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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sylvia Carty, Sister Baptiste Fish, Joanne Olson, Barbara Stensland, and Sheila Wieser to the Council on Disability.

Sylvia Carty, of St. Paul, retired in 1989 after serving 24 years as the Director of the Child Development Center at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in St. Paul. Since retirement, she has been an active volunteer, including work at the Resource Center at State Services for the Blind, the Living at Home Senior Program at Family Service, Inc., and the Quality Design Committee at the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Carty is appointed as the Council member representing Region 11. She will serve a term ending January 1, 2007. Carty will fill the Council seat formerly held by Joan Willshire.

Sister M. Baptiste Fish, OSF, of Rochester, is a retired member of the Sisters of St Francis. Her lengthy career included work as a parish and school accountant, business office manager at a nursing home, director of finance at a visiting nursing service, accounting manager at a medical center, and vice president of financial affairs at a college. Fish currently volunteers as accountant for Integrative Therapies Foundation at Assisi Heights in Rochester. She is appointed as an at-large Council member for a term ending January 1, 2007. Fish will fill the Council seat formerly held by Julianne Degenhardt.

Joanne Olson, of Duluth, works as a massage therapist at Eagle's Nest Massage Therapy in Duluth. She also holds a license as a Registered Nurse. Throughout her career, she has exhibited a strong interest in rehabilitation. Olson's nursing career has included work in Duluth area hospitals and as an educational director in a nursing home. Additionally, Olson has also served as an instructor in the nursing program at Lake Superior College in Duluth. Olson is appointed as an at-large Council member for a term ending January 1, 2007. She will fill the Council seat formerly held by John Schatzlein.

Barbara Stensland, of Bemidji, is an Area Director for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. Previously she was Co-owner and Director of an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled in Bemidji. Stensland has also been a foster parent and substitute teacher. Stensland previously served on a Department of Human Services Advisory Committee for Home and Community Based Waiver Programs. She is appointed as the Council member representing Region 2. Stensland will serve a term ending January 1, 2007. She will fill the Council seat formerly held by Carson Stensland.

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Sheila Wieser, of La Crescent, is Co-owner and Manager of La Crosse Memorials. Her career also included 20 years as a Registered Nurse at St. Francis Medical Center in La Crosse, WI. Wieser serves on the Board of Directors of Riverfront, Inc., an agency serving persons with disabilities. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club Foundation of the Downtown La Crosse Rotary Club. Wieser is appointed as an at-large Council member for a term ending January 1, 2007. She will fill the Council seat formerly held by Geraldine (Gerry) Drewy.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members appointed by the Governor as well as additional members from various state agencies.



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#### **Commission on Judicial Selection**

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced five finalists for two First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas R. Howe on December 2, 2003. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for Scott County. The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas M. Murphy on January 3, 2004. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for Dakota County. The finalists are Michael A. Fahey, Diane M. Hanson, Kathryn M. Keena, Michael J. Mayer and Kathryn Davis Messerich.

Fahey, of Carver, is the Carver County Attorney in Chaska, a position he has held since 1987. He was an associate attorney and partner with the Chaska law firm of Nicklaus, Monroe and Fahey from 1978 through 1986. Fahey earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri in 1978 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1975.

Hanson, of Shakopee, has been an assistant Scott County Attorney in Shakopee since 1996. She was an assistant Morrison County Attorney from 1992 to 1996, a volunteer attorney for the city of St. Paul from 1991 to 1992 and a flight attendant with Northwest Airlines from 1977 to 1992. Hanson earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1991 and her bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1973.

Keena, of Hastings, has been an assistant Dakota County Attorney since 2000. She was an associate attorney with the Bellingham, Washington law firm of Zender and Thurston from 1997 to 2000, the Lyon County Attorney in Marshall from 1992 to 1997, an assistant Lyon County attorney from 1990 to 1992 and a public defender with the Velde Law Firm in Alexandira from 1989 to 1990. Keena earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, in 1986.

Mayer, of Eagan, is a partner with the Eagan law firm of Grannis and Hauge. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1989. He was an associate attorney with the South St. Paul law firm

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of Grannis, Grannis, Farrell and Knutson from 1986 to 1989 and an associate attorney with the Eagan law firm of Hauge, Eide and Keller from 1985 to 1986. Mayer earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1985 and his bachelor or arts degree with honors from St. Mary's University in Winona in 1981.

Messerich, of Mendota Heights, is an attorney and shareholder with the Minneapolis law firm of Halleland, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins and Johnson, a position she has held since 2000. She was an associate general counsel for Allina Health System in Minnetonka from 1997 through 1999, an associate attorney and shareholder with the Minneapolis law firm of Bassford, Lockhart, Truesdell and Briggs from 1991 to 1997, and an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Lommen, Nelson, Cole and Stageberg from 1987 to 1991. Messerich earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1987, her master of science degree in maternal-child nursing in 1984 and her bachelor of science degree from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, in 1979.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 38 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in McLeod County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable LeRoy W. Yost on December 31, 2003. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Glencoe in McLeod County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the First Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 5, 2004.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS PAIGE WINEBARGER TO THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Paige Winebarger as a public member of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB). Winebarger was appointed to the EQB on December 8, 2003 to fill the remaining term of Brian Kaden. She is now reappointed to a full four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

Winebarger, of Bloomington, retired in 2001 as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Marquette Financial Companies in Minneapolis. She previously served as an attorney for the Federal Reserve System and as Assistant Commissioner of Banks and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Winebarger currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Minnesota and as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota. She previously served as Board Member and Chair of the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota and as Board Member and Officer of Friends of the Minnesota River Valley. She received a B.S. in Business Education from Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) helps coordinate the actions of the major state agencies, and is charged with providing the Governor and the Legislature tools to address environmental issues that do not fit under the other state environmental agencies. The board consists of 16 members, including five public members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WARNER TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gregory Warner to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Warner, of Rochester, is the director for compliance with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He has held a variety of positions at Mayo since 1979. Warner has also been the president of the Rochester Airport Commission since 1999. Warner replaces Carl D'Aquila as a representative of key airport systems for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle Beeman and Dennis Jensen to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board.

Michelle Beeman, of Minneapolis, is Director of External Affairs for the Canada/US Partnership at The Nature Conservancy. She previously served as Director of Legislative Affairs at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Beeman also previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Natural Resources/Environmental Protection Division of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. She received a B.A. in History from Princeton University, a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, and a M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin. Beeman is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Robert Esse on the board.

Dennis Jensen, of Duluth, is General Manager of the Duluth Transit Authority. He also serves as Vice President and Area Manager of First Transit, Inc. Jensen previously served as General Manager of the Laredo (Texas) Municipal Transit System and as General Manager of Airport Services, Inc. at the Baltimore Washington International Airport. Jensen currently serves as a Management Trustee of Teamsters Local 346 Health Fund. He previously served as President of the Minnesota Public Transit Association. Jensen received a Bachelor's in Fine Arts and Education from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Jensen replaces Sid Mason on the board.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board, often called the MPCA Citizen's Board, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including the MPCA Commissioner who serves as the board's chair. The board sets agency policy related to the protection of Minnesota's air, water, and land resources.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KRAUSE CHIEF JUDGE OF OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Raymond Krause to the position of Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. The opening occurred as a result of the resignation of Kenneth Nickolai.

Krause is the assistant commissioner for tax policy for the Minnesota Department of Revenue, a position he has held since January 2003. He was a judge on the Minnesota Tax Court from 1998 to 2003, the dean and a professor of law at Hamline University School of Law from 1994 to 1998, and senior vice president for government and community affairs with The Pillsbury Company and Grand Metropolitan Inc. from 1984 to 1994. Krause earned his juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1978 and his bachelor of science degree from Georgetown University in 1973. Krause, 52, resides in Arden Hills with his wife, Janet, and their two children, Nickels, 12, and Nora, 10.

