TO NURSING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Kimberly Keilholtz, Glenda Moyers, and Karen Trettel to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Kimberly Keilholtz, of Minneapolis, is a workforce diversity consultant for Xcel Energy. She is involved in numerous civic and volunteer activities, including working with the Minneapolis/Twin Cities United Way and the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Keilholtz received a B.A. in mathematics from Winona State University, and an M.A. in organizational leadership from the College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul. She is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the board in 2002 and currently serves as the board's vice president.

Glenda Moyers, of Mounds View, currently serves as Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie. Hennepin Tech provides a licensed practical nursing program. Moyers has been a registered nurse in Minnesota since 1974. She received a B.S.N. from Seattle University in Seattle, WA. Moyers is appointed to a board position for a registered nurse teaching in a licensed practical nursing training program. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Moyers was first appointed to the board in 2001 and currently serves as the board's president.

Karen Trettel, of Elk River, is a Licensed Practical Nurse working in the Acute Medical/Surgical department at North Memorial Health Care Center in Robbinsdale. She has been a licensed practical nurse in Minnesota since 1973. Trettel is a graduate of the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Hennepin Technical College. She is appointed to a board position for a licensed practical nurse and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Trettel was first appointed to the board in 2002 and currently serves as the board's secretary.

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 APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dushyanthi Anoma Mullegama and the appointment of Robin Bode to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Robin Bode, of LeCenter, has been a licensed social worker (LSW) in Minnesota since 1989. She currently serves as assistant director of transition and social services for the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, which is a division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Bode is a member of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and serves on the board of directors of the Consumer Survivors Network. She received a B.S.W in social work and psychology from St. Cloud State University. Bode is appointed to a board position for a bachelor's level social worker and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Paul Gaston on the board.

Dushyanthi Anoma Mullegama, of Rochester, has been a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) in Minnesota since 1999. She currently serves as manager of Medical Social Services for the Mayo Foundation, which includes the Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital, and Methodist Hospital in Rochester. Mullegama also serves as a board member and trustee for the Ronald McDonald House. She received a B.A. from the University of Washington, a B.S.W. from the University of British Columbia, and an M.S.W. from the New Mexico Highlands University. Mullegama is appointed to a board position for a master's level social worker and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the board in 2002 and currently serves as the board's vice chair.

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 TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael Murphy and the reappointment of Joanne Schulman to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Michael Murphy, of Stillwater, currently serves as a Professor at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a licensed veterinarian in Minnesota. Murphy is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Toxicology and the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology. He received a B.S. in veterinary science, a D.V.M., and a Ph.D. in toxicology from Texas A&M University in College Station. Murphy also received a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul. He is a licensed attorney in Minnesota. Murphy is appointed to the board as a veterinarian member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Lorna Reichl on the board.

Joanne Schulman, of Golden Valley, owns the Kenwood Pet Clinic in Minneapolis. She is a licensed veterinarian in Minnesota and has been working as a companion animal veterinarian in Minnesota since 1976. Schulman is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinarian Medicine. She received a B.S. from the University of Michigan and a D.V.M. from the University of Minnesota. Schulman is appointed to the board as a veterinarian member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Schulman first joined the board in 2002, and currently serves as the board's president.

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 RANUM TO THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael Ranum to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Michael Ranum, of Circle Pines, currently serves as chief financial and administrative officer for the Hazelden Foundation in Center City. He previously served as assistant vice president and senior relationship manager for the Institutional Relations Group at Lutheran Brotherhood in Minneapolis. Ranum also previously served as vice president for administration and advancement at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He received a B.A. in business administration, accounting, history, and political science from Concordia College in Moorhead and a MBA from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Ranum is appointed to as a member of the Authority for a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He 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 TWO TO THE MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Lisa Heggedahl and the appointment of Gary Pawlitschek to the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority.

Lisa Heggedahl, of Hayfield, currently serves as president and CEO of ADAH Farms, Incorporated, a farm in Hayfield. She also serves as owner/manager for ADAH Oaks Angus. Heggedahl previously served on Governor Pawlenty's Livestock Task Force and is the current president of Dodge County Farmer's Union. She received a B.S. in biology from the University of Minnesota in Saint Paul. Heggedahl is appointed to a public member position and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the Authority in 2002.

Gary Pawlitschek, of Winnebago, currently serves as president of Profinium Financial in Truman. He previously served as resident of First National Bank of Brewster and as vice president of Ormsby State Bank. Pawlitschek received a B.S. in business administration from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve. Pawlitschek is appointed to a public member position and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Julian Sjostrom on the Authority.

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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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Myrla Seibold and the appointment of Margaret Fulton and Trahnson Thi (Lisa) Nguyen-Kelly to the Board of Psychology.

TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Margaret Fulton, of St. Paul, has been a licensed psychologist (L.P.) in Minnesota since 1989. She currently maintains a private practice in Minneapolis. Fulton also serves as an adjunct associate professor of psychology at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis. She received a B.A. in Spanish language and literature from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, a M.A. in counseling psychology from Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Fulton is appointed to a board position for a doctoral level licensed psychologist and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She fills the board seat formerly held by Jack Schaffer.

Trahnson Thi (Lisa) Nguyen-Kelly, of North St. Paul, has been a licensed psychologist (L.P.) in Minnesota since 2005. She currently serves as Senior Consultant: Service Effectiveness, Cultural Competency, Accessibility and Best Practices for the Wilder Foundation—Wilder Programs, in St. Paul. Nguyen-Kelly was educated in Belgium, Italy, and the United States and received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychological Specialties in Psychological Assessment, Evaluation and Testing. Nguyen-Kelly is appointed to a board position for a doctoral level licensed psychologist and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Scott Terhune on the board.

Myrla Seibold, of New Brighton, has been a licensed psychologist (L.P.) in Minnesota since 1995. She currently serves as a professor of psychology and clinical director for the master's degree program in psychology at Bethel University in St. Paul. Seibold received a B.A. in psychology from the University of Redlands in Redlands, CA, a M.A. in psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a M.A. in theology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. She is appointed to a board position for a psychologist representing a master's degree training program is psychology. Seibold will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the board in 2000, and currently serves as the board's chair.

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 PFEFFER TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jennifer Pfeffer to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

Jennifer Pfeffer, of Mankato, has been a licensed nursing home administrator in Minnestoa since 1987. She currently serves as the director of campus operations for Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc. in Mankato and Ecumen in Shoreview. Pfeffer previously served as administrator and chief executive officer for Minnesota Valley Health Center in LeSueur. She received a B.S. in public health and an M.S. in continuing studies from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Pfeffer is appointed to a board position for a non-profit nursing home administrator and will serve a four-year term ending January 4, 2010. She replaces Michael Gibson on the board.

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 APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Joyce Daugaard and the appointment of Gwendolyn Jackson to the Board of the Minnesota State Academies.

Joyce Daugaard, of Edina, currently serves as the Coordinator of the Personnel Preparation Grant for Teachers of Deaf or Hard of Hearing Students from Different Culture and Language Backgrounds for the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She also serves as the Regional Director of Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology Grant for the Association of College Educators for the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Daugaard received a B.S. in education, speech communication, and English from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and a M.S. in deaf education from the University of Oklahoma Health Services Center in Oklahoma City. She is appointed to a board position for a member with business, administration, or financial expertise and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Daugaard was first appointed to the board in 2004.

Gwendolyn Jackson, of Faribault, currently serves as superintendent of the Faribault Public School District. She previously served as an interim chief academic officer for the Minneapolis Public School District. Jackson received a B.A. in elementary education from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, a M.A. in educational administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and a Ed.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to the board position for a superintendent member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Jackson fills the board seat formerly held by Doug DeWitt.

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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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jim Rhodes and Louise Sundin to the Board of School Administrators.

Jim Rhodes, of St. Louis Park, currently serves as legislative director for the Minnesota Department of Administration. He served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1993 until 2004, including serving as chair of the House Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Policy Committee. Rhodes also worked as director of community development for Auriton Solutions from 1998 until 2004. Prior to serving as a State Representative, Rhodes was a member of the St. Louis Park School Board, serving from 1980 to 1993. He is appointed to a public member position on board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Rhodes replaces Judy Swett on the board.

Louise Sundin, of Minneapolis, recently completed her term as the President of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers on June 14, 2006. She held this post since 1984. Sundin served as a high school English teacher with the Minneapolis Public School District from 1979 to 1997. She received a B.A. in English, journalism, and language arts from the University of Minnesota and a M.A. in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas. Sundin is appointed to a public member position on the board and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Daniel Zimansky on the board.

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 McCABE TO THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Schelli McCabe to the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Schelli McCabe, of St. Peter, has been a licensed podiatrist in Minnesota since 1987. She currently maintains a private practice in St. Peter and serves as a member of the surgical staff at St. Peter Community Hospital. McCabe received a B.A. in biology from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, and a D.P.M. from Dr. William Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She completed a surgical residency at Metropolitan-Mount Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis in 1988. McCabe is appointed as a podiatrist member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Dr.Judith Sperling 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 TWO TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Paul Langseth and Brian Napstad to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

The Governor also designated current board member Randy Kramer as the board's new chair. Kramer replaces outgoing board member Jerome Deal as the board chair.

Paul Langseth, of Worthington, is an elected Nobles County Soil and Water District Supervisor. He is appointed to a board position for a soil and water conservation district supervisor and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Langseth replaces Paul Krabbenhoft on the board.

Brian Napstad, of McGregor, is an Aitkin County Commissioner. He is appointed to a board position for a county commissioner and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Napstad replaces Clair Nelson 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 LANNERS CHAIR OF METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John J. "Jack" Lanners as chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). Lanners replaces Vicki Tigwell, who resigned in May, to complete her term that expires on January 1, 2007.

