

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Regents, State of Iowa
FROM: Greg Nichols *GSN*
DATE: April 20, 2005
SUBJ: Ratification of Appointments by President of the Board

Recommended Action

Ratify the appointments of the Board President to Board standing committee positions, and other boards and commissions as outlined in this memorandum and attachments.

Executive Summary

Subsequent to the special telephonic meeting on April 18, 2005, which modified Board policy on committees, President Gartner has made appointments to Board standing committees, and external boards and commissions upon which there is Regent representation and for which previous terms have expired. This list includes all standing committees of the Board, and that portion of the other appointments for which term expiration dates mandate action at this time. Board policy states that such appointments are to be ratified by the full Board.

Background

Board policy outlines specific standing committees of the Board, and empowers the President of the Board to appoint members to serve in those positions, subject to ratification by the full Board. The recent precedent has been to make those appointments on an annual basis, approximately May 1, to coincide with the schedules of Board appointments, which end by law April 30 of the designated year. That schedule also coincides with the term defined for Board leadership, which also expire April 30. Standing committee appointments for Board members for the term May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006 are included in the attachment to this memo.

Board policy also sets out a number of inter-institutional committees, primarily made up of Board staff and institutional officials, which periodically need to be re-appointed. Appointments to those inter-institutional committees will be submitted at a subsequent Board meeting for the information of the Regents.

Additionally, Board policy, Iowa Code, and the rules and bylaws of other organizations call for the Regents to appoint individuals to serve on their boards. These positions are usually filled by a Board member, a Board staff officer, or an institutional official, although at times private citizens have been named by the Board to represent the Regents. A subset of these appointments is presented today, specifically those positions that have terms which have recently expired and for which a replacement is needed. Other such appointments periodically are brought to the Board as needed throughout the year.

Board standing committees

Audit & Compliance

Wahlert chair, Becker, Harkin, Vasquez, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

Economic Development

Harkin chair, Bedell, Rokes, Wahlert, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

Education & Student Affairs

Becker chair, Arbisser, Rokes, Vasquez, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

Human Resources

Vasquez chair, Bedell, Harkin, Rokes, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

Investment

Bedell chair, Arbisser, Becker, Wahlert, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

Property and Facilities

Arbisser chair, Bedell, Rokes, Wahlert, Gartner ex officio, Downer ex officio

External board and commission appointments

Iowa Department of Economic Development board – Michael Gartner

Iowa State University Research Foundation board – Ruth Harkin