

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: BOARD OF REGENTS  
FROM: GREG NICHOLS  
DATE: APRIL 14, 2005  
RE: ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Elect a President of the Board to fill the unexpired term in that office which ends April 30, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Board policy and recent practice provides for election of a President and a President Pro Tempore for simultaneous 2-year terms beginning on May 1 of even numbered years.

In 2004, Regent John Forsyth was elected to the position of President for a term ending April 30, 2006, and served in that position until his resignation from the Board on January 20, 2005.

Board policy also provides that on a temporary basis, the President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, assumes the duties of Board President.

Regent Robert Downer, who was elected President Pro Tempore in 2004, has thereby served as Board President, on an interim or temporary basis, since January 20, 2005.

Board policy further provides that the Board is to select a new President, to fill the unexpired term, if the position is permanently vacated by the individual previously selected by the Board.

That selection is the recommended action at the special telephonic meeting scheduled for April 18, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Nominations for the position of President will be called for by the presiding officer, and may be made by any Regent present.

If the Regents select another member as the new President, Regent Downer will automatically resume his post as President Pro Tempore, and there will be no need for further nominations or elections.

The term of the newly-elected Board President will begin immediately upon election to serve through April 30, 2006.

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