"Jack has earned a tremendous amount of respect since joining the MAC for his diligence in learning and understanding the issues before the Commission," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be able to hit the ground running and be an effective leader on all the issues currently facing the MAC."

Lanners is the president and chief executive officer of FTL Corporation, which owns MGM Liquor Warehouse stores; president of R.P. Royalties, Inc.; and is an officer and partner with LannCo LLC, which specializes in commercial real estate development. Lanners serves on the boards of directors of the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, and the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association. He is also past president of the New Richmond Jaycee's, and past president of the Woodbury Lion's Club

Lanners was first appointed to the MAC in April 2003 as a representative of District "F", which includes a portion of Anoka County, northeastern Ramsey County, and all of Washington County. Lanners currently chairs MAC's Management and Operations Committee, and headed a study of the reliever airports. Lanners resides in Woodbury with his wife, Norma Jean.

"I am humbled by the Governor's confidence in me. I look forward to leading this important Commission and working with MAC staff, the airlines and other stakeholders over the next months in this new role."

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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July 10, 2006

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Brother Michael Collins and Mohamud Noor to the Council on Black Minnesotans.

Michael Collins, of St. Paul, has been a member of Brothers of the Christian Schools, an international Catholic teaching order, for more than 35 years. He has been president of DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis since 1991. From 1990 to 1991, Collins served as assistant to the president at DeLaSalle High School. From 1987 to 1990, he served as principal at Cretin-Durham Hall in St. Paul. From 1982 to 1987, Collins was principal at St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley, California.

Collins received a B.A. in religious studies and a M.Ed. in music from St. Mary's University in Winona, a M.A. in secondary school administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and an Ed.D. in private school leadership from the University of San Francisco. He is appointed as a member of the Council and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Collins was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

Mohamud Noor, of Minneapolis, currently serves as human service quality control reviewer at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, a position he has held since 2004. From 2003 to 2004, he served as manager of Team Choice Enterprises, a health care and social service consulting and interpreter/translator firm. From 2000 to 2003, Noor was employed by Hennepin County, serving as a financial worker, transitional team leader, and acting planning analyst.

From 2003 to 2005, Noor served as chair of the Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota. From 2002 to 2005, He served as a board member of the Whittier Alliance. Noor currently serves on the board of governors of the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis. He is appointed to the Council as a representative from the East African community. Noor will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

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The Council on Black Minnesotans advises the Governor and Legislature on issues of particular importance to black Minnesotans. The Council is made up of 17 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.



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July 12, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GOLDSTEIN TO STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Plymouth Police Chief Michael S. Goldstein to the Statewide Radio Board.

Goldstein, of Plymouth, has been the chief of the Plymouth Police Department as well as the emergency management director for the city of Plymouth since 2004. He has held a variety of positions with the Plymouth Police Department since he began his career with the city as a patrol officer in 1990.

Goldstein is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Hennepin County Police Chiefs Association, FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers, and the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Association. He is also a member of Hennepin County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, Emergency Management Mitigation Committee, Community Prevention Coalition Partnership Council, and is the Hennepin County chiefs' representative on the Urban Area Security Initiative.

Goldstein earned his master of arts degree in public safety education and administration and his bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Goldstein is appointed to the position for a representative of police chiefs from the metropolitan area. He replaces Kent Therkelsen, who recently retired as the Eagan Police Chief, and resigned from the Statewide Radio Board.

The Statewide Radio Board was created to develop a project plan for a statewide, shared, trunked public safety radio communication system, referred to as "Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response" or "ARMER". The board consists of 21 members, including six appointed by the Governor.



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July 13, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LARIMORE TO ZOO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jody Larimore to the Minnesota Zoological Board.

Larimore, of Maple Grove, is the senior vice president and human resources manager for Wells Fargo in the Great Lakes Region. She has 25 years of experience in human resources management with Wells Fargo, Nike, ADC, Wireless Systems, and Boise Cascade Corporation. Larimore earned a masters degree in business communication management from the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon, and her bachelor of science degree in health care administration from St. Joseph's College in North Windham, Maine, and has earned a number of professional certifications, which include becoming a certified professional coach.

Larimore previously chaired the Oregon Zoo Foundation, was a volunteer professional coach to non-profit leaders, and served on the YWCA Personnel Committee in Vancouver, Washington. Larimore replaces Laura McCarten on the Zoo Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

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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July 14, 2006

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KLINNERT TO THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John Klinnert to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League.

John Klinnert, of Underwood, is the owner of JK Sports, Inc., in Fergus Falls. He has been a referee for high school basketball and football for 29 years. Prior to opening his sporting goods store in 1987, Klinnert served as a high school principal, athletic director, head coach, and teacher in Royalton, Cyrus, and Underwood, Minnesota.

Klinnert received a B.S. in physical education, health, recreation, coaching, and drivers training from Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and a M.S. in secondary school administration from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed as a parent member of the board and will serve a four-year term which ends July 31, 2010. Klinnert replaces Cathy Peterson on the board.

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 APPOINTS CROWLEY TO THE RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas Crowley to the Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Thomas Crowley, of Kellogg, currently serves as the president and chief executive officer of Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Wabasha. He is a member of the Minnesota Hospital Association's Small Rural Hospital Committee and a member of the National Rural Health Association. Crowley is a past president and board member of the Minnesota Catholic Hospital Association, a past president and member of the Wabasha Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Wabasha Rotary Club.

Crowley received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota and a MBA from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He is appointed to the committee as a representative of hospitals and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Crowley fills the committee seat formerly held by Richard Failing.

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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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEYER, QUAM AND ROBINER TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kerry W. Meyer, Jay M. Quam, and Susan M. Robiner to three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. The vacancies are as a result of the retirement of the Honorable LaJune Thomas Lange on February 21, 2006, the resignation of the Honorable Katherian D. Roe on March 22, 2006, and the retirement of the Honorable Catherine L. Anderson on May 1, 2006. Forty-eight people applied for these positions.

Meyer is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1992. She has been a prosecutor in the general violent crimes division since 2004, and has previously worked in the property division from 2002 to 2004, the gangs division from 1998 to 2002, and the juvenile division from 1992 through 1997. She was also a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in 1991. Meyer earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Alma College in Alma, Michigan in 1987.

"Kerry has a tremendous reputation as a criminal prosecutor in the county attorney's office," Governor Pawlenty said. "She is very intelligent, has a common sense approach, and will be able to hit the ground running as a judge."

Meyer has taught continuing legal education classes on material witness statutes, civil and criminal contempt, and administrative subpoenas, and has taught at a training program for suburban police investigators on property crimes and identity theft investigations and prosecutions. She has also served as a mock trial judge, Girl Scouts Troop Leader, Cub Scouts pack events volunteer, Sunday School Teacher with Calvin Presbyterian Church, and a Parent Teachers Organization volunteer and classroom and library volunteer for Orono Public Schools.

Meyer, 40, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Orono with her husband, Daron, and their two children.

Quam is an attorney and shareholder in the litigation department at the Fredrikson and Byron law firm in Minneapolis. He has been a shareholder since 1995 and an associate attorney with the firm from 1988 to 1995. He has also been a Hennepin County Conciliation Court Judge as well as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at St. Thomas University School of Law in Minneapolis since 2005.

Quam earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1988, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Moorhead State University in 1984.

"Jay has been able to balance a professional career as a well-respected litigator with a private-sector law firm with an impressive amount of volunteer legal work helping the less fortunate," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will bring an incredible amount of intellect, energy and compassion to the position."

Quam chairs Fredrikson and Byron's Professional Development Committee, teaches trial advocacy at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, and is an attorney coach for the Mounds View High School Mock Trial Team. He is a member of the Central Minnesota Legal Services Board, served on the Volunteer Lawyers Network Board of Directors and founded its summer associate program, and co-founded and is an advisor with the Educational and Representational Program for North Vista Education Center. Quam has also provided pro bono legal advice to clients of Catholic Charities/Branch III Homeless Shelter, and The City, Inc. He is a member of the American, Minnesota State, and Hennepin County Bar Associations.

Quam, 43, was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, raised in Detroit Lakes, and lives in Eden Prairie with his wife, Kristi Carlson, and their two children, Annika, 6, and Erik, 2.

Robiner is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis. She was a shareholder from 1993 to 2000 and again since 2001, and an associate attorney with the firm from 1985 to 1993. She was an attorney and partner with the Sprenger and Lang law firm 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.

"Susan has a reputation as a smart and successful attorney in a complex area of law who has risen to leadership positions within her law firm," Governor Pawlenty said. "She also has a demonstrated commitment to public service and will bring her empathy for others with her to the bench."

Robiner is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee for the Rules of Civil Procedure; Hennepin County Bar Association, where she serves on the Speaker's Bureau; Minnesota State Bar Association, where she serves on the Labor and Employment Law Section; and American Bar Association, where she serves on the Intellectual Property, and Labor and Employment Law Sections. She is also an adjunct professor with the University of St. Thomas School of Law; is a member of Minnesota Women Lawyers, where she serves on the student and attorney mentoring committees; American Intellectual Property Law Association; and Minnesota Justice Foundation. Robiner is also a parent volunteer at the Minneapolis Jewish Day School, a volunteer with the Patents' Committee and Overnight Homeless Shelter at Mount Zion Temple, and a children's ski instructor.

Robiner, 47, was born in Minneapolis, where she lives with her husband, William, and their three children, Eli, 14, Sonia, 12, and Noah, 9.

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July 21, 2006

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CITIZEN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR LCCMR

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of the five member Trust Fund Citizen Selection Committee, which is tasked to recommend citizen member appointments to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

The appointed Citizen Selection Committee Members are: Joseph J. Duggan, D. Wayne Jacobson, Jr., Jane H. Kingston, Pam Landers, and Bev Nordby. Duggan was also named as chair of the Selection Committee.

