

The State Board of Regents met on Wednesday, May 10, 1995, at the Des Moines International Airport, Des Moines, Iowa. The following were in attendance:

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Members of State Board of Regents

Mr. Collins	All sessions
Mr. Dorr	All sessions
Mrs. Johnson-Matthews	All sessions
Mrs. Kennedy	All sessions
Dr. Newlin	All sessions
Mr. Pomerantz	All sessions
Mrs. Pellett	All sessions
Mrs. Smith	All sessions
Dr. Tyrrell	All sessions

Office of the State Board of Regents

Executive Director Richey	All sessions
Minutes Secretary Briggie	All sessions

GENERAL

The following business pertaining to general or miscellaneous business was transacted on Wednesday, May 10, 1995.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS. The Board Office noted that the meeting was scheduled for the purpose of electing a Regent to serve as President of the Board of Regents for the unexpired portion of the term of Marvin S. Berenstein, which ended on April 30, 1995.

Mr. Richey welcomed new Regents Ellengray Kennedy and Beverly Smith to their first meeting on the Board. He welcomed back Marvin Pomerantz to the Board of Regents, noting that Mr. Pomerantz previously served on the Board from 1987-93.

Mr. Richey stated that it was the Board's practice to have the Executive Director preside over the meeting for the purpose of holding the election of a new Board President as the Board's only remaining officer. He said the term of the newly-elected President would run through April 30, 1996. He reminded the Board that Robert's Rules of Order indicate that a nomination of a person to fill a vacancy did not need a second.

Mr. Richey reminded the Regents that the vote on the motion to elect a President must be a roll call vote and must be recorded publicly in accordance with State law.

NOMINATION: Regent Dorr nominated Marvin Pomerantz to serve as President of the Board of Regents for the balance of the unexpired term of Marvin Berenstein (through April 30, 1996).

NOMINATION: Regent Newlin nominated Nancy Pellett to serve as President of the Board of Regents for the balance of the unexpired term of Marvin Berenstein (through April 30, 1996).

MOTION: Regent Tyrrell moved that nominations be closed.
Regent Johnson-Matthews seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes Secretary Briggles called the roll for voting on the nominations. The result was as follows:

	<u>Marvin Pomerantz</u>	<u>Nancy Pellett</u>
Mr. Collins	X	
Mr. Dorr	X	
Mrs. Johnson-Matthews		X
Mrs. Kennedy	X	
Mr. Newlin		X
Mrs. Pellett		X
Mr. Pomerantz	X	
Mrs. Smith	X	
Dr. Tyrrell		X

Marvin Pomerantz was elected to serve as President of the Board of Regents for the balance of the unexpired term of Marvin Berenstein (through April 30, 1996).

Mr. Richey congratulated President Pomerantz and turned over the gavel to him.

President Pomerantz thanked the Regents for electing him as President of the Board of Regents. He expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence. To those who registered a vote for Regent Pellett, he said that what was absolutely essential now was that they work together as one Board and discharge their responsibilities to the people of the state of Iowa in the manner of what is good for the institutions and the good for the people of the state; not for one university and not one segment of the population but for the entire state. He said he knew most of the Regents. For those two or three that he did not know as well he looked forward to getting to know them better and could tell already that they were extremely able.

President Pomerantz said this would be a Board where they would all participate. He said this would not be a one-person show designed to embellish the ego of a particular person. He stressed the importance of the Board's dedication to the principles of appropriate governance of the institutions.

As he looked back on a short respite from the Board of Regents, President Pomerantz said he suspected that much was the same. He also expected there were some differences and that they would need to speak to those differences. He said Iowans have been fortunate to have a Governor and State Legislature that have been very responsible in allocating resources to the institutions at a time when in many states the resources are being substantially diminished. Iowa is a state that is dedicated to education.

President Pomerantz said they must recognize that mediocrity in education is not for the state of Iowa. Unfortunately, there are limited resources. He said it was a very important part of the Board's task to allocate resources in a way that can benefit the people of this state in a most satisfactory manner. It was clear that the Regent institutions cannot be all things to all people. They must focus and stay on a path to excellence. In that regard, when President Pomerantz first joined the Board of Regents 8 years ago, the Board decided to perform a comprehensive study of the Regents and its institutions. Outside resources were brought in to assist in that effort. He said that at a later date he would come to the Board with a proposal to update that historic survey. He said it would be important for the Board, in the next several months, to develop a strategic plan that will be current and update the institutions and the Board itself so they are all singing off the same song sheet.

President Pomerantz said there was perhaps no more important function that the Regents would ever deal with than the selection of the leadership for the institutions. Their selection of the succeeding presidents at both the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa were perhaps the most important tasks they would perform in their tenure as Regents. He stressed that this was not something that one Regent can or should lead. It was something in which they all needed to participate because the greater wisdom of the Board would be required to select the right person to lead the institutions. He acknowledged that he was not very well informed at this point in time as to the status of the searches. He looked forward to being updated and then communicating with the Regents on a regular basis so they have an appropriate level of dialogue.

President Pomerantz stated that Iowa's open meetings law requires that the Board of Regents' work be done in public. It will only be on rare occasions when, for some particular reason, he considers an issue vital enough to be discussed outside the public arena. Their deliberations can, should and will be done in public. When there are exceptions to that, as is provided by the law, they will have those discussions. However, most of their work will be done in open meetings. He said he hoped the rest of the Board members agreed to move forward in that manner.

President Pomerantz again thanked the Regents for electing him president and for allowing him the opportunity to be of service to the state. He said he looked forward to working with each and every one of the Regents on a long-term basis but not any longer than it takes the Senate to confirm the Governor's appointment.

Regent Pellett congratulated President Pomerantz on the election. She pledged, on behalf of the entire Board, their best efforts as they move forward. Iowa has a great Regents system which they need to try to build and make even better. She then thanked those Regents who supported her nomination.

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE. The Board Office recommended the Board approve the Board Meetings Schedule.

May 17-18, 1995	Iowa School for the Deaf	Council Bluffs
June 21-22	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls
July 19-20	Iowa State University	Ames
September 20-21	University of Iowa	Iowa City
October 18-19	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls
November 15-16	Iowa State University	Ames
December 13-14	Hotel Fort Des Moines	Des Moines
January 17, 1996	Telephonic	
February 21-22	University of Iowa	Iowa city
March 20-21	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls
April 17-18	Iowa State University	Ames
May 15-16	Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	Vinton
June 19-20	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls

ACTION: The Board Meetings Schedule was approved, by consent.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: Regent Dorr moved to adjourn. Regent Johnson-Matthews seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The special meeting of the Iowa Board of Regents adjourned at 2:27 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 1995.

R. Wayne Richey
Executive Director