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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the appointments to the Iowa Autism Council and to the Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors.

Executive Summary:

- ◇ **Iowa Autism Council.** The Council was created by statute (§256.35A) “to act in an advisory capacity to the state in developing and implementing a comprehensive, coordinated system to provide appropriate diagnostic, intervention, and support services for children with autism and to meet the unique needs of adults with autism.” One ex-officio, non-voting member is appointed by the Board of Regents. **The past appointee was Lisa Kemmerer (SUI).** Ms. Kemmerer is no longer employed by the University of Iowa.

- ◇ **Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors.** In December 2004, the Board of Regents created Iowa Public Radio to consolidate the radio stations at the three Regent universities. In February 2006, Iowa Public Radio was incorporated under the Revised Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 504 of the Iowa Code. The Board of Directors is comprised of seven members, including four community directors representing the interests of the community; and three licensee directors, representing the interests of the station licensees. **The current community member appointees are Mary E. Kramer, JoAnn Johnson, Douglas West, and Steve Firman. The current licensee directors are John McCarroll (ISU), Gloria Gibson (UNI), and Mark Braun (SUI).** The University of Iowa has nominated Mr. Lin Larson to replace Mr. Mark Braun. The University of Northern Iowa has nominated Mr. Scott Ketelsen to replace Dr. Gloria Gibson.

PROPOSED BOARD OF REGENTS APPOINTMENTS

BOARD NAME	RATIONALE	APPROVED BY BOR	LAST APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE	END OF TERM	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVE	NEW/ CONTINUED TERM
Iowa Autism Council	Statutory - §256.35A	8/8/13	Lisa Kemmerer (SUI)	6/30/17	Frank Kohler (UNI)	6/30/17
Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors	BOR Policy §1.10	8/8/13	Mark Braun (SUI) Gloria Gibson (UNI)	Open	Lin Larson (SUI) Scott Ketelsen (UNI)	Open

IOWA AUTISM COUNCIL

Frank Kohler is professor and head of the Department of Special Education at the University of



Northern Iowa. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Speech from St. Cloud University and a Master of Arts in Developmental and Child Psychology and a Ph.D. in Developmental and Child Psychology from the University of Kansas. His areas of expertise include interventions for young children with autism and related disabilities, school-wide and proactive approaches to improve student outcomes, and fostering teachers' adoption and acclimation of evidence-based practices. His research interests include pre- and in-service use of evidence-based practices and collaboration practices of special education teachers. Dr. Kohler has received multiple research grants and

has conducted and published studies related to interventions and supports for individuals with autism and their families.

IOWA PUBLIC RADIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lin Larson is director of creative services for University Communication and Marketing at the



University of Iowa. A native Iowan and UI alumnus (B.A. 1990; M.A. 1993), he joined the university's staff in 1994 and has held roles in media relations, international communications, and alumni/constituent relations. His current areas of focus include personnel management, communications planning, brand development, and new media. Mr. Larson also serves on the board of directors for Riverside Theatre in Iowa City.

Scott Ketelsen is Director of University Relations at the University of Northern Iowa. He has a



Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and Communication from the University of Northern Iowa. He has worked in higher education since 1999. Prior to coming to UNI in 2013, he held several positions at the University of Iowa where he was responsible for the institutional marketing plan and budget; and at Kirkwood Community College, where he was director of Marketing Services and Director of Operations, Continuing Education.