"Ray has the legal background and managerial experience to take on this position," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will continue the sound leadership the Office of Administrative Hearings experienced under former Chief Judge Ken Nickolai."

The Office of Administrative Hearings conducts administrative law hearings for most state agencies and many local governments, as well as all hearings on workers' compensation benefit claims. The office also exercises general supervision over state agency rulemaking.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge must be learned in the law and is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chief Judge appoints other administrative law judges and compensation judges as necessary to fulfill the duties of the office. The full-time, paid position is for a six-year term that expires on June 30, 2010. The salary is \$113,435 annually.

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#### GOVERNOR REAPPOINTS KOPPENDRAYER CHAIR OF PUC

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of J. LeRoy Koppendrayer as chair of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Koppendrayer, of Princeton, was first appointed to the Commission by Governor Carlson in January 1998 and named chair by Governor Pawlenty in 2003. Previously, Koppendrayer served four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, where he was an assistant minority leader and a member of the Regulated Industries Committee. He has also been a dairy farmer and an international agriculture consultant, a manager with the Fingerhut Corporation and a heavy equipment operator. Koppendrayer is appointed to another six-year term that expires in January 2010.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners and regulates three cornerstone service industries in Minnesota's economy: electricity, natural gas, and telephone. It is the Commission's responsibility to ensure that vendors of these services provide safe, adequate, and reliable service at fair, reasonable rates.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO ZOO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Sherry Broecker and the appointment of Michael J. McCoy and Lisa McGinn to the Minnesota Zoological Board. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Broecker, of Forest Lake, is a small business owner and former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Broecker has been a member of the Zoo Board since July 2003.

McCoy, of Austin, is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Hormel Foods Corporation in Austin and has worked for Hormel for over nine years.

McGinn, of Eagan, retired in April 2003 as a senior commander with the St. Paul Police Department after 26 years of service as a police officer in St. Paul.

The Minnesota Zoological Board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The board consists of 30 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor and 15 appointed by the Zoo Board.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS HAUGEN TO STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Molly Haugen to the State Board of Public Defense.

Haugen, of Duluth, is the human resource manager with Ikonics Corporation in Duluth. She has been a member of the board since 2001. Haugen is reappointed to a public member position for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jennifer Anderson, Debra Bowers, Christopher Burns, Arlene Bush, Linda Garrett-Johnson, Lynette Olson, and Emily Acosta Thompson to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Jennifer Anderson, of Minnetonka, is an attorney at the Edina law firm of Thiel, Campbell, Gunderson, and Anderson, P.L.L.P. She is past president of the Minneapolis Women's Rotary and is also past president of the Business Forum. Anderson is a graduate of the Hamline University School of Law. A current member of the MAEF Board, she is reappointed to a second term which ends January 1, 2007. Anderson serves as a business representative on the Board.

Debra Bowers, of Elk River, is Director of Educational Services for Elk River Area Schools (Independent School District 728). She is a member of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. Bowers received a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a term which ends January 2, 2006. Bowers will serve as an education representative on the Board and fills the seat formerly held by Lurline Baker-Kent.

Christopher Burns, of Woodbury, is an attorney at the Minneapolis law firm of Rider Bennett, LLP. He has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Youth at Risk Program in Onandaga County, New York. A native of Woodbury, Burns is a graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law in New York. He is appointed to a term which ends January 2, 2006. Burns will serve as a business representative on the Board and fills the seat formerly held by Greg Lea.

Arlene Bush, of Bloomington, is a former Chairperson of the Board of Education for Bloomington Public Schools (Independent School District 87) and former President of the Minnesota School Boards Association. She currently serves as a Chamber Ambassador at the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Bush is appointed to a term which ends January 1, 2007. She will serve as a business representative on the Board and fills the seat formerly held by Judith O'Donnell.

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Linda Garrett-Johnson, of St. Paul, is Director of Youth Development at the YWCA of St. Paul. She also serves as CEO/President of The Word Applied, formerly known as Panorama Consulting and Training. Garrett-Johnson previously served on the board of TURN (Twin Cities Urban Reconciliation Network). She is appointed to a term which ends January 1, 2007. Garrett-Johnson will serve as a business representative on the Board and fills the seat formerly held by Valerie Halverson Pace.

Lynette Olson, of Cambridge, currently serves as E-Learning Accreditation Project Director for the Minnesota State Colleges & University System (MnSCU). She is active in both the Minnesota Council for Quality and the School Improvement Process at the Minnesota Department of Education. A current member of the MAEF Board, Olson is reappointed to a second term which ends January 1, 2007. She serves as an education representative on the Board.

Emily Acosta Thompson, of Shoreview, is serving as Intern Superintendent at the Mahtomedi School District while she is on a leave of absence from the St. Paul School District. She is a member of the Minnesota Elementary School Principal's Association and has been an active participant in MAEF activities. Thompson is appointed to a term which ends January 1, 2007. She will serve as an education representative on the Board and fills the seat formerly held by Mary Trowdridge.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools such as the Classroom Quality Program. MAEF also administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Rep. Bud Nornes, Atashi Acharya, Robin Bode, Gary Christenson, Carol Cirocco, John Dinsmore, Swede Nelson, and Marlyse Oswald to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Larry (Bud) Nornes, of Fergus Falls, represents the western half of Otter Tail County in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1996 and is currently serving in his fourth term. Rep. Nornes serves on the House Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committees. He is appointed as the Council member who serves in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Rep. Nornes will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Rep. Fran Bradley.

Atashi Acharya, of Golden Valley, currently serves as Seniors Mental Health Services Coordinator at Volunteers of America—Minnesota. She also teaches in the School of Social Work at both the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas/College of St. Catherine. Acharya is appointed as a Council member who is a family member of a person with mental illness. Acharya, a current member of the Council, is appointed to her second term which ends January 1, 2007.

Robin Bode, of Le Center, current serves as a Client Advocate at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. She serves on the Board of the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota. Bode also serves as a volunteer for Le Center Volunteer Ambulance. She is appointed as the Council member who is a representative of the Consumer/Survivor Network. Bode, a current member of the Council, is appointed to her second term which ends January 1, 2007.

Gary Christenson, of Golden Valley, currently serves Director of Mental Health at the University of Minnesota Boynton Health Service. He also serves as an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Christenson is a licensed physician and a board certified psychiatrist. He is appointed as the Council member who is a psychiatrist. Christenson will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Dr. William Dikel.

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Carol Cirocco, of Bemidji, currently serves as Minnesota Clinical Director of the Professional Association of Treatment Homes. She also serves as a Partner and Therapist at the Four Winds Center for Wellness in Bemidji. Cirocco holds a Minnesota license as an independent clinical social worker. She is appointed as the Council member who is a social worker. Cirocco will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Carolyn Paumen.

John Dinsmore, of Fergus Falls, currently serves as Director of the Otter Tail County Human Services Department. He also serves as a member of the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators. He is appointed as the Council member who is a county social services agency director. Dinsmore, a current member of the Council, is appointed to his second term which ends January 1, 2007.

Swede Nelson, of Park Rapids, currently serves as an elected County Commissioner for Hubbard County. He was first elected in 1998 and is currently serving in his second term. Nelson also serves as Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Association of Minnesota Counties. He is appointed as a Council member who is a county commissioner. Nelson will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Pat Heldt.