Joe Duggan, of Bloomington, currently serves as vice president of corporate relations and marketing for Pheasants Forever, Inc., in St. Paul. He has served on numerous task forces and committees related to wildlife conservation and natural resources, including: the Governor's Task Force on the LCMR, Governor Carlson's Commission on the Minnesota River, as chair of the Minnesota Game and Fish Fund Budget Oversight Committee, and as a founder and past officer of the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance. Duggan is designated chair of the Trust Fund Citizen Selection Committee.

Wayne Jacobson, Jr., of Grand Rapids, owns the Sawmill Inn and the County Inn, two hotels and restaurants in Grand Rapids. He currently serves as the national president of the board of directors of the Ruffed Grouse Society. An ardent ruffed grouse and American woodcock hunter, and the owner of more than 1800 acres in northern Minnesota, Jacobson has a significant understanding of the positive effect of habitat management.

Jane H. Kingston, of Eveleth, is a human resources consultant. In 2000, she retired from a 20 year career at US Steel Corporation, holding positions in human resources and environmental management. Kingston currently served as a trustee for The Nature Conservancy. Her family also maintains a maple syrup production operation on Minnesota's Iron Range. She also enjoys Minnesota's outdoors, including hunting and fishing.

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Pam Landers, of Nisswa, has been an environmental education since 1974. Some of her past employment includes serving as environmental education project manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and serving as formal environmental education coordinator for the Minnesota Education Advisory Board at the state's Department of Education. She also served as director at the Minnesota Environmental Education Board. Her work helped lay the ground work for the 1990 Environmental Education Act and the 1993 Greenprint for Minnesota.

Bev Nordby, of Austin, currently serves as district manager for the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District, where she maintained a strong relationship with the agriculture community as well as the cities and towns in Mower County. She also serves as Southeast Minnesota coordinator for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP II). Nordby received the Izaak Walton League's highest state honor, the Sigurd F. Olson Conservation Award, for her work on CREP.

The Trust Fund Citizen Selection Committee was created by the legislature in 2006. It is tasked with making recommendations to the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives on the appointment of citizen members to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. The Selection Committee consists of 5 members appointed by the Governor.



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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 three trial court bench vacancies in the Tenth Judicial District. These openings are as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Joseph Quinn on June 30, 2006, the upcoming retirement of the Honorable James A. Morrow on August 2, 2006, and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable Edward W. Bearse on December 12, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of these three positions for the city of Anoka in Anoka County. The finalists are Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Tammi A. Fredrickson, Catherine McPherson, Douglas B. Meslow, Thomas N. Price, and Barry A. Sullivan.

Fitzpatrick, of Anoka, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Randall, Goodrich and Fitzpatrick in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1986. He was an attorney with the law firm of Burke and Hawkins in Coon Rapids from 1983 to 1985 and an assistant Blue Earth County Attorney in Mankato from 1981 to 1983. Fitzpatrick earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of science degree with honors from St. Cloud State University in 1975.

Fredrickson, of Coon Rapids, is the Coon Rapids City Attorney, a position she has held since 2005. She was an assistant Coon Rapids City Attorney from 1995 to 2005, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Morrison and Fenske in Edina from 1992 to 1995. Fredrickson 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 1987.

McPherson, of Ramsey, has been an assistant county attorney in the Anoka County attorney's office since 1999. 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.

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, 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.

Price, of Plymouth, is an attorney in private practice and a part-time Tenth Judicial District assistant public defender, positions he has held since April 2006. From 1978 to 2006, he held a number of positions in the Sherburne County attorney's office, including chief deputy and first assistant county attorney. Price was also an attorney with the MacGibbon-Danforth Law Firm in Elk River from 1980 to 1984, a Wright and Sherburne County misdemeanor prosecutor from 1978 to 1979, and has served as a special appointed prosecutor for Anoka, Benton, Stearns, and Wright counties. Price earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1977 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

Sullivan, of Coon Rapids, is an associate attorney with William G. Hawkins and Associates law firm in Anoka, a position he has held since 1988. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Stockman, Sullivan and Sadowski in Coon Rapids from 1983 to 1988. Sullivan earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1980.

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 31 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 28, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LEDOUX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BOXING COMMISSION

**Coon Rapids** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has he appointed Scott LeDoux to the position of Executive Director of the Minnesota Boxing Commission. This position, created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 16) and signed by Governor Pawlenty on June 2, 2006 is appointed by the Governor and will provide staff support to the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

"Scott brings a wealth of background and knowledge to this position as well as a lifelong commitment to both amateur and professional boxing," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will carry out the directives of the Commission to see that boxing is once again a thriving sport in Minnesota."

LeDoux, of Andover, is a former boxing heavyweight contender who began his career as an amateur boxer in 1966. During his professional career (33 wins, 13 losses, and four draws), he fought 11 world champions, including Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Larry Holmes, Ken Norton, and Leon Spinks. LeDoux retired as a professional boxer in 1983.

LeDoux is currently serving as an elected member of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, a Governor-appointed member of the Minnesota Racing Commission, and on numerous charitable organizations in the community, including Make-A-Wish, American Cancer Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was also a member and chair of the Minnesota Board of Boxing, which was abolished in 2001.

"I am very excited that local fighters will now have the chance to fight in front of local fans, and the great opportunity to have boxing in Minnesota again," Scott LeDoux said. "Thank you to Governor Pawlenty for his support in getting the Minnesota Boxing Commission reinstated."

The Minnesota Boxing Commission, also created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 14), consists of five members appointed by the Governor. Appointments to the Commission are pending.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 31, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jan Bailey and Fannie Primm to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Jan Bailey, of Rochester, currently serves as a rehabilitation counselor for Minnesota State Services for the Blind. She received a B.A. in sociology from Southwest State University in Marshall and a Master's in rehabilitation counseling from Utah State University. Bailey is appointed to the council seat for a vocational rehabilitation counselor and will serve a term which expires on January 1, 2007. She fills the seat formerly held by Toni Amundson.

Fannie Primm, of Minneapolis, currently serves as chief executive officer for Vanguard Realty in Minneapolis. A former educator, Primm currently serves on the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation board. She received a B.A. in sociology, a M.S.W., and a M.A. in education from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Atlanta University. She is appointed to the council seat for a representative of business, industry, or labor and will serve a three-year term which ends on January 5, 2009. Primm fills the seat formerly held by Shelli Nelson.

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.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 10, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES PASKACH TO ROCHESTER HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Rochester, Minn.** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment David Paskach to the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee (RHEDC).

David Paskach, of Cottonwood, is the current chair of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). He also serves as the vice president of programs for the Southwest Initiative Foundation in Hutchinson. Paskach previously served as an executive and attorney with the Schwan Food Company. He also previously served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Paskach is appointed as the RHEDC member who is a Trustee of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. He replaces former MnSCU board chair Robert Hoffman on the RHEDC.

The Rochester Higher Education Development Committee was formed in July 2005 with a mission to evaluate the higher education needs of the Rochester area and make recommendations for expanded educational offerings to meet the needs of the community and the state. These recommendations were included in a January 2006 report to the Governor and Legislature. The RHEDC is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor and expires on December 31, 2007.

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August 11, 2006

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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 three trial court bench vacancies in the Seventh Judicial District.

The vacancies are due to the upcoming retirements of the Honorable Thomas Godzala on August 31, 2006, the Honorable Bernard E. Boland on October 16, 2006, and the Honorable Richard T. Jessen on March 7, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court continued the chambers of Judge Godzala's position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County, and the chambers of Judges Boland and Jessen's positions for the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application for either the Morrison County position, the Stearns County positions, or all three positions 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 these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for all three of these positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, August 31, 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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August 14, 2006

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHIEFELBEIN TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY BOARD

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donald Schiefelbein to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency "Citizens Board."

Donald Schiefelbein, of Kimball, is an owner and partner in Schiefelbein Farms. He previously served as executive director of the American Gelbvieh Association, a cattle breed association. He also previously served as Director of Breed Programs for the North American Limousin Foundation. Schiefelbein received a B.S. in animal science from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He is appointed to a board position for a member knowledgeable in the field of agriculture and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Schiefelbein fills the board seat formerly held by Jacqueline Duncanson.

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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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 18, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO BOXING COMMISSION

**Coon Rapids** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Senator Dick Day, Patrick R. Fallon, Judge James A. Morrow, Michael J. Munford, and Nancy L. Schuster to the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Day, of Owatonna, is the state Senate Minority Leader, and serving his fifth term in the Minnesota Senate. A retired businessman, Day helped start the Owatonna Boxing Club and previously boxed in the golden gloves program. Day is appointed to a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Fallon, of Minneapolis, is the founder and chairman of Fallon Worldwide, an international business marketing and consulting firm based in Minneapolis with offices in Hong Kong, London, Sao Paulo, Singapore, and Tokyo. He has served on numerous community boards including the Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, and Minnesota Zoo Board. Fallon is appointed to a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Morrow, of Coon Rapids, retired earlier this month from the Tenth Judicial District trial court bench in Anoka County, and is a professor at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul. He served on a number of judicial committees and received a variety of professional awards and honors during his tenure on the bench. Morrow is appointed to a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Munford, of Marshall, is the director of university public safety at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. A former two-time state of Georgia boxing champion, Munford has over 20 years of experience in the sport as a boxer and a coach. Munford is appointed to a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Schuster, of Chanhassen, is the director of investigations with Ameriprise Financial, Inc., in Minneapolis. Previously, she served as an associate judge with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Court in Nixon, Nevada, and was chief counsel as well as a supervisory special agent with the FBI in field offices in Minneapolis, Omaha, Detroit, and Las Vegas. Schuster is appointed to a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Minnesota Boxing Commission, created by the 2006 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 14), has sole direction, supervision, regulation, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing and tough person contests held within the state; sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses; and may adopt rules including, but not limited to, the conduct of boxing exhibitions, bouts, fights, and their manner, supervision, time, and place. The Minnesota Boxing Commission, whose purpose is to protect health, promote safety, and ensure fair boxing events, consists of five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a retired Minnesota judge.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 25, 2006

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

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Toni Fairbanks, Monique Hammond, Adrienne Haugen, David Kyler, Liz McDevitt, Beth Schultz, Trudy Suggs, Patti Morelli Teachout, and Kim Wassenaar to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH).

