

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Gregory S. Nichols  
**Subject:** Election of President of Board of Regents, State of Iowa  
**Date:** March 9, 2004

**Recommended Action:**

Elect a Regent to serve as President of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, for the term beginning May 1, 2004, and ending on April 30, 2006.

**Executive Summary:**

Board action on this item must comply with the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 262.9 and Board of Regents Policy Manual 1.04.

Iowa Code Chapter 262.9 (1) states that the Board shall:  
*Each even-numbered year elect from its members, a president of the board to serve for two years and until a successor is elected and qualified.*


Identical language to the Iowa Code 262.9 (1) is found in 1.04 (B) of the Board of Regents Policy Manual.

In April 2002, Owen J. Newlin was elected by the Board to serve as President for a term from May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2004. The two-year May 1-April 30 presidential term for Board Presidents has been consistently utilized for many years. Therefore, consistent with precedent, the Board President term to be elected will be for the period from May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2006.

By precedent, the Executive Director has presided over the Board session during consideration of this item by the Board. Nominations made do not require a second. Discussion on the nominations is in order unless determined otherwise by the Board. The vote must be taken by a roll call of individual members in open session.

Additionally, Board Policy Manual 1.04 (C) indicates the duties of the President include an item added in 2003 - the duty to nominate for Board approval a President Pro Tem of the Board. Deborah Turner was nominated and received Board ratification for this position in April 2003 at the time the policy was adopted by the Board and the position was created. The nomination and ratification were done with the understanding the term was to expire at the same time as the Board President's term on April 30, 2004.

The Board Office recommends the newly-elected President nominate and obtain Board ratification for a President Pro Tem prior to the beginning of their term in order to ensure continuity of Board activities in the absence of the President. Further, the Board Office recommends such terms be considered concurrent, both to expire April 30, 2006.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregory S. Nichols", is written over a horizontal line.

**Gregory S. Nichols**