Marlyse Oswald, of Blue Earth, has experience as a certified nursing assistant, nursing home activity assistant, and as an employee of two homes for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill. Oswald is also the parent of a adult child with a mental illness. She is appointed as a Council member who is a consumer of mental health services. Oswald will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Emma Westrom.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, the Legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council also educates the public about mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members, including 25 appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BUCK TO CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of M. Ann Buck to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Buck, of White Bear Lake, is a consultant and contractor with Pivotal Decisions in St. Paul. She has served two terms on the CAAP Board and is currently vice chair. Buck is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board is responsible for the architecture, urban design, and comprehensive land-use planning in the capitol area of St. Paul, exercises zoning and design review authority, and oversees redevelopment of the north capitol area. The board consists of 10 members, including four appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS STARR TO SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mark M. Starr to a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the Sixth Judicial District in the city of Hibbing in St. Louis County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Jeffry S. Rantala on October 31, 2003.

Starr is a senior assistant St. Louis County attorney in Virginia. He has been with the St. Louis county attorney's office since 1988. Starr was an attorney with the Hibbing law firm of Matonich and Persson from 1983 to 1988; a law clerk for Sixth Judicial District Judge Joseph Scherkenbach in Hibbing from 1982 to 1983; and an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Peterson, Engberg and Peterson in 1982. Starr earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1981 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978.

"Mark has a sense of compassion and a personal style that will make people who appear before him as a judge feel comfortable and that he takes a personal interest in their case," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, his active involvement in the Hibbing community serve him well as a judge."

Starr is co-chairperson of the Northern St. Louis County Multi-disciplinary Child Protection Team, past president and a member of the Range Bar Association, a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and serves the Children's Justice Initiative St. Louis County Core Team. He is currently chair of the board of directors of the Star Lake United Methodist Wilderness Camp, president of the Hibbing Soccer Club, a girls soccer coach, and is active in Wesley United Methodist Church in Hibbing, where he served as a lay leader and is currently on the finance committee. He was a Boy Scout leader, and delivers meals on wheels to the less-fortunate.

Starr, 47, was born in Minneapolis and resides in Hibbing with his wife, Suzanne, and their two children, Troy, 16, and Julia, 14.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Margaret Fletcher-Booth, Sheryl Larson, Shamus O'Meara, Dan Reed, Jim Varpness, and Jerrold Wood to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Margaret Fletcher-Booth, of Hudson, Wisconsin is the Operations Manager for the Disability Services Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). She is appointed to represent DHS on the Council. She will serve a partial term ending January 3, 2005. Fletcher-Booth fills the seat formerly held by Steve Larson.

Sheryl Larson, of Mounds View, is a Research Associate at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is appointed to represent higher education on the Council. She will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. Larson fills the seat formerly held by Teri Wallace.

Shamus O'Meara, of St. Paul is an attorney and shareholder at the Minneapolis law firm of Johnson & Condon, P.A. He is also the parent of a five-year old with developmental disabilities. O'Meara is appointed as a parent member of the Council. He will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. O'Meara fills the seat formerly held by Andre Hanson.

Dan Reed, of St. Paul, is Marketing Director at Midway Training Services, Inc. (MTS) in St. Paul. MTS is a nonprofit serving persons with developmental disabilities. He is appointed to represent private non-profit organizations on the Council. He will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. Reed fills the seat formerly held by Laurie Berner.

Jim Varpness, of Maplewood, is Executive Director of the Minnesota Board on Aging. He is a current Council member. He is reappointed to represent the Minnesota Board on Aging on the Council. He will serve a term ending January 2, 2006.

Jerrold Wood, of St. Paul, is a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). He is appointed to represent DEED on the Council. Wood is a current Council member. He is reappointed to represent DEED on the Council. He will serve a term ending January 2, 2006.

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The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Duane Arens, Anne Barry, and Linda Goodno, and the reappointment of Alexander Rowell, Jr. to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

Arens, of Minneapolis, is the director of community and economic development for Connexus Energy in Ramsey. Arens replaces Walter Bush for a three-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Barry, of Minneapolis, is the deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance. Barry replaces Karyn Gruenberg for a three-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Goodno, of Woodbury, participated in a variety of amateur sports in high school and college in Moorhead, including golf, basketball and volleyball. Goodno replaces Herb Brooks to complete a three-year term that expires on January 3, 2005.

Rowell, of Eden Prairie, is a clinical sales specialist with Possis Medical. Rowell, who has been a member of the Amateur Sports Commission since 1992, is reappointed to another three-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission supports the National Sports Center in Blaine, the amateur sports associations in the state and creates tourism through promoting amateur sports events, including the Star of the North State Games. The commission consists of 16 members, including 10 appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anthony Bibus III and David Hallman to the Board of Social Work.

Anthony Bibus III, of Richfield, is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Social Work Department at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He holds a Minnesota license as an independent social worker (LISW). Bibus also serves on the Disciplinary and Regulatory Standards Committee for the Association of Social Work Boards. He received a B.A. in English from the College of St. Thomas, a M.A. in English from the University of Virginia, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Minnesota. Bibus is appointed to the Board position for a representative of higher education. He will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Bibus currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair. This is his second term on the board.

David Hallman, of Moorhead, is an Adult Foster Care Licensing Specialist (Social Worker) at Clay County Social Services in Moorhead. He previously served as a Child Protection Specialist (Social Worker) for Clay County. Hallman previously served as Chair of the Clay County Child Abuse Team. He entered the profession of social work after a 19 year career in the U.S. Army. Hallman holds a Minnesota license as a social worker (LSW). He received his B.S. in Social Work from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Hallman is appointed to the Board position for a social worker practicing in a county agency. He will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Hallman replaces Jane Braun on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marguerite Rheinberger and Dean Singsank to the Board of Dentistry.

Marguerite Rheinberger, of Stillwater, is a research and writing consultant for HealthSearch Ltd. She also works as a writer/producer for St. Croix Video Productions. Rheinberger received M.P.H. and M.A. (Mass Communications) degrees from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. degree from the Hamline University School of Law. She is appointed as a public member of the board for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She currently serves as the board's Vice President and was first appointed to the board in 2000.

Dr. Dean J. Singsank, of Grand Rapids, has been licensed to practice dentistry in Minnesota since 1979. He practices in Grand Rapids. Singsank received a D.D.S. degree from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He also completed a general practice residency while serving in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy. Singsank is appointed as a dentist member of the board for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. He fills the board seat formerly held by Dr. Annie Stone Thelen.

The Board of Dentistry licenses dentists and dental hygienists, registers dental assistants, and establishes standards for continuing education. In addition, the board investigates complaints, and has the authority to revoke or suspend a license. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Joseph Lee and John Romano to the Board of Psychology.

Joseph Lee, of Faribault, is a licensed psychologist (LP) at the master's degree level. He currently works at the State Correctional Facility in Stillwater. Lee also operates Eastern Psychological Services, a clinic specializing in culturally sensitive therapy, minority issues, and family therapy. He was previously employed at the State Regional Treatment Center in Faribault. Lee received a M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Minnesota State University—Mankato. He is appointed to one of two board positions for a master's level licensed psychologist. Lee will serve a four-year term which ends on January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the board in late 2003 to fill the remainder of a partial term.

John Romano, of St. Paul, is a Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the College of Education and Human Development in the University of Minnesota. He has been on the faculty of the University of Minnesota since 1977 and has been a Minnesota licensed psychologist (LP) at the doctoral level since 1979. Romano is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University. Romano is appointed to the board position for an individual with a doctorate in psychology who represents a doctoral training program in psychology. He will serve a second four-year term which ends on January 7, 2008. Romano was first appointed to the board in 2000.

The Board of Psychology is responsible for licensing and disciplining psychologists. The board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 10 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Marcel Eibensteiner on February 3, 2004.

District 10 includes the Anoka County cities of Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington, and the Ramsey County cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and Shoreview, and the portion of Spring Lake Park that lies in Ramsey County.