Toni Fairbanks, of Ogema, is appointed to the commission seat for a representative of the Northwest (Fergus Falls) Advisory Council and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed in 2003.

Monique Hammond, of Minneapolis, is appointed to an at-large seat on the commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Diana Van Deusen.

Adrienne Haugen, of Olivia, is appointed to the commission seat for a representative of the West Central Advisory Council and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed in 2002.

David Kyler, of Crookston, is appointed to the commission seat for a representative of the Northwest (Bemidji) Advisory Council and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He fills the seat formerly held by Michele Kyler.

Liz McDevitt, of St. Paul, is appointed to an at-large seat on the commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Clifford Miller.

Beth Schultz, of Hawick, is appointed to the commission seat for a representative of the East Central Advisory Council and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed in 2005.

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Trudy Suggs, of Faribault, is appointed to an at-large seat on the commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Jeffery Moen.

Patti Morelli Teachout, of North St. Paul, is appointed to an at-large seat on the commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed in 2003.

Kim Wassenaar, of Coon Rapids, is appointed to an at-large seat on the commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed in 2002.

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 28, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jana Hilleren Garcia, Steve Glynn, Melissa Malen, and Fannie Primm to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Jana Hilleren Garcia, of Benson, currently serves as a FLES Coordinator (Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools) for the West Central Integration Collaborative. She is appointed to a position for an education representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Garcia fills the seat formerly held by Beverly Sullivan.

Steve Glynn, of Mendota Heights, currently serves as the president of Glynn Building Products Company. He is appointed to a position for a business representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Glynn fills the seat formerly held by Gary Floss.

Melissa Malen, of St. Paul, is a consultant and coach at Malen Consulting. She is appointed to a position for an education representative and will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Garcia fills the seat formerly held by Angela Judd.

Fannie Primm, of Minneapolis, is a former teacher and the current chief executive officer at Vanguard Realty. She is appointed to a position for an education representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Primm was first appointed to the MAEF board in December 2004.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools such as the Classroom Quality Program. MAEF also administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors appointed by the Governor.

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Contact: August 28, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Dykstra, Candy Kriska, Wendy Rea, and Robyn Widley to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Anne Dykstra, of Golden Valley, is an independent consultant and visiting professor at the University of Minnesota's Department of Education. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of business, industry, or labor and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Dykstra fills the council seat formerly held by Scott Dehn.

Candy Kriska, of Owatonna, currently serves as a job placement specialist at Peterson Rehabilitation Services. She is appointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Kriska was first appointed to the council in 2004.

Wendy Rea, of Foley, currently serves as St. Cloud area coordinator for the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota. She is appointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Rea fills the council seat formerly held by Kris Flaten.

Robyn Widley, of New Brighton, currently serves as supervisor of interagency services in the Division of Special Education Policy at the Minnesota Department of Education. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of the Minnesota Department of Education and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Widley fills the council seat formerly held by Jayne Spain.

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

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August 29, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TIEDEMANN TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gene Tiedemann to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Gene Tiedemann, of Euclid, farms with his brother and two sons in Polk County. He currently serves as a manager of the Red Lake Watershed District, representing western Polk County. Tiedemann also serves as chair of the Euclid Town Board. He is appointed to a board position for a representative of a watershed district or watershed management organization. Tiedemann will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He replaces Jerome Deal as a watershed district representative 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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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**: August 31, 2006

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ANDERSON TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Caleb J. Anderson to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University (MnSCU) system.

Caleb J. Anderson, of Maplewood, is pursuing an A.A. degree from Century College in White Bear Lake. He currently works as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Maplewood Community Center. Anderson also works as an assistant pre-school teacher at the Maple Tree Child Care Center in Maplewood. He is the co-founder and co-owner of Mason-Anderson Professional Cleaners LLC. At Century College, Anderson is involved in the student senate, debate team, theater, and honor society. He is appointed to the board seat for a community college student and will serve a two-year term which ends June 30, 2008. Anderson replaces Christopher Schultz on the board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system comprises 32 colleges and universities, including 25 two-year colleges and seven state universities. The 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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September 5, 2006

#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS WINGEN TO THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

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

Kathleen Wingen, of St. Cloud, is appointed to the council for a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She is a resident of Region 7 and was first appointed to the council in February 2005.

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 PUSHES CONGRESS FOR FEDERAL DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

~ Pawlenty and seven other governors urge Congressional action to aid farmers and ranchers ~

**Saint Paul** – Saying that "disaster assistance legislation is imperative," Governor Tim Pawlenty today urged Congressional leaders to pass a bill aiding farmers and ranchers suffering from this summer's severe drought.

Governor Pawlenty, Chair of the Midwestern Governors Association, led a group of eight Midwestern governors who signed a letter to U.S. Senate and U.S. House leaders sent today.

The letter urges the federal government to provide drought relief to farmers and ranchers hit hard by the drought. In addition to Pawlenty, the letter was signed by a bipartisan group of governors: Govs. John Hoeven (N.D.), Tom Vilsak (Iowa), Dave Heineman (Neb.), Mike Rounds (S.D.), Rod Blagojevich (Ill.), Kathleen Sebelius (Kan.), and Jim Doyle (Wis.).

"Crop and animal agriculture are extremely important parts of Minnesota's strong and diverse economy," Governor Pawlenty said. "Farmers and ranchers throughout the country have been confronted with high temperatures and little rain throughout most of the summer. There is strong bipartisan support in the heartland to assist our farmers and we encourage Congress to act quickly in this time of need."

More than 20 governors now support comprehensive drought assistance for farmers and ranchers. Governor Pawlenty and the MGA are also working to gain the support of governors from Southern states and New England for general disaster assistance. Farmers and ranchers throughout the United States have been fighting drought and other severe weather conditions for the past two years.

"The situation is taking a terrible toll on livestock and crops," the governors wrote in today's letter. "We strongly encourage you to support disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers who have suffered severe losses due to these natural disasters."

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September 6, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY SECURES AGRICULTURAL DISASTER DECLARATION FOR 36 MINNESOTA COUNTIES

~ USDA grants Governor's request for assistance to Minnesota farmers and ranchers ~

**Saint Paul** – Today Governor Tim Pawlenty received notice from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns that the Governor's request to make 36 Minnesota counties federal agricultural disaster areas has been granted. This declaration will allow drought-impacted farmers and ranchers to receive low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I saw firsthand the devastating effects of this drought when I visited farmers earlier this summer," Governor Pawlenty said. "Minnesota is experiencing the worst drought in nearly 20 years, and our farmers and ranchers have been affected tremendously. This declaration will help ensure the future of crop and animal agriculture, two very important parts of Minnesota's strong and diverse economy."

Severe dry weather has affected the northern two-thirds of Minnesota since early May. In Governor Pawlenty's letter to Secretary Johanns, the Governor noted that "this widespread drought has already resulted in reduced crop, hay and pasture yields in nearly half of all Minnesota counties. Corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, alfalfa, and hay crops have been hit especially hard by the extremely dry conditions."

The 36 counties are Aitkin, Anoka, Beltrami, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, St. Louis, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright.

Counties had previously been asked to submit disaster assessment reports to the Farm Service Agency during the drought. This disaster declaration from the USDA allows affected farmers to receive the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture, specifically the low-interest Emergency Loan Program administered by the Farm Service Agency. Emergency loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, pay essential family living expenses, reorganize the farming operation and refinance certain debts.

## NEWS RELEASE

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE COUNCIL ON THE AFFAIRS OF CHICANO/LATINO PEOPLE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Elia Bruggeman, Sonia Hohnadel, and Adriana O'Meara to the Council on the Affairs of Chicano/Latino People.

Elia Bruggeman, of Sleepy Eye, is currently pursuing a doctorate in education at Minnesota State University-Mankato and is on a leave of absence as high school principal at the Sleepy Eye High School. She received a B.S. in secondary education and a M.S. in Spanish language and literature from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Bruggeman is a resident of the first Congressional district and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the council in 2002.

Sonia Hohnadel, of Moorhead, currently serves as communications coordinator and administrative assistant to the provost of Tri-College University in Fargo. She previously served as a member of the Moorhead Public School Board. Hohnadel is a resident of the seventh Congressional district and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Ruben Mendez on the council.

Adriana O'Meara, of Minnetonka, currently serves as executive director of ANDERI International. She previously served as a financial trader in the Emerging Markets/Latin American Division at Cargill, Inc., in Minnetonka. O'Meara received a B.A. in international relations and political economics from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is a resident of the third Congressional district and is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Luis Bartolomei in an at-large seat on the council.

The Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People advises the Governor and Legislature on the issues of importance to Minnesota's Hispanic community. The Council also serves as a liaison between the Hispanic community and local, state and federal government. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor, as well as two members each from the State Senate and State House of Representatives.



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September 8, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ORDERS U.S. AND STATE FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF CORPORAL TROY LINDEN

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today ordered that the United States flag and the State of Minnesota flag be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, September 9, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Staff Sergeant Joshua Hanson who was killed in action in Iraq on August 30, 2006.

