

REQUEST TO APPOINT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY

Action Requested: Consider approval of the appointment of Dr. Bonnie Bowen as Executive Director/Director of Academics and Research of the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory effective immediately.

Executive Summary: The Lakeside Lab Search Committee, consisting of representatives from the three Regent universities, Drake University, extension offices, and Friends of Lakeside Lab, recommended the appointment of Dr. Bowen as Executive Director/Director of Academics and Research of the Lakeside Laboratory to the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Coordinating Committee. The Council of Provosts also recommended the appointment of Dr. Bonnie Bowen.

Details on Dr. Bowen's Accomplishments:

- Dr. Bowen has a Ph.D. in Genetics from the University of California, Berkeley.
- She has worked at Iowa State University since 1995 in various capacities – lecturer in the Department of Zoology/Genetics; affiliate assistant professor in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management; and affiliate assistant professor, lecturer, and adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology.
- Her teaching experience at ISU includes evolutionary genetics; advanced animal behavior; animal behavior; wildlife behavioral ecology; graduate seminar in behavior; ecology and evolutionary biology; principles of biology; and animal behavior seminar for undergraduates.
- Dr. Bowen's research interest is the application of molecular genetic techniques in evolutionary and conservation biology, especially communally breeding birds and freshwater mussels.
- During 2001–2004, Dr. Bowen was the principal investigator on a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Geological Survey for research on "Genetics of *Lampsilis higginsii* mussels in the Upper Mississippi River.
- Dr. Bowen is a fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union.
- Dr. Bowen spent the last year as interim director for academics and research at the Lakeside Laboratory. In that capacity, she focused on the history and traditions of the Lab, about the strengths of the academic program, and its potential for outreach to the Iowa Great Lakes area and the citizens of Iowa.
- As a field biologist, Dr. Bowen will be a strong advocate of biological field stations and their importance as centers of education, research, and outreach.