Persons interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following persons to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

William Pulkrabek, Chair, Oakdale, Washington County Commissioner Sherry Broecker, Forest Lake Mike Burton, Minnetonka Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council John Pacheco, Minneapolis Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Waconia City Council

The public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Shoreview City Hall, 4600 North Victoria Street. Applicants will receive details prior to the hearing.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator for Governor Pawlenty, at 651-296-0019 or <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a>.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ROBERTA JONES TO THE BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Roberta Jones to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Jones, of Minneapolis, is an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney. Prior to joining the County Attorney's Office, she worked as a law clerk for Judge LaJune Thomas Lange of the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. Jones is the President of the Board of Directors of the Wayside House in St. Louis Park. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the African American AIDS Task Force. Jones received a B.A. in Spanish Literature from Ohio Wesleyan University, a M.A. in Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York, and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. Jones is appointed to an at-large seat on the board. She will serve the remainder of a partial term which ends on January 3, 2005. Jones fills the board seat formerly held by Marjorie Barton Savage.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center includes the Arts High School, which is a tuition-free public high school for 310 students in grades 11 and 12. The Arts High School includes students from every congressional district, and graduated its first class in 1990. The Perpich Center also conducts research into arts education and acts as a resource for schools, teachers, students, and artists. The Perpich Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Rebecca J. Hafner, Bradley S. Johnson, and Ernest W. Lampe II to the Board of Medical Practice.

Rebecca J. Hafner, M.D., of Avon, has practiced medicine in Minnesota for 24 years. She is a family practice physician and previously served as Medical Director at both the University of San Diego Student Health Service and at St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, MN. Hafner received a B.A. from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, a M.D. from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and a M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. She completed her family practice internship at the University of North Dakota. Hafner is a prior member of this board, serving from 1998-2003. She resigned from the board in 2003 to take a position in California. Hafer is reappointed to the remainder of her original term, which ends on January 2, 2006. She is a resident of the sixth congressional district and is appointed to an at-large medical doctor seat on the board.

Bradley S. Johnson, M.D., of Woodbury, has practiced medicine in Minnesota for 18 years. He is a family practice physician and currently works as a Principal at Partners Healthcare Consulting, Inc. in St. Louis Park. Johnson previously served as a Senior Medical Director at HealthEast Clinics in St. Paul while also maintaining a clinical practice at the Oakdale HealthEast Clinic. He previously served as Chief of Staff at St. John's Hospital in St. Paul. He received a B.A. and a M.D. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Johnson completed his family practice residency at St. Paul Ramsey Hospital (now Regions Hospital) and is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. Johnson is appointed to the board seat for a medical doctor from the sixth congressional district. He will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and fills the board seat formerly held by Scott Tongen, M.D.

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Ernest W. Lampe II, M.D. of Mankato, has practiced medicine in Minnesota for 34 years. He is a general surgeon and currently practices at the Mankato Clinic in Mankato. Lampe previously practiced at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota. Lampe previously served on the Board of Directors of Medica, a health maintenance organization headquartered in Minnetonka. He received a B.A. from Brown University in Providence R.I., and a M.D. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Lampe completed his surgical residency at the University of Minnesota and is board certified by the American Board of Surgery. He also served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Lampe is appointed to the board seat for an at-large medical doctor. He resides in the first congressional district. Lampe will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and fills the board seat formerly held by Gail Bender, M.D.

The Board of Medical Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians as well as the regulation of acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BERG TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Betty Lou Berg to the Housing Finance Agency.

Berg, of St. Cloud, is a realtor and real estate broker who has owned a brokerage firm, mortgage and closing company. She has also owned and managed rental units. Berg has been active and held leadership positions in a variety of real estate associations. Berg replaces Marge Anderson as a public member of the board for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Housing Finance Agency provides housing for low and moderate-income persons. The agency consists of seven members, including five public members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of James Birchem and the reappointment of Ann Tagtmeyer to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

James Birchem, of Little Falls, is the President and CEO of ElderCare of Bemidji. In this capacity, he is the owner/operator of two nursing homes, six assisted living communities, and one congregate apartment building for seniors, all of which are located in greater Minnesota. Birchem has been a licensed nursing home administrator since 1983. He also currently serves as a member of the Minnesota National Guard. Birchem received a B.A. in Accounting and a M.B.A. from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed to a board position for a manager, operator, or owner of a proprietary nursing home. Birchem will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and replaces June Schelde on the board.

Ann Tagtmeyer, of Mendota Heights, is a parent, volunteer and part-time fitness instructor. Tagtmeyer previously served as an officer in the U.S. Army. She received a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Virginia. Tagtmeyer was first appointed to the board in 2000 and currently serves as the chairperson of the board's education committee. She is appointed to a board position for a public member. Tagtmeyer will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. This will be her second term on the board.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators licenses nursing home administrators. In addition, the board investigates complaints and has the authority to revoke or suspend an administrator's license. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, as well as ex-officio members from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced four finalists for a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in McLeod County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable LeRoy W. Yost on December 31, 2003. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Glencoe in McLeod County. The finalists are Michael A. Fahey, Michael J. Long, Nancy C. Platto and Michael R. Savre.

Fahey, of Carver, is the Carver County Attorney in Chaska, a position he has held since 1987. He was an associate attorney and partner with the Chaska law firm of Nicklaus, Monroe and Fahey from 1978 through 1986. Fahey earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri in 1978 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1975.

Long, of Glencoe, is an attorney and partner in the Glencoe law firm of Theis and Long, a position he has held since 1981. He was an attorney with the law firm of Smith, Hendricksen, Theis, Berens and Long in Glencoe from 1979 to 1981, a solo practitioner in 1979, an assistant Scott County attorney from 1975 to 1979, and an attorney with Legal Aid in Minneapolis in 1975. Long earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1975 and his bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1970.

Platto, of Chaska, is an attorney in private practice and a part time public defender in Chaska. She has held both positions since 1984. She was a law clerk and an assistant Scott County Attorney from 1983 to 1984. Platto earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1984, her master's degree in education (1976) and bachelor of science degree (1974) from the University of Minnesota.

Savre, of Glencoe, is an attorney and president of the Glencoe law firm of Gavin, Olson, Savre and Winters. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1981. Savre earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1981 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1977.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 19 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Mary Hayes and Brian Nystrom to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Mary Hayes, of Golden Valley, currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. She also works as a marriage and family therapist at Blackmore and Associates in Minneapolis. Hayes has been a licensed marriage and family therapist in Minnesota since 1989. She received a Ph.D. in Sociology with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Southern California. Hayes is currently serving as the President of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards. She is appointed to a board position for an individual engaged in the professional teaching and research of marriage and family therapy. Hayes was first appointed to the board in 1994, and is reappointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

Brian Nystrom, of Andover, is an owner of Nystrom & Associates, Ltd., a Christian-based outpatient mental health system employing over 135 people. Nystrom & Associates has four Minnesota offices located in Apple Valley, New Brighton, Baxter and Duluth. Nystrom has been a licensed and practicing marriage and family therapist in Minnesota since 1989. Nystrom received a M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in Social Work/Behavioral Sciences from Bethel College. He is appointed to a board position for a licensed, practicing marriage and family therapist. Nystrom was first appointed to the board in 1992, and is reappointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining marriage and family therapists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of the Honorable James E. Dehn and the appointment of the Honorable E. Anne McKinsey and Patrick Sexton and to the Board on Judicial Standards. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Dehn, of Cambridge, has been a trial court judge chambered in Isanti County in the Tenth Judicial District since 1987. He has served one term on the board, and currently chairs its Judicial Stress Committee. Dehn is reappointed to a position for a trial court judge.