Funeral services for Staff Sergeant Hanson will be held in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota on Saturday.

The following is the text of the Governor's official proclamation:

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua Robert Hanson was born on August 22,

1979, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to Robert and Kathy Hanson;

and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson grew up in rural Dent and

graduated from Pelican Rapids High School in 1998. Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson attended Minnesota State University,

Moorhead, where he graduated with a degree in criminal justice;

and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson joined the National Guard on

December 16, 1996. He was assigned to the Guard's Company A, 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry, from Detroit Lakes,

Minnesota: and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson was a devoted soldier who loved

serving his country and did so with great pride; and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson was deployed to Iraq in March,

2006; and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson died a hero while protecting his

country and fighting for freedom on Wednesday, August 30, 2006,

near Khalidiyah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson is preceded in death by his

grandfather, Harold Hanson; grandparents, Angelo and Marcella

Elizondo; and aunt, Doris Elizondo; and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson is survived by his parents, Robert

and Kathy Hanson of Dent; brother, Jake Hanson of Dent; grandmother, Jean Hanson of Pelican Rapids; aunts and uncles, JoEllen (Paul) Amundson, Linda (Joe) Grysiewicz, Virginia (Joe) Chavez, Hellen Chelberg, Carmen (Nat) Santos, Frances (Henry) Becerra, Lupe (Donald) Scott, Angelo Elizondo, Jr., and Anthony (Jeannie) Elizondo; and many other friends and family who loved

him dearly and will miss him greatly; and

WHEREAS: Visitation for Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson will be held on

Friday, September 8, 2006, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Leonard's

Catholic Church in Pelican Rapids; and

WHEREAS: A funeral with full military honors will be held at Pelican Rapids

High School on Saturday, September 9, 2006. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the service at 12:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota thanks the family of Staff Sergeant Joshua

R. Hanson for his dedicated service to the people of this country

and we extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at the Capitol Complex, including state buildings, monuments and grounds in proximity to and including the Minnesota State Capitol, from sunrise until sunset, on Saturday, September 9, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Staff Sergeant Joshua R. Hanson.



## NEWS RELEASE

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September 10, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ORDERS U.S. AND STATE FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST QIXING LEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today ordered that the United States flag and the State of Minnesota flag be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Monday, September 11, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Specialist Qixing Hwjhuam Lee who was killed in action in Iraq on August 27, 2006.

Burial services for Specialist Qixing Lee will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Monday, September 11.

The following is the text of the Governor's official proclamation:

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Hwjhuam Lee was born on June 12, 1986, in St.

Paul, Minnesota, to Chedrua and Jianeu Lee; and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee joined the United States Army shortly after

graduating from North High School in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th

Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort

Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee was a devoted soldier who loved serving his

country and did so with great pride; and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee was deployed to Iraq in March, 2006; and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee died a hero while protecting his country and

fighting for freedom on Sunday, August 27, 2006, near Taji, Iraq;

and

WHEREAS: Specialist Qixing Lee will be given the following awards

posthumously: the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, and the Bronze Star with V Device for his conspicuous actions in

the line of duty; and

WHEREAS:

Specialist Qixing Lee is survived by his parents, Chedrua and Jianeu; sisters, Xiaoying, Xiaomei, and Ciashia; brothers, Liangging and Mouwang; paternal grandparent, Maiyang; maternal grandparent, Dia; and many other friends and family who loved him dearly and will miss him greatly; and

WHEREAS:

A memorial service for Specialist Qixing Lee will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006, with a Hmong service from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Guests may pay their respects from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. An English service will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., concluding with a Hmong service from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2006 there will be a Hmong service from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 pm. and an English service from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A further English memorial service will be held Monday, September 11, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. All services will be held at the Washburn-McReavy Swanson Chapel in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: The Lee family invites the public to attend the interment for

> Specialist Qixing Lee on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in Assembly Area #4 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota thanks the family of Specialist Qixing Lee

for his dedicated service to the people of this country and we

extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at the Capitol Complex, including state buildings, monuments and grounds in proximity to and including the Minnesota State Capitol, from sunrise until sunset, on Monday, September 11, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Specialist Qixing Lee.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Frank R. Plant and Judith F. Shank, M.D., to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Plant, of Fridley, is a barber with Silver Shears Barber Shop in New Brighton, and has over 35 years of experience as a full-time licensed barber in Minnesota. From 1983 to 2000 he was the owner/operator of a barber and beauty shop. He has completed continuing education coursework and participated in haircutting seminars. Plant replaces Kenneth Kirkpatrick as a member representing barbers to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Shank, of Wayzata, is a part-time health and safety consultant with General Mills after a career in dermatology as founder and president of Metropolitan Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, and an associate clinical professor of dermatology at the University of Minnesota. She has served as president of the Minnesota Medical Association, as well as the Minnesota Dermatological Society, and chaired the Minnesota Medical Foundation Board. Shank replaces Callmie Dennis as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

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 HUQ TO THE COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ikram –ul– Huq to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Ikram –ul– Huq, of Apple Valley, has served as a post closer for GMAC/RFC Mortgage Corporation in Bloomington since 2004. In 2003, he was a contract employee at Wells Fargo in Bloomington. From 1999 to 2003, Huq was finance administrator/fee for service products at Ceridian in Bloomington. From 1998 to 1999, he was a contract employee at US Bank Corp in St. Paul. Huq also worked for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Iperu, Nigeria, where he served as deputy director of the Sha Sha training center and was controller of examinations.

Huq received a M.A. in economics from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He is a leading member of the Urdu Poetic Society, which includes Pakistani and Indian Urdu poets. Huq currently serves as Imam at the Masjid Ar Rehman in Bloomington and is a founding member and religious director of the Muslim Community Center in Bloomington. A former professional cricket player, he currently serves as president of the Cosmos Cricket Club in Minnesota.

Huq is appointed to the council as a representative of the Pakistani community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 4, 2010. He fills the council seat formerly held by Adeel Lari.

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 TWO TO EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Commissioner Patricia Beckel and Thomas Masloski to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council.

Beckel, of Baudette, is a member of the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners. She also has an engraving and trophy business and handles the accounting for two family businesses. From 1973 to 1995, Beckel's family was part owner of Sportsman's Lodge in Lake of the Woods. She also has been a volunteer Girl Scout leader for the past 17 years. Beckel replaces Joanne Fay as a member representing counties to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Masloski, of Underwood, owns and operates Weslake Resort, a year-around resort in West Central Minnesota. He is an active member of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts, currently serving as treasurer of its board. Masloski has a background in accounting and human resources, and held a number of positions with Select Comfort Direct Corporation, including senior director of human resources. Masloski replaces Dawn Sullivan as a representative of resorts to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council was created 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 ORDERS U.S. AND STATE FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF PATRIOT DAY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today ordered the United States and State of Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Monday, September 11, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Patriot Day.

The following is the text of the Governor's official proclamation:

WHEREAS: The United States has become the greatest nation on earth because

the American people have experienced more freedom than anyone

who has ever lived; and

WHEREAS: American society has succeeded in all circumstances because

freedom always brings out the best in people and each generation of Americans has faced danger and challenge with courage and

strength; and

WHEREAS: On September 11, 2001, in an attempt to destroy our spirit, unity,

and way of life, terrorists attacked our citizens and symbols of American freedom, the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon;

and

WHEREAS: More than 3,000 innocent Americans lost their lives as they were

going to work, serving their country, and going about their

everyday lives; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of brave police officers and fire and rescue personnel

inspired us all by risking their own lives to save their fellow

citizens; and

WHEREAS: Two proud Minnesota native sons died that day: Tom Burnett, Jr.

who was aboard Flight 93 and Gordy Aamoth, Jr. who was in the World Trade Center. We commemorate their lives and remember

their families with our grief; and

WHEREAS: The events of September 11th have reminded Minnesotans and all

Americans of the enormous debt of gratitude we owe to our military families, police officers, fire and rescue personnel, and

other first responders; and

WHEREAS: We affirm that the terrorist attacks had precisely the opposite effect

of what was intended and we remember how Americans have pulled together in a stirring display of patriotism to rebuild at home

and fight terrorism abroad; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge together that the American way of life endured

September 11, and we have moved forward from that terrible day with courage and strength to better protect our citizens from terror and secure the blessings of freedom for more people of the earth;

and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States and Congress joined together in

enacting Public Law 107-89, designating September 11 of each

year as "Patriot Day."

Now, Therefore, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, join President George W. Bush and do hereby proclaim Monday, September 11, 2006, be observed as: Patriot Day in the State of Minnesota and do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff on state property from sunrise until sunset on September 11, 2006. I encourage all of our citizens who are able to gather at the Rotunda of our State Capital for a solemn gathering of remembrance. Further, I encourage all Minnesotans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 7:46 a.m. central daylight time, or another appropriate commemorative time. I also join President Bush in asking that the people of Minnesota and places of worship mark this day with memorial services, the ringing of the bells, and evening candlelight vigils to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FREDRICKSON, MESLOW, AND SULLIVAN TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tammi A. Fredrickson, Douglas B. Meslow, and Barry A. Sullivan to three trial court bench vacancies in the Tenth Judicial District in Anoka County. The vacancies are as a result of the retirement of Judge Joseph Quinn on June 30, 2006, the retirement of Judge James A. Morrow on August 2, 2006, and the upcoming retirement of Judge Edward W. Bearse on December 12, 2006. Thirty-one people applied for these positions.

Fredrickson is the Coon Rapids City Attorney, a position she has held since 2005. She was an assistant Coon Rapids City Attorney from 1995 to 2005, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Morrison and Fenske in Edina from 1992 to 1995. Fredrickson 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 1987.

