

# REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday – Wednesday, January 24 - 26, 2005  
400 North, State Office Building

### Present:

Paul Dovre, Chair  
Joe Aitken  
Ken Albrecht  
Jane Belau  
Carol Batsell Benner  
Anthony Bianco  
Ardell Brede  
Humphrey Doermann  
Patrick Duncanson  
Corey Elmer  
David Fisher  
Frances Gardeski  
John Hyduke  
Sylvia Chessen Kaplan  
Rohini Khanna  
Sara Kloek  
Elizabeth Morrison  
Dave Naumann  
Paul Rexford Thatcher  
Bob Vanasek  
Gary Willhite  
Billie Young

### Absent:

Richard Ista  
Jo-Anne Stately

The Regent Candidate Advisory (RCAC) was called to order by Paul Dovre, RCAC Chair, at 8:40 a.m. on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, in 400 North of the State Office Building.

### Approval of the Minutes

Sylvia Kaplan moved approval of the minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting. Seconded and **APPROVED**.

### Announcements

Mr. Dovre reviewed the packets of information each member received in his/her folders. He requested members to volunteer to cover specific interview questions and to greet and introduce each candidate.

Mr. Dovre and Humphrey Doermann reviewed the interview process. All interviews would be recorded. Any council members who were absent or missed a candidate's interview must listen to the recording of the interview in order to fully participate in the voting process. Interviews would have 45-minute timelines, with a 15-minute break between interviews. The interview would consist of an opening statement by the candidate, keeping it under five minutes. Then, the council could ask questions and the interview would conclude with the candidate's closing statement.

Chad Thuet, RCAC staff, informed members that the LCC had received a memo from House and Senate leadership announcing that Joint Convention would be held Wednesday, February 16, at Noon for the purposes of appointing Regents. Mr. Thuet informed members that we still need volunteers to attend the upcoming Board of Regents meetings; May 12-13 and June 9-10, their annual meeting. Council members could check their schedules let staff know if they are available to attend those meetings.

The interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Edward Borowiec  
Dallas Bohnsack  
Arlene Breckenridge

The council took a lunch break from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The council reconvened for the afternoon interviews.

Michael Vekich  
John Goldfine  
Anthony Baraga

Interviews adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 25, 2005**

Mr. Dovre called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Council members volunteered to ask specific interview questions and to greet interviewees.

For the upcoming Board of Regents meetings, Ardell Brede volunteered to attend the May 12-13 meeting and Rohini Khanna volunteered for the June 9-10 annual meeting.

Mr. Dovre discussed the possibility of posting the digital recordings of the interviews on the RCAC web site. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the interviews would not be posted on the web site this year as candidates were not informed ahead of time.

Sandy Keene, RCAC staff, checked with members who volunteered to conduct reference checks to make sure all calls were made. Discussion ensued. Ms. Kaplan suggested that, in the future, it might be better for the council to discuss reference checks at the beginning of the three days of interviews in case follow up needed to be done.

Interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Kate Rubin  
Steve Hunter  
Linda Mona

The council took a lunch break from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The council reconvened for the afternoon interviews.

David Larson  
Roger McCannon  
Larry Laukka  
Ramona Jones

Interviews adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 26, 2005**

Mr. Dovre called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. Council members volunteered to greet interviewees. It was decided that the members would ask the same questions as the past two days.

Interviews began at 8:00 a.m.

Leonard Pederson  
Scott Johnson  
Bruce Endler  
Margaret Leppik

Interviews were completed at 11:45 a.m. The council took a lunch break until 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Dovre called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Dave Naumann moved to close the public meeting and meet in executive session for the purpose of reviewing candidate reference checks. Seconded and **APPROVED**. The council reviewed reference checks.

John Hyduke moved to close executive session and reopen the meeting. Seconded and **APPROVED**.

Mr. Thuet reviewed the selection procedures. The council must select two to four candidates to forward for each of the four open seats. The names would be forwarded to the Legislature in no ranking order, rather in alphabetical order. Voting commenced with 22 members present and voting. By actions of the council, the following candidates were recommended to the Legislature for their consideration:

**District 2**

Dallas Bohnsack  
Bruce Endler

**District 3**

David Larson  
Kate Rubin

**District 8**

Anthony Baraga  
Edward Borowiec

**At-Large**

Steve Hunter  
Scott W. Johnson  
Margaret Leppik

Voting being completed, Mr. Dovre asked for volunteers to call candidates with the results. He reminded members to make their phone calls as soon as possible following adjournment.

Discussion ensued regarding the next meeting, which will be held Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005. More information would follow at a later date.

Mr. Doermann announced that the Nominations Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Paul Dovre, Chair