McKinsey, of Minneapolis, has been a trial court judge chambered in Hennepin County in the Fourth Judicial District since 1990. McKinsey replaces the Honorable John L. Holahan as a trial court judge member.

Sexton, of Minneapolis, is director of legislative affairs with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Sexton replaces Tracey Martin as a public member.

The Board on Judicial Standards investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges and referees and recommends discipline to the Minnesota Supreme Court, including censure, suspension, retirement or removal of judges. The board consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor, including one judge of the Court of Appeals, three trial court judges, two attorneys with at least 10 years of experience in the state and four public members.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Neil Eckles, Louis Hohlfeld, and Daniel Reardon to the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Neil Eckles, of Blue Earth, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Blue Earth Valley Communications (BEVCOMM). He served as President and CEO of BEVCOMM from 1982-2002. Eckles sits on a number of business, nonprofit, and community boards, including service as a member of the Economic Development Agency for the County of Faribault. He is a graduate of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa and previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Eckles is appointed to a board position for a representative of business. He was first appointed to the Center's board in 1997, and is reappointed to a six-year term ending January 4, 2010.

Louis Hohlfeld, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a Program Officer at the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. He is appointed to a board position for a representative of a private foundation with a demonstrated commitment to rural issues. Hohlfeld was first appointed to the Center's board in 1997, and is reappointed to a six-year term ending January 4, 2010.

Daniel Reardon, of Eagan, currently serves as a Trustee of the Otto Bremer Foundation in St. Paul. Reardon also currently serves as an Officer and Director of Bremer Financial Corp. in St. Paul. He is appointed to a board position for a representative of a private foundation with a demonstrated commitment to rural issues. Reardon was first appointed to the Center's board in 1997, and is reappointed to a six-year term ending January 4, 2010. Reardon currently serves as the board's chairperson.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development, based in St. Peter, Minn., is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization focused on rural issues. The Center's board is made up of 20 members, including twelve members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bonnie Bleskachek, Brenda Brown, Dr. Kory L. Kaye, M.D., and Dr. Brian R. Moore, M.D., and the reappointment of Robert J. Carlson to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulatory Board. All are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Bleskachek, of Minneapolis, is a battalion chief with the Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD). She has been a member of the MFD for 15 years, previously serving as a firefighter and captain. Bleskachek replaces Michael Guthrie as a representative of professional firefighters.

Brown, of Tyler, is an emergency medical technician with the Tyler Hospital Ambulance Service and a volunteer firefighter with the Tyler Fire Department. Brown replaces Bruce Sherman as a representative of volunteer firefighters.

Carlson, of Maple Grove, is the principal planning analyst with the Hennepin County Community Health Department EMS Unit and is chair of the Metro Region EMS Program. Carlson, who has served on the EMS Regulatory Board since June 2003, is reappointed as a representative of the Metro Region EMS Program.

Kaye, of Little Canada, is an emergency medicine senior staff physician at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, and the co-medical director of Regions EMS. She is also an assistant professor of clinical emergency medicine at the University of Minnesota and the medical director for the paramedic degree program at Inver Hills Community College. Kaye replaces Dr. Daniel Hankins as a representative of emergency physicians.

Moore, of Rochester, is a pediatric emergency physician in the Pediatric Emergency Department at the Mayo Clinic and the pediatric medical director for Gold Cross Ambulance Service. Moore replaces Dr. Jeffrey Schiff as a representative of pediatricians.

The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board makes recommendations on improving access, delivery and effectiveness of the state's EMS delivery system and establishes procedures for investigating, hearing and resolving complaints against EMS providers. The board consists of 19 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Frederick Mehr and Susan Osman to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Frederick Mehr, of Cold Spring, has been a practicing Minnesota veterinarian for over 26 years. He currently practices at the Cold Spring/St. Joseph/Paynesville Veterinary Clinic. The Dr. Mehr's practice is focused on large animal medicine and surgery. He received B.S. and D.V.M. degrees from the University of Minnesota. Mehr currently serves as the board's secretary. He is appointed to a board position for a veterinarian. Mehr was first appointed to the board in 2000 and is reappointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

Susan Osman, of Minnetonka, left the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in 1999 after 22 years as an Investigator. She began her law enforcement career with the Minnetonka Police Department where she was the first female patrol officer in the State of Minnesota. Osman received a B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a board position for a public member. Osman was first appointed to the board in 2000 and is reappointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine is responsible for licensing and disciplining veterinarians. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Carol M. Person on February 29, 2004. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for St. Louis County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Sixth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 1, 2004.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MESSERICH TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Hastings** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathryn Davis Messerich to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the First Judicial District in the city of Hastings in Dakota County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas M. Murphy on January 3, 2004.

Messerich is an attorney and shareholder with the Minneapolis law firm of Halleland, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins and Johnson, a position she has held since 2000. She was an associate general counsel for Allina Health System in Minnetonka from 1997 through 1999, an associate attorney and shareholder with the Minneapolis law firm of Bassford, Lockhart, Truesdell and Briggs from 1991 to 1997, and an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Lommen, Nelson, Cole and Stageberg from 1987 to 1991. Messerich earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1987, her master of science degree in maternal-child nursing in 1984 and her bachelor of science degree from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, in 1979.

"Kathy's legal career clearly reflects her fitness for the position," Governor Pawlenty said. "She has the intelligence and work ethic to efficiently handle the large number and wide variety of cases that a district court judge sees. In addition, Kathy's experience in mediation will benefit her as a judge."

Messerich is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hennepin County Bar Association, currently chairing its Ethics Committee. She is also a member of Minnesota Women Lawyers, American Health Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, serving as its president from 2001 to 2002. Messerich has done extensive legal teaching and participated in numerous professional presentations on health law. Messerich also serves on boards of directors of the Washburn Child Guidance Center and the Cole Richardson Trust for Pediatric Oncology and has served as attorney coach at Harding High School and a mock trial coach at Henry Sibley High School.

Messerich, 46, was born in San Francisco, California, was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and Madison, Wisconsin, and lives in Mendota Heights with her husband, Jeffrey.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS WILLIAMS TO OSHA REVIEW BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of John Williams to the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Review Board.

Williams, of Bloomington, is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council. He chairs the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council's Safety Committee, serves on the Minnesota Safety Council Board of Directors, is a member of the University of Minnesota Occupational Health and Safety Committee, is a safety training certified instructor with IBEW/292, and is a member of the Labor Division of the National Safety Council. Williams, who has been a member of the OSHA Review Board since January 2000, is reappointed as a representative of labor for another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Board reviews cases involving OSHA citations and proposed penalties. The board consists of three members appointed by the Governor, including a representative of labor, management and the public.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HANSON TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Shakopee** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Diane M. Hanson to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the First Judicial District in the city of Shakopee in Scott County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas R. Howe on December 2, 2003.

Hanson has been an assistant Scott County Attorney in Shakopee since 1996. She was an assistant Morrison County Attorney from 1992 to 1996, a volunteer attorney for the city of St. Paul from 1991 to 1992 and a flight attendant with Northwest Airlines from 1977 to 1992. Hanson earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1991 and her bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1973.

"Diane has a wealth of trial experience covering a wide range of the types of cases that come before a district court judge," Governor Pawlenty said. "This experience, as well as her preparedness and demeanor will translate well into being an excellent judge."

Hanson participates in the University of Minnesota Law School's Judicial Skills Training Program for newly appointed judges, and trains local law enforcement agencies on the investigation of sexual assault and sexual abuse cases. She is a member of the American and State Bar Associations, Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigators Association, Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Scott County Community Notification Team and she chaired the Scott County Attorney's office Diversity Committee from 1998 to 2002.