"Tammi has a combination of professional experience as a lawyer who has tried hundreds of cases in the courtroom as well as administrative experience outside the courtroom that will benefit her as a judge," Governor Pawlenty said. "Additionally, her intellect, involvement in professional associations as well as in the community, and the leadership positions she has held will make her a great judge."

Fredrickson is a past president of the Anoka County Bar Association and is a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers, and Minnesota State Bar Association, where she serves on the Public Law and Criminal Law sections. She is a coordinator with Minnesota StandDown, an annual court for homeless veterans, and trains volunteers at Alexandra House, a domestic abuse shelter. Fredrickson is also an assistant coach with the Coon Rapids Fastpitch Softball Association, a frequent classroom speaker at Coon Rapids and Andover High Schools, a parent volunteer at Sand Creek Elementary School, funeral lunch volunteer at Epiphany Catholic Church, and a Basilica Block Party volunteer.

Fredrickson, 40, was born in Sudbury, Ontario, and lives in Coon Rapids with her husband, Tom, and their two children, Kate, 11, and Michael, 8.

Meslow has been an attorney and partner with the White Bear Lake law firm of Meslow and Olson since 1997, 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.

"Doug has a reputation as a bright, thoughtful, fair, and even-tempered person," Governor Pawlenty said. "As an attorney, he has demonstrated that he is well-qualified for a judgeship; and as a legislator, he has shown that he has the added intangible of being a consensus-builder as he comes up with solutions to the issues that challenge the community."

Meslow is a Minnesota State High School League football official; a member of the White Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce; an instructor of business law at the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, an instructor with the Maplewood/White Bear Lake Police Reserves, and the White Bear Lake Citizens Academy; and a member of the Minnesota State and Ramsey County Bar Associations. He also served as vice chair of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, a founding member of the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation Board, a member of the Northeast Family YMCA Board, an instructor with the Century College Law Enforcement Training Program, and a youth sports coach.

Meslow, 47, was born in San Antonio, Texas, and lives in White Bear Lake with his wife, Jenny. They have two sons, Peter and Scott.

Since 1988, Sullivan has been an associate attorney with William G. Hawkins and Associates law firm in Anoka, and serves as an assistant city attorney for Andover, Anoka and Lino Lakes. Previously, he was an attorney and partner with the Coon Rapids law firm of Stockman, Sullivan and Sadowski from 1983 to 1988. Sullivan earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1980.

"In addition to practicing law in Anoka County for over 23 years, Barry has worked behind the scenes to help solve the problems that face the community's legal system," Governor Pawlenty said. "Barry also has a very disarming style that will put lawyers and litigants who appear before him at ease."

Sullivan is a member of the Minnesota State and Anoka County Bar Associations, Judicare of Anoka County Board of Directors, and heads up the Anoka County Internal Criminal Case Handling Committee. He has also taught POST-approved training of police officers in the areas of DUI and domestic violence, and presented Continuing Legal Education seminars for Tenth Judicial District law clerks.

Sullivan, 53, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Coon Rapids, with his wife, Janet. He has three adult stepdaughters and one two-year old granddaughter.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ORDERS NATIONAL GUARD BACK TO NORTHEN MINNESOTA TO FIGHT BWCA FIRE

~ Evacuations underway for residents and visitors along parts of Gunflint Trail ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today directed the Minnesota Army National Guard to send two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and crews back to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) to help fight fires that have now prompted evacuations along the Gunflint Trail.

Two fires that were started by lightning 10 days ago have grown from 200 acres to about 4,000 acres since yesterday.

"Very windy and dry conditions make this a potentially dangerous situation for residents and visitors along the Gunflint Trail," Governor Pawlenty said. "I am ordering the Guard back to the BWCA to help fight these new fires."

The Famine Lake and Red Eye Lake fires are located south of the Gunflint Trail and north of Brule Lake. Both have grown quickly within the last 24 hours and are now within 5 miles of the Gunflint Trail.

At approximately 2:00 pm today, the Cook County sheriff's office requested the evacuation of the Gunflint, Loon, Tucker and Mash Lake areas because of the approaching fire. The evacuation area also includes the area between Gunflint Narrows Road and the Old Gunflint Trail. Emergency personnel are notifying residents now and will ask them to go to the community center in Grand Marais.

A 20 member incident management team and local fire departments are currently fighting these fires and two other smaller fires in the BWCA. Additional crews are headed to the area today.

Including the Army National Guard helicopters, additional air resources have been requested including two land-based air tankers and three more helicopters. Each of the Blackhawk helicopters will carry a 600 gallon water bucket. The Guard crews and helicopters are now in the BWCA and will work under the coordination of the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center.

A "red flag" warning has been issued for the area due to warm temperatures, low humidity and winds from 10 to 20 MPH. A "red flag" warning means that there are critical fire weather conditions and the potential for explosive fire growth potential.

In July, Governor Pawlenty also directed the National Guard to send helicopters and crews to aid firefighting efforts in northern Minnesota. At that time, the fire in the blowdown area of the BWCA was located south of Seagull Lake on U.S. Forest Service lands near the end of the Gunflint Trail.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ORDERS U.S. AND STATE FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF CORPORAL BENSON

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today ordered that the United States flag and the State of Minnesota flag be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Monday, September 18, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson who passed away on September 9, 2006 from wounds sustained while fighting in Iraq.

Burial services for Johnathan Benson will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Monday, September 18.

The following is the text of the Governor's official proclamation:

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson was born on November 13, 1984,

in Fridley, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson graduated in 2003 from North

Branch Area High School in North Branch, Minnesota, where he enjoyed playing football, soccer, and track and participating in the

school plays; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson joined the United States Marine

Corps after high school and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary

Force, out of Camp Pendleton, California; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson was a devoted soldier who loved

serving his country and did so with great pride; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson died on September 9, 2006, from

wounds suffered on June 17, 2006, while conducting combat

operations near Habbaniyah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson received two purple hearts for

injuries sustained in both his first and second tours of duty in Iraq;

and

WHEREAS: Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson is survived by his parents, Steven

and Marjorie Benson; his siblings; and many other friends and

family who loved him dearly and will miss him greatly; and

WHEREAS: A funeral service for Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson will be held

on Sunday, September 17, 2006, at the North Branch Area High School. Interment with full military honors will take place on Monday, September 18, 2006, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery

in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota thanks the family of Corporal Johnathan

Lee Benson for his dedicated service to the people of this country

and we extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at the Capitol Complex, including state buildings, monuments and grounds in proximity to and including the Minnesota State Capitol, from sunrise until sunset, on Monday, September 18, 2006, in honor and remembrance of Corporal Johnathan Lee Benson



# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

September 19, 2006

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO COMPENSATION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael Christenson, Stanley Durda, Ezell Jones, Dr. Paula Laidig, Ph.D., Dr. Joseph Leek, M.D., Kathleen Meyerle, Craig Shaver and Jon Staebler to the Compensation Council.

Christenson, of St. Paul, is the director of economic development for the city of Minneapolis. Christenson is appointed as a member from the Fourth Congressional District.

Durda, of Apple Valley, is the retired director of Human Resources for 3M in St. Paul. Durda is appointed as a member from the Second Congressional District.

Jones, of Minneapolis, is the chairman/CEO of Premier Network Service Group in Brooklyn Center. Jones is appointed as a member from the Fifth Congressional District.

Laidig, of Stillwater, is the lead school psychologist and early childhood special education coordinator for the Stillwater Area Public Schools. Laidig is appointed as a member from the Sixth Congressional District.

Leek, of Duluth, is vice president for medical affairs for the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth. Leek is appointed as a member from the Eighth Congressional District.

Meyerle, of Rochester, is legal counsel for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Meyerle is appointed as a member from the First Congressional District.

Shaver, of Deephaven, is a senior vice president of investments with UBS Financial Services in Minneapolis. Shaver is appointed as a member from the Third Congressional District.

Staebler, of Perham, is founder and president of the Staebler Financial Group in Perham. Staebler is appointed as a member from the Seventh Congressional District.

The Compensation Council makes recommendations to the legislature on the salaries of constitutional officers, members of the legislature, justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the court of appeals and district court, and the heads of state and metropolitan agencies. The Compensation Council consists of 16 members: eight appointed by the Governor – one from each Congressional District; six appointed by the legislature; and two non-judges appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

September 21, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara Chromy, Roberta Cich, Larry Lura, Hulet Sherry, and Julia Washenberger to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Barbara Chromy, of Austin, is appointed to a council position for a parent of a child with a disability and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the council in July 2004.

Roberta Cich, of Duluth, is appointed to a council position for a public member and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She was first appointed to the council in July 2004.

Larry Lura, of Minneapolis, is appointed to a council position for an advocate member and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the council in December 2004.

Hulet Sherry, of Rochester, is appointed to a council position for an advocate member and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Phyllis Coppess.

Julia Washenberger, of Hugo, is appointed to a council position for a public member and will serve a three-year term which ends January 5, 2009. She fills the seat formerly held by Mary Pennington.

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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October 2, 2006

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John T. Oswald on January 1, 2007.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Sixth 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, October 26, 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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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 6, 2006

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

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 Seventh Judicial District. The vacancies are due to the retirement of Judge Thomas Godzala on August 31, 2006, and the upcoming retirement of Judges Bernard E. Boland on October 16, 2006, Richard T. Jessen on March 7, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court continued the chambers of Judge Godzala's position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County, and the chambers of Judges Boland and Jessen's positions for the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County. The finalists are Douglas P. Anderson, Kevin S. Carpenter, Conrad I. Freeberg, Frederick L. Grunke, Thomas A. Janson, Frank J. Kundrat, and Virginia A. Marso.

