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RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IOWA PUBLIC RADIO

Action Requested: Consider ratification of the appointment of Ms. Cindy Browne as Executive Director of Iowa Public Radio.

Executive Summary: The Iowa Public Radio Executive Council has approved the appointment of Ms. Cindy Browne as the first executive director of Iowa Public Radio, effective September 1, 2005, at an annual salary of \$120,000. Iowa Public Radio includes WSUI-AM and KSUI-FM at the University of Iowa, WOI AM and FM, KTPR-FM, KOWI-FM, and KWOI-FM at Iowa State University, and KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM at the University of Northern Iowa. The operations have combined revenues of approximately \$6 million and 60 employees. The five-member Iowa Public Radio Executive Council includes one representative from each of the three state universities as well as two Iowans appointed by the Board of Regents.

Details on Ms. Browne's Background:

- ◇ Ms. Browne was president of Leader Evolution LLC, a consulting practice focused on supporting public broadcasters and other nonprofits, between 2000 and 2005. Her clients included Houston PBS and Houston Public Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, Public Radio Capital, Michigan Public Media, Wisconsin Public Television, and Twin Cities Public Television.
- ◇ She was executive vice-president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting from 1998 to 1999, where she served on the three-person executive management team.
- ◇ Prior to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, she worked for Twin Cities Public Television, serving as vice-president for programming (1989-94) and as vice-president and general manager (1994-98).
- ◇ Ms. Browne has a bachelor's degree in history and an MBA in finance, both from the University of Minnesota.