Hanson, 52, was born in Chicago, Illinois and lives in Shakopee.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LARSON TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Larson to the Governor's Residence Council.

Larson, of St. Paul, is executive director of the Swedish Council of America in Minneapolis and previously was executive director for the Center of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Minnesota. Larson replaces Alexandra Fisher as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FARINACCI TO PERA BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marcia Farinacci to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Board of Trustees.

Farinacci, of St. Paul, retired last month as acting director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning (Minnesota Planning). She previously served as deputy director of the agency and was on the staff of Governor Arne Carlson and United States Senator Rudy Boschwitz. Farinacci also worked for Independent School District 625 in Roseville. Farinacci replaces Lois Riecken on the PERA Board as a representative of retired annuitants for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Public Employees Retirement Association Board of Trustees manages the fund that provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits for public employees of county and local government. The board consists of 11 members, including five appointed by the Governor.



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March 11, 2004

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ramona Dohman, Mylan Masson, and Michael Young and the reappointment of William Martinez and Brent Richter to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Dohman, of Maple Grove, is the Maple Grove Police Chief. She has held a number of positions with the Maple Grove Police Department for 20 years and has been a licensed peace officer since 1982. Dohman replaces Thomas Johnson as a representative of municipal police chiefs.

Martinez, of Minnetonka, is a commander with the St. Paul Police Department. He has held a variety of positions with the St. Paul Police Department for 17 years and has been a licensed peace officer since 1984. Martinez, whom Governor Pawlenty named chair of the POST Board a year ago, was first appointed to the board four years ago. He is reappointed as a representative of municipal peace officers.

Masson, of Savage, is the assistant director of the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in St. Paul, a position she has held since 1994. She was also a patrol officer with the Minneapolis Park Police from 1988 to 2004 and has been a licensed peace officer since 1991. Masson replaces Jon Magnuson as a representative of peace officer education programs.

Richter, of Elk River, is a sergeant with the Minnesota State Patrol. He has been a state trooper for nearly 15 years and a licensed peace officer since 1981. Richter, who has served one four-year term on the POST Board, is reappointed as a representative of the Minnesota State Patrol Association.

Young, of Waverly, is a sergeant and a shift supervisor with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). He has been a police officer with the MPD for nearly 13 years and a licensed peace officer since 1985. Young replaces Thomas Hawley as a representative of municipal peace officers.

The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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March 12, 2004

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William Hoskins and Judy Stephenson and the reappointment of Timothy Mergen to the Board of Electricity. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Hoskins, of Caledonia, is a journeyman electrician with Hoskins Electric and has worked in the electrical industry for 15 years. Hoskins replaces Richard Ramberg as a representative of journeyman electricians.

Mergen, of Litchfield, is the general manager and chief executive officer of Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association of Litchfield. Mergen, who is currently president of the board, is reappointed to his second four-year term as a representative of rural electrical suppliers.

Stephenson, of Hugo, is a consultant in communications, leadership and conflict management for businesses and government agencies. Stephenson replaces M. George Downs as a public member.

The Board of Electricity licenses electricians and inspects all new electrical installations in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**St. Paul, MN** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced two First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Dakota County. The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Duane R. Harves on February 29, 2004. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas R. Lacy on March 23, 2004. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of both of these judgeships for the city of Hastings in Dakota County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the First Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **April 7**, **2004**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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March 26, 2004

#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF TEACHING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jim Bartholomew and Janet Schutz to the Board of Teaching.

Jim Bartholomew currently serves as Education Policy Director at the Minnesota Business Partnership. From January 2003 until January 2004, he served as Director of Government Relations for the Minnesota Department of Education. Bartholomew previously served as a member of the Minnesota State Board of Education and as currently serves as a board member of the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation. He and his wife Julia live in Edina and have two children in public school. Bartholomew is appointed as a public member of the board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. He replaces Jane Leonard on the Board.

Janet Schutz served as a member of the Board of Education for Wayzata Public Schools from 1997 until 2003, including serving as the Board's Chair from 2000 to 2001. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts from 2000 until 2003. Schutz also serves as a member of Governor Pawlenty's Education Finance Reform Task Force. She and her husband Ronald live in Medina and have three children who have all attended public school. Schutz is appointed as a public member of the board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Betty Aune on the Board.

The Board of Teaching establishes rules governing the licensing of public school teachers and the accreditation of teacher education programs. The Board also establishes a code of ethics for teachers and has the authority to suspend or revoke a teaching license. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor.

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March 31, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHWARTZKOPF AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David Schwartzkopf as chair of the Council on Disability.

David Schwartzkopf, of Rochester, currently serves as Workforce Development Manager for Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota. He is retired from IBM in Rochester. Schwartzkopf was honored in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush when he received the Disabled American of the Year Award. He received a B.S. in Mathematics and Physics from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Schwartzkopf is married to Jean Martin. A current member of the council, he is now appointed as the Council's chairperson. Schwartzkopf will serve out the remainder of his term which ends on January 3, 2005. He succeeds Joan Willshire as chair.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members appointed by the Governor as well as additional members from various state agencies.



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April 2, 2004

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of A. Hilda Bettermann and Felicia J. Boyd to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Bettermann, of Brandon, is an instructor at Alexandria Technical College, president of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice and a member of the Douglas County Hospital Board. She served four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1991 to 1999. Bettermann replaces Sidney Pauly as a former Republican legislator member of the board.

Boyd, of Lakeville, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Faegre and Benson in Minneapolis. Her practice focuses on complex intellectual property litigation. Boyd replaces Douglas Kelley on the board.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board administers programs for campaign finance disclosure for state candidates, economic interest disclosure for state and local officials, lobbyist registration and disclosure, and public subsidy of state candidates and political party committees. The board consists of six members appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom may support the same political party.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jane Belau, Corey Elmer, and Ellen McInnis to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Jane Belau, of Rochester, has worked as a consultant for both the McKnight Foundation and Ceridian Corporation, and as a Vice President of Control Data Corporation. An accomplished artist herself, she is a member of the Southeastern Minnesota Visual Artists organization and has contributed art and music to many charitable organizations. Her community arts background began with service on boards and committees for the Rochester Art Center, the Rochester Committee for the Minnesota Orchestra, the Rochester Chorale and the Oudal Chorale. She is currently chair of the Government Forums Committee for the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and is a volunteer pianist for her church, the Mayo Clinic and other community service events. She is appointed to the Board position for a resident of the first Congressional District for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Belau fills the Board seat formerly held by Lawrence Gorrell.

Corey Elmer, of Moorhead, is an attorney at the Vogel Law Firm (formerly the Gunhus Law Firm) in Moorhead. He currently serves as a Commissioner and Vice Chair on the Moorhead Economic Development Authority, a member of the University of Minnesota Regent Candidate Advisory Council, and as Vice Chair of the President's Advisory Council at Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Elmer received a B.A. from Minnesota State University-Moorhead and a B.A. from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, where he studied as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. He received his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Elmer is appointed to a Board position for a resident of the seventh Congressional District for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. He fills the Board seat formerly held by Russell Sharon.

Ellen McInnis, of Robbinsdale, is Director of Minnesota Government Relations at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. From 1984-88, she served as Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. McInnis has served on numerous boards, including the Hennepin County Library Board, the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Hennepin County Board of Equalization, and the Minneapolis Foundation Board. She received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota. McInnis is appointed to a Board position for a resident of the fifth Congressional District for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She fills the Board seat formerly held by George Sutton.