Anderson, of Little Falls, is an attorney and partner with the Little Falls law firm of Rosenmeier, Anderson and Vogel. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors, Rosenmeier and Simonett, and Rosenmeier and Anderson, since 1975. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1972.

Carpenter, of St. Cloud, has been a solo practitioner in St. Cloud since 1999. He was a partner with the St. Cloud law firm of Holmen and Carpenter from 1997 to 1999, and an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Quinlivan, Sherwood, Spellacy and Tarvestad from 1980 to 1997, where he became a shareholder in 1987. He was also a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in St. Cloud from 1979 to 1980, and a law clerk for the Duncan, Jones, Riley and Finley law firm in Des Moines, Iowa in 1979. Carpenter earned his juris doctor degree from St. Louis University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1976.

Freeberg, of Little Falls, is the Morrison County Attorney, a position he has held since 1987. He was an assistant Morrison County Attorney from 1984 to 1987, an associate attorney with the Little Falls law firm of Rosenmeier and Anderson from 1981 to 1984, an assistant St. Paul City Attorney in 1982, and a Ramsey County Court law clerk from 1977 to 1981.

Freeberg earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, his master of arts (1970) and bachelor of arts (1968) from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

Grunke, of St. Cloud, is a shareholder with the law firm Rajkowski Hansmeier Ltd. 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.

Janson, of St. Cloud, is an attorney, partner and owner of the Schmitt and Janson Law Office in St. Cloud, a position he has held since 1986. He was an associate attorney with the firm from 1983 to 1986. Janson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and his bachelor of arts degree from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1974.

Kundrat, of St. Cloud, owns Kundrat Law Office in St. Cloud. He has practiced law in that office since 1999. He was an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Hall and Byers from 1983 to 1999, chief, counsel (1981 to 1983), assistant director of law (1978 to 1981), and an assistant prosecutor (1976 to 1978) with the city of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Kundrat earned his juris doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1973.

Marso, of St. Cloud, is an attorney with Mid Minnesota Legal Services in St. Cloud, a position she has held since 2006. In 1978, she started as an attorney with the Scmitt and Johnson law firm and continued with the firm until 1992. Marso earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1978, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 13, 2006

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Hubbard County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Jay D. Mondry on November 1, 2006. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of this vacancy for the city of Park Rapids in Hubbard County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Ninth 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, November 2, 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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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a trial court bench vacancy in the Sixth Judicial District in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. This vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable David P. Sullivan on December 16, 2006.

The process of filling Judge Sullivan's position will be added to the previously-announced vacancy for the Honorable John T. Oswald's position, also chambered in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. A news release announcing the application process for Judge Oswald's vacancy was issued by the Governor's office on October 2, 2006.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Sixth 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:

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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 **Thursday, October 26, 2006.** One set of application materials will be considered for both positions.

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**

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancies will occur with the retirement of the Honorable David P. Sullivan on December 16, 2006, and the retirement of the Honorable John T. Oswald on December 31, 2006. The finalists are Michael J. Cuzzo, Susan Ginsburg, Eric Hylden, Thomas H. Pertler, and Sally L. Tarnowski.

Cuzzo, of Duluth, is an attorney and partner in the Duluth law firm of Cuzzo and Envall, a position he has held since 1999. He was an attorney with the Sieben, Grose and Von Holtum law firm in Duluth from 1994 to 1999, an attorney and partner with the Duluth law firm of Petersen, Sage, Cuzzo and Graves from 1987 to 1994, and an attorney with the firm's predecessor, Gruesen, Petersen and Sage from 1983 to 1987. Cuzzo earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1983, and his bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in 1980.

Ginsburg, of Duluth, is a self-employed attorney and a part-time Sixth Judicial District assistant Public Defender in Duluth. She has been an assistant public defender since 1983, and a solo practitioner since 1982. From 1995 to 1996, she was also a child support magistrate. Ginsburg was also a staff attorney with Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota from 1979 to 1982. Ginsburg earned her juris doctorate degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington in 1979, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1975.

Hylden, of Duluth, is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Reyelts, Leighton, Bateman, Hylden and Sturdevant in Duluth, a position he has held since 1992. He was an associate attorney with the firm from 1987 to 1992. Hylden earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1984.

Pertler, of Cloquet, is the Carlton County Attorney, a position he has held since 2005. He is also an adjunct instructor at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Carlton. Pertler was an assistant Carlton County Attorney from 1995 to 2005, an associate attorney with the Anoka law firm of Randall, Dehn and Goodrich from 1991 to 1995, and an associate attorney with the Taylor Law Firm in Minneapolis from 1990 to 1991. Pertler earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1986.

Tarnowski, of Duluth, is an attorney in private practice in Duluth, a position she has held since 2003. Previously, she was a law clerk, associate attorney, and shareholder with the law firm of Johnson, Killen and Seiler in Duluth from 1986 to 2003. Tarnowski earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1986, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1982.

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#### **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**

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**Contact:** Brian McClung

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Hubbard County that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Jay D. Mondry on November 1, 2006. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of this vacancy for the city of Park Rapids in Hubbard County. The finalists are Earl E. Maus, Jay E. Sommer, and Robert D. Tiffany.

Maus, of Walker, is the Cass County Attorney, a position he has held since 1986. He was an assistant Cass County Attorney from 1984 to 1986, an assistant Beltrami County Attorney in 1983, and a law clerk in Ramsey County in 1982. Maus earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, and his bachelor of arts degree from Minnesota State University, St. Cloud (then known as St. Cloud State University) in 1977.

Sommer, of Walker, is the managing attorney in the Ninth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Walker, a position he has held since 1996. He was a full-time assistant public defender in Walker in 1995, an attorney in private practice in Pine River as well as a part-time Ninth Judicial District Public Defender in Walker from 1988 to 1995, and a self-employed attorney in Elk River from 1986 to 1987. Sommer earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1986, and his bachelor of science degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1982.

Tiffany, of Park Rapids, is an attorney and partner in the Park Rapids law firm of Wallace and Tiffany. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1996. Tiffany was the Redwood County Attorney from 1991 to 1996, and an associate attorney with the St. Paul law firm of Jardine, Logan and O'Brien from 1988 to 1991. Tiffany earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS ASHMORE AND MILBERT TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Terri Ashmore and Bob Milbert to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Ashmore, of St. Paul, is the managing director for the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Ashmore, who has been a member of the board since January 2003, is reappointed to an unrestricted position for another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Milbert, of South St. Paul, is CEO of Milbert Company, a Culligan water dealership. He served as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1987 to 2003. Milbert, who has been a member of the board since January 2003 and chaired it this year, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011. He holds the position on the board for a former DFL legislator.

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 FREEBERG, GRUNKE AND KUNDRAT TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Conrad I. Freeberg, Frederick L. Grunke, and Frank J. Kundrat to three trial court bench vacancies in the Seventh Judicial District. Twenty-seven people applied for these positions.

The first vacancy occurred with the disability retirement of the Honorable Thomas A. Godzala on August 31, 2006. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County. Freeberg is appointed to the Morrison County position.

Freeberg is the Morrison County Attorney, a position he has held since 1987. He was an assistant Morrison County Attorney from 1984 to 1987, an associate attorney with the Little Falls law firm of Rosenmeier and Anderson from 1981 to 1984, an assistant St. Paul City Attorney in 1982, and a Ramsey County Court law clerk from 1977 to 1981. From 1969 to 1977, Freeberg was a history teacher at St. Charles Borromeo and Highland Catholic School. Freeberg earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, his master of arts (1970) and bachelor of arts (1968) from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

"During the 20 years that Conrad was the Morrison County Attorney, he distinguished himself as a man of integrity, fairness, and intelligence," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be an immediate asset to the bench for his knowledge of the laws, the Morrison County court system and the community."

Freeberg is a member and past president of the Seventh District Bar Association; a member of the Minnesota and Morrison County Bar Associations; a member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, where he served on its Board of Directors; member of the Morrison County Healthy Community Collaborative; and a member and former chair of the Morrison County Child Protection Team. He has also been a member of the Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Unity Family Health Care Board of Directors; Central Minnesota Community Corrections Advisory Board, where he is a past chair; St. Cloud Diocese Catholic Charities Board of Directors; and the Great River Arts Association Board of Directors, which he chaired. Freeberg was the first recipient of the Minnesota State Bar Association's "Public Attorney Award of Excellence".

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Freeberg, 59, was born in Red Wing, and lives in Little Falls with his wife, Mary Rae. They have three adult children, Tim, Joanna, and Patrick.

The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Bernard E. Boland on October 16, 2006. The third vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Richard T. Jessen on March 7, 2007. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of these positions for the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County. Grunke and Kundrat are appointed to the Stearns County positions.

Grunke is a shareholder with the law firm Rajkowski Hansmeier Ltd. 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.

"Fred brings a wealth of trial experience to the Stearns County bench. He has tried cases that range from misdemeanor criminal prosecutions to complex civil products liability cases," Governor Pawlenty said. "Fred's work as a lawyer has earned him an excellent reputation among his colleagues. He will be a great judge."

Grunke is a member of the American, Minnesota, and Stearns-Benton Bar Associations; Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association and American Arbitration Association. He has been named a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Law and Politics* since 2000, and is listed in *Leading American Attorneys*. Grunke's community activities include serving on the Central Minnesota Legal Services' Volunteer Attorney Program Advisory Board, and the Peace United Church of Christ Mission Committee, where he helps plan and coordinate service projects, including Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity and hurricane relief.

Grunke, 53, was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, grew up in St. Paul, and lives in St. Cloud with his wife, Ann. They have three adult children, Sonja, Andrew, and Michael.

Kundrat owns Kundrat Law Office in St. Cloud. He has practiced law in that office since 1999, and serves as city attorney for Clear Lake, Clearwater, Dassel, Deerwood, and Ironton, as well as the attorney for numerous townships and other governmental entities. Kundrat has also been an adjunct professor of business law at St. Cloud State University. He was an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Hall and Byers from 1983 to 1999, chief, counsel (1981 to 1983), assistant director of law (1978 to 1981), and an assistant prosecutor (1976 to 1978) with the city of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Kundrat earned his juris doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1973.

"Frank has been able to balance an active law practice as a solo practitioner with a tremendous level of civic and community involvement," Governor Pawlenty said. "The work he has done to try to help demystify the courts to the citizenry will serve him well as a judge.

Kundrat is a member of the Minnesota, Seventh District, and Stearns-Benton Bar Associations; the John E. Simonett Chapter of the American Inn of Court, and has served as a presenter for numerous continuing legal education seminars. Kundrat's community activities include volunteering as a mediator for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, volunteer trainer and mediator for the St. Cloud State University Mediation Center, volunteer legal advisor for Central Minnesota Legal Services, volunteer judge for the St. Cloud Catholic Diocese Tribunal, secretary of the Stearns County History Museum, legal counsel for Paramount Theatre Arts District in St. Cloud, and writing monthly opinion columns for the *St. Cloud Times* newspaper.

Kundrat, 55, was born in Cleveland, Ohio and lives in St. Cloud with his wife, Laura. They have three adult children, Robert, Lisa, and Kristen.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO THE CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marilyn Bernhardson, Pamela Blixt, Earl Bukowski, Brian Davis, John Greer, Delvin Haag, Scott Hoese, David Jeronimus, William Moore, Steven Pedersen, Louis Smith, Sarah Strommen, Deborah Swackhamer, Paul Torkelson, and Robert Vogel to the Clean Water Council.

Marilyn Bernhardson, of Redwood Falls, is an employee of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District. She currently serves as the chair of the legislative committee for the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Bernhardson is appointed as the representative of soil and water conservation districts and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Pamela Blixt, of Minneapolis, is the manager for public health preparedness for the City of Minneapolis. She is a member of the board of managers of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and is the current chair of the Metropolitan Watershed Association. Blixt is appointed as the representative of watershed districts and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

Earl Bukowski, of Sauk Rapids, currently serves as a Benton County Commissioner. He also serves on the Natural Resources Committee for the Association of Minnesota Counties. Bukowski is appointed to the position for a representative of rural counties and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Brian Davis, of St. Paul, is an attorney in private practice. He is a board member of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative and a member of the Friends of the Mississippi River and the Trust for Public Lands. Davis is appointed to a position for a representative of an environmental organization and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

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John Greer, of Albany, is an attorney for Hughes Mathews, P.A. He also serves as a member of the Albany City Council and the Stearns County Feedlot Review Committee. Greer is appointed to a position for a representative of cities and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

Delvin Haag, of Buffalo, retired in 2004 as the public works director for the City of Montrose. He currently serves as a member of the Buffalo City Council. He is a past president of the League of Minnesota Cities. Haag is appointed to a position for a representative of cities and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Scott Hoese, of Mayer, owns and operates a dairy farm in Carver County. He currently serves as the chair of Carver County Farmers Union. Hoese is appointed to a position for a representative of a statewide farm organization and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

David Jeronimus, of Duluth, retired in 2004 as senior vice president of environmental services for ALLETE. He is a past chair of the Environmental Policy Committee for the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Jeronimus is appointed to a position for a representative of a business organization and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

William Moore, of Woodbury, currently serves as the general manager of the Environmental Services Division of the Metropolitan Council. He is appointed to the position for a representative of the Metropolitan Council and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Steven Pedersen, of Coon Rapids, is a senior staff scientist for BAE Systems, Inc.-Armament Services Division. He serves on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Pedersen is appointed to a position for a representative of a business organization and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

Louis Smith, of Minneapolis, is an attorney with Smith Partners PLLP. He serves as legal counsel for the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and for the Red River Watershed District Management Board. He also serves as Vice Chair of Minnesota Waters. Smith is appointed to the position for a representative of a nonprofit organization focused on improvement of Minnesota lakes and streams and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2011.

Sarah Strommen, of Ramsey, is central region conservation director for the Minnesota Land Trust. She is a member of the Minnesota Sustainable Communities Network and the Minnesota Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology. Strommen is appointed to a position for a representative of an environmental organization and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

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Deborah Swackhamer, of Stillwater, is the co-director of the Water Resources Center and a professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a position for a representative of a state higher education system and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

Paul Torkelson, of St. James, grows corn and soybeans and raises hogs on a Watonwan County farm. He currently serves as vice president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Torkelson is appointed to a position for a representative of a statewide farm organization and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Robert Vogel, of New Market, is the president and CEO of Market Bancorporation, Inc. He also currently serves as a Scott County Commissioner and as vice chair of the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board. Vogel is appointed to the position for a representative of metro area counties and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

The Clean Water Council was created by the legislature in 2006 to provide advice on how to administer and implement the Clean Water Legacy Act, including making recommendations to the Governor on the appropriation of funds in the Clean Water Legacy Account. The council consists of 23 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GALLANT TO THE PERPICH CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ardythe J. Gallant to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Ardythe J. Gallant, of Minneapolis, is the president and founder of Ardie & Friends, LLC, in Minneapolis. In addition, she works as a freelance calligrapher and graphic designer. Gallant also teaches classes to children and adults on art-related topics. She is a resident of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and is appointed to four-year term on the board which ends January 3, 2011. Gallant fills the seat formerly held by Mohammed Lawal.

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 TWELVE TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MINNESOTA'S COASTAL PROGRAM

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Daniel Belden, Richard Brenner, Kelly Cooke, John Eaton, Derrick Goutermont, JoEllen Hurr, James Johnson, Albert Katz, Carroll "Keck" Melby, Timothy Rogers, Howard Rosted, and Mary Ann Sironen to the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program.

Daniel Belden, of Esko, is a senior planner with the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District in Duluth. He is appointed to a position for a representative of Carlton County and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Richard Pokela on the council.

Richard Brenner, of Cloquet, is an elected Carlton County Commissioner. He is appointed to a position for a representative of Carlton County and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011. He was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

Kelly Cooke, of Hermantown, is an education and business consultant. He is appointed to a position for a representative of St. Louis County and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He replaces Joanne Fay on the council.

John Eaton, of Two Harbors, retired in 1997 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He is appointed to a position for a representative of Lake County and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

Derrick Goutermont, of Silver Bay, is an elected Lake County Commissioner. He is appointed to a position for a representative of Lake County and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011. Goutermont was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

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JoEllen Hurr, of Orono, serves on the board of directors of the Freshwater Foundation. She is a former chair of the North Shore Management Board Citizens Advisory Committee. Hurr also previously served as chair of the Cook County Land Use Task Force. She is appointed to an at-large position on the council and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011. Hurr was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

James Johnson, of Grand Marais, currently serves as an elected Cook County Commissioner. He is appointed to a position for a representative of Cook County and will serve a three-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Johnson replaces James Hall on the council.

Albert Katz, of Duluth, retired in 2003 as a professor of communicating arts at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He is appointed to a position for a representative of St. Louis County and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011. Katz was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

Carroll "Keck" Melby, of Hovland, retired in 1990 as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is appointed to a position for a representative from Cook County and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. Melby was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

Timothy Rogers, of St. Paul, is a staff biologist for Service Engineering Group. He has experience in environmental consulting in Lake County and owns seasonal lakeshore property in Lake County. Rogers is appointed to an at-large position on the council and will serve a one-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Arnold Overby on the council.

Howard Rosted, of Cloquet, is retired from Potlatch Corp., where he worked as an engineer. He is appointed to a position for a representative of Carlton County and will serve a three-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Rosted was first appointed to the council in December 1999.

Mary Ann Sironen, of Duluth, is the laboratory director for SuperiorHealth Medical Group Clinics. She is appointed to a position for a representative of St. Louis County and will serve a three-year term which ends January 4, 2010. Sironen replaces Helena Jackson on the council.

The Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program was created by executive order in 1999. The "Coastal Council," working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, establishes coastal program priorities, recommends projects for funding, reviews the budget, and conducts a biennial review of the state's coastal program. The council consists of fifteen members appointed by the Governor.

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

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sandra Anderson, Nina Moss, Shamus O'Meara, Dan Reed, and Barbara Schultz to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Governor Pawlenty also named O'Meara as the Chairperson of the Council.

Sandra Anderson, of Brooklyn Center, is a senior vice president of Wells Fargo Bank and cofounder of Wells Fargo Elder Services. She also serves as a board member of the Minnesota Board on Aging. Anderson is appointed to a position for a representative of the Minnesota Board on Aging and will serve a three-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Jim Varpness on the Council.

Nina Moss, of Minneapolis, is a self-advocate. She is appointed to a position for a self-advocate and will serve a one-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Moss was first appointed to the Council in 2002.

Shamus O'Meara, of St. Paul, is an attorney and shareholder at the Minneapolis law firm of Johnson & Condon, P.A. He is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. O'Meara is also appointed to a second term as the Council's Chairperson. He was first appointed to the Council in February 2004, and became chair in March 2005.

Dan Reed, of St. Paul, is vice president of marketing and development at Midway Training Services, Inc. (MTS) in St. Paul. MTS is a nonprofit serving persons with developmental disabilities. He is appointed to represent private non-profit organizations on the Council and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009. He was first appointed to the Council in February 2004.

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Barbara Schultz, of St. Paul, is a licensed social worker. She currently works with foster parents and foster children at Family Alternatives in Minneapolis. Schultz is appointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a three-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She was first appointed to the Council in March 2005.

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.