The Minnesota State Arts Board attempts to enrich the quality of life in Minnesota by making the arts accessible to all citizens, nurturing creative activities, encouraging the development of innovative forms of artistic expression, and preserving the State's diverse artistic heritage. The Board provides grants and services to individual artists, arts organizations, schools, colleges and universities, communities, and other organizations that sponsor arts activities. The Board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JAMES NACK TO THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. James Nack to the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Nack is a podiatrist at the Mankato Clinic in Mankato. He has been practicing podiatric medicine in Minnesota since 1992. In 1984, he received a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and in 1988 he received his D.P.M. degree from the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences (UOMHS) in Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Nack also completed a one-year residency at UOMHS.

Dr. Nack served as an Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at UOMHS from 1989-91 and was Assistant Director of the UOMHS Podiatric Orthopedic Residency Program from 1990-91. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Dr. Nack served as President of the Minnesota Podiatric Medicine Association in 2001. He resides in Madison Lake with his wife and three young children. He is appointed as podiatrist member of the Board for a term ending January 7, 2008. Dr. Nack fills the seat formerly held by Dr. Steven Kavros.

The Board of Podiatric Medicine is responsible for licensing and disciplining doctors of podiatric medicine. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ARISTY TO THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jannina Aristy to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Aristy, of Hopkins, is an independent mental health consultant on the local, state, and national levels. She also provides mental health services to Latino families in the Hopkins area. She previously served as Director of the National Cultural Competence Initiative for Children's Mental Health at the Center for Child Health and Mental Health Policy at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Aristy also served as Clinical Consultant/Senior Mental Health Program Consultant for the Children's Mental Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She received a M.A. in Psychology from American University in Washington D.C. and a B.S. in Psychology from the Instituto Tecnologico de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Aristy is appointed to a Council position for a provider of mental health services. She will serve a term ending January 1, 2007 and fills the seat formerly held by Atashi Acharya.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, the Legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council also educates the public about mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members, including 25 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Rebecca Keran, Neil N. Lapidus, Sherri Moyle and Ramanik P. Shah to the Board of Accountancy. All four are appointed to certified public accountant (CPA) positions on the board.

Keran, of Inver Grove Heights, is a tax manager with Best Buy Company in Richfield and is a member of Best Buy's Finance Recognition Committee. She previously worked for KPMG's tax practice in Minneapolis and served on its committee for March of Dimes. Keran replaces Eleanor Anderson for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Lapidus, of Medina, is an accountant and partner with the accounting firm of Lurie Besikof Lapidus and Company. A member of the firm since 1978, he is the firm's administrative partner and specializes in the management of complex audit engagements and litigation services. Lapidus replaces Linda Tate Eisenmenger for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Moyle, of Duluth, is a CPA with the accounting firm of Alaspa and Murray in Duluth. Her practice is doing audit work, tax returns and consulting for individuals and businesses. She is also a certified financial planner and serves as a district director of the Minnesota Association of Public Accountants. Moyle replaces Philip Gleason for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Shah, of Arden Hills, is a CPA in private practice with the accounting firm of Shah & Company, Ltd. in Roseville. He has been employed by CPA firms since 1972 in London, England, Winnipeg, Canada and Minneapolis prior to starting his own firm in 1987. He is the past volunteer manager for Minnesota Accounting Aid Society and has served on a number of committees of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants. Shah replaces Duane Thompson to complete a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2006.

The Board of Accountancy examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WOLF TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Jean Wolf to the Board of Psychology.

Wolf, of St. Paul, is a licensed psychologist (LP) at the doctoral level. She has been a licensed psychologist in Minnesota since 1982. Wolf currently maintains a private practice as a psychologist in St. Paul. She received a B.S. from the University of Minnesota, a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from George Washington University in Washington D.C., and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Wolf is appointed to a board position for a doctoral level licensed psychologist and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Dr. Jane Hovland on the Board.

The Board of Psychology is responsible for licensing and disciplining psychologists. The Board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FINALISTS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted three finalists recommended to him by the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee for an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Marcel Eibensteiner from Council District 10. Twelve people applied for this position. The finalists are Blake Huffman, John Kappler and Kris Sanda.

Huffman, of Shoreview, is the director of strategic initiatives with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He has been a member of the Shoreview City Council since 1997 and is currently acting mayor. He is also past chairman of the Lake Johanna Fire Department, and a member of the board of directors of the Lake Johanna Fire Department Relief Association.

Kappler, of Shoreview, formerly served as vice president of program management with Corporate Express in Arden Hills. He also held positions in information technology, information systems and operating system development with U.S. Office Products, General Office Products and Control Data Corporation. He served on the Academic Standards Committees for Mounds Views Schools and the Minnesota Department of Education.

Sanda, of Blaine, is a member of the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board, Blaine's Transportation Committee, and a public member of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. She has held a variety of Governor-appointed positions in state government, including Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Service during the eight years of Governor Arne Carlson's administration. She is also president of the Minnesota Lutheran Social Service Foundation, a consumer director of the Medica Board of Directors, and vice president of the St. Paul American Red Cross.

The seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommended these candidates to the Governor, conducted a public hearing on April 7 in Shoreview to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for the position. The Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee members who made these recommendations were William Pulkrabek, Chair, Sherry Broecker, Mike Burton, Dave Clark, Cyndee Fields, John Pacheco, and Mark Schiffman.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NEATON TO THE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Holly Neaton D.V.M. to the Board of Animal Health.

Dr. Neaton has been the attending veterinarian for the Beckman Coulter Immunodiagnostics Animal Facility in Maple Plain since 1997. From 1979 to 1997, she was a veterinarian and partner in the Watertown Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice with an emphasis on dairy, equine, and small ruminants. Dr. Neaton received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, and returned there as an Assistant Professor from 1985 to 1992. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterinary Medicine Association (MVMA). She was MVMA's President in 1997 and received MVMA's Veterinarian of the Year Award in 2001. Dr. Neaton also serves as a member of the Minnesota Scrapie Board. She, her husband Paul, and their three sons live in rural Watertown where they also raise sheep. Dr. Neaton is appointed to a Board position for a veterinarian and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Dr. Darrell Zehrer on the Board.

The Board of Animal Health oversees numerous voluntary and mandatory programs that focus on controlling and eradicating animal diseases in Minnesota. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor.

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced three finalists for a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Carol M. Person on February 29, 2004. The finalists are Charles B. Bateman, Kathleen S. Bray and Shaun R. Floerke.

Bateman, of Saginaw, is an attorney and shareholder with the Duluth law firm of Reyelts, Leighton, Bateman, Hylden and Sturdevant. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors since 1982. He was an associate attorney with the Hanft Fride law firm in Duluth in 1981 and an associate attorney with the Graham and James law firm in San Francisco, California from 1975 to 1980. Bateman earned his juris doctorate degree (1975) and his bachelor of arts degree (1971) from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Bray, of Duluth, is an attorney and shareholder with the Duluth law firm of Hanft Fride. She has been an attorney with the firm since 1991. Bray earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1991 and her bachelor of science degree cum laude from the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado in 1988.

Floerke, of Duluth, is a senior assistant attorney in the civil division of the St. Louis County Attorney's office in Duluth. He has worked in the St. Louis County Attorney's office since 1997. From 1996 to 1997 Floerke was an associate attorney with the law firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick in Duluth. He was a lead prosecutor with the Steele County Attorney's office in Owatonna as well as an attorney and partner in the Owatonna law firm of Ruth, Schreiner, Long and Floerke from 1992 to 1996. Floerke earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors and distinction from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1988.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 20 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Gary Pennebaker and the appointment of Howard Fidler to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Gary Pennebaker, D.C., of Eden Prairie, has practiced chiropractic in Minnesota for 27 years. He currently practices at the Pennebaker Clinic of Chiropractic in Eden Prairie. Dr. Pennebaker is a graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He is a Member of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards and is the Minnesota Delegate to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Pennebaker is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a Green Beret (Special Forces) in Vietnam. He is appointed to a chiropractor position on the Board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. This is Dr. Pennebaker's third term on the Board. He is the Board's current President.

Howard Fidler, D.C., of Minnetonka, has practiced chiropractic in Minnesota for seven years. He currently practices at Davis Chiropractic in St. Louis Park. Dr. Fidler is a graduate of the Cleveland College of Chiropractic in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1996, he was named Student of the Year by the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). In 1999, he was named Young Practitioner of the Year by the Minnesota Chiropractic Association. Dr. Fidler currently serves as a Minnesota Delegate to the ACA. He is appointed to a chiropractor position on the Board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Dr. Fidler will take the position of outgoing board member Dr. Tim Whelan.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for licensing and disciplining chiropractors. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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# COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced five finalists for two First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Dakota County. The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Duane R. Harves on February 29, 2004. The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas R. Lacy on March 23, 2004. The finalists are David A. Jaehne, Kathryn M. Keena, David L. Knutson, Caroline H. Lennon, and Michael J. Mayer.

Jaehne, of Eagan, has been a solo practitioner in West St. Paul since 1985. He is also a contract First Judicial District assistant public defender, a parenting time evaluator, and was the Dakota County Guardian Ad-Litem coordinator. Jaehne was an attorney with the St. Paul law firm of Mansur, O'Leary and Gabriel from 1984 to 1985, a private practice attorney in St. Paul from 1982 to 1983 and an attorney and prosecutor with the Stillwater law firm of Turrentine and Magnusson from 1978 to 1982. Jaehne earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981 and his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1973.

Keena, of Hastings, has been an assistant Dakota County Attorney since 2000. She was an associate attorney with the Bellingham, Washington law firm of Zender and Thurston from 1997 to 2000, the Lyon County Attorney in Marshall from 1992 to 1997, an assistant Lyon County attorney from 1990 to 1992 and a public defender with the Velde Law Firm in Alexandira from 1989 to 1990. Keena earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, in 1986.

Knutson, of Burnsville, is an attorney and shareholder in the law firm of Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty and Molenda in Apple Valley, a position he has held since 2001. He has also been a State Senator since 1993. Knutson started his legal career in 1986 with Knutson and Knutson and has continued to practice in Burnsville with its successor firms until becoming a solo practitioner in 1998. Knutson earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1986 and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1982.

Lennon, of Mendota Heights, is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1990. She has also been appointed as a special assistant county attorney in Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, and Scott counties on individual cases. Lennon was a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney's office from 1988 through 1989. Lennon earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

Mayer, of Eagan, is a partner with the Eagan law firm of Grannis and Hauge. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1989. He was an associate attorney with the South St. Paul law firm of Grannis, Grannis, Farrell and Knutson from 1986 to 1989 and an associate attorney with the Eagan law firm of Hauge, Eide and Keller from 1985 to 1986. Mayer earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1985 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors from St. Mary's University in Winona in 1981.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 40 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SAVRE TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Glencoe** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael R. Savre to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Glencoe in McLeod County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable LeRoy W. Yost on December 31, 2003.

Savre is an attorney and president of the Glencoe law firm of Gavin, Olson, Savre and Winters. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1981. Savre, who is a qualified mediator and arbitrator in civil and family law, has also been the Norwood Young America City Attorney since 1982. Savre earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1981 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1977.

"For 23 years, Mike's practice has been in the areas of civil, criminal and family law. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil as well as criminal cases," Governor Pawlenty said. "His background has prepared him for the caseload of a district court judge. In addition, his involvement in the Glencoe community and knowledge of the McLeod County court system make him well-suited to this judgeship."

Savre is a member of the Minnesota State Bar, McLeod County Bar, and Eighth District Bar Associations and served on the Eighth District Bar Ethics Committee. He is on the Glencoe Hospital Ethics Committee and Glencoe Country Club Board, where he is currently president. Savre was a member and president of the Christ Lutheran Church Council, was on the Glencoe Early Childhood/Family Education Advisory Committee and was Secretary/Treasurer of the McLeod County Parent's Anonymous Board. He has also been a Glencoe community education boys and girls basketball coach, Glencoe Jaycee's youth football coach, Minnesota State High School League football official, and an Odyssey of the Mind judge.

Savre, 49, was born in El Paso, Texas, raised in Edina, and lives in Glencoe with his wife, Janet, and two children, Lisa, 18, and Tim, 13.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO THE RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Darrell Carter, Raymond Christensen, Richard Failing, Diane Muckenhirn, Nancy Stratman, and Susan Williams to the Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Darrell Carter, M.D., of Granite Falls, is a family practice physician at Affiliated Community Medical Centers P.A. in Granite Falls. He board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Carter was named 2001 Rural Health Hero of the Year by the Minnesota Rural Health Association. He is reappointed as the physician member of the Committee and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008.

Raymond Christensen, M.D., of Duluth, is Assistant Dean for Rural Health at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Duluth. He also works as a family practice physician in Moose Lake. Dr. Christensen is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Originally appointed in August 2003, he will now serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Dr. Christensen will continue to fill the seat for a representative of a higher education institution providing training for rural health care practitioners.

Richard Failing, of Hallock, is CEO and Administrator of Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center in Hallock. Kittson Memorial is a 15 bed community based Critical Access Hospital with an attached 77 bed long term care facility. Failing was named 2002 Rural Health Hero of the Year by the Minnesota Rural Health Association. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Failing is appointed as the representative of hospitals on the Committee. He will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. Failing replaces Rick Breuer on the Committee.

Diane Muckenhirn, R.N., of Hutchinson, is a Nurse Practitioner at Hutchinson Medical Center. Her practice focuses on women's health. She holds a Masters of Science in Nursing from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Muckenhirn also serves as the Director of the Employee Wellness Program at Hutchinson Medical Center. She is appointed as the midlevel practitioner member of the Committee and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Muckenhirn replaces Clover Gene Schultz on the Committee.

Nancy Stratman, of Willmar, is Administrator of Rice Care Center, a \_\_\_\_ bed long term care facility home in Willmar. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and holds a Masters of Science in Management from Southwest State University in Marshall. Stratman has worked in long term care since 1976 in greater Minnesota and North Dakota. She is appointed as the representative of nursing homes on the Committee. Stratman will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Kathleen Konetzko on the Committee.

Susan Williams, of Oaskis, is an author of fiction and nonfiction books as well as magazine and newspaper feature stories. Prior to 1980, she served as Coordinator of Student Affairs for the Health Sciences at the University of Minnesota. An eleven year resident of Greater Minnesota, Williams is interested in addressing the health care concerns of her rural Minnesota neighbors. She is appointed as a consumer member and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Williams replaces James Nardone on the Committee.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Vicky Jensen, Sandra Johnson, Linda Mattson and Marybeth O'Neil to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Vicky Jensen, of Savage, is a School Nurse at Eagle Ridge Junior High in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District. She has been a Registered Nurse in Minnesota since 1993. Jensen previously worked as a nurse at Northwest Medical Center in Thief River Falls. She received a B.S.N. from the University of North Dakota. Jensen is reappointed to her second term on the board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She is will serve as a Registered Nurse member of the Board. Jensen currently serves as the Board's Secretary.

Sandra Johnson, of Baxter, is Director of Nursing at St. Benedict's Senior Community, a 222 bed care facility in St. Cloud. She has been a Registered Nurse in Minnesota since 1983. Johnson previously served as Director of Nursing at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. She is a graduate of the R.N. program at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Johnson is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and will serve as a Registered Nurse member of the Board. She replaces Betty Jo Hanna on the Board.

Linda Mattson, of Wahkon, is an Administrative Assistant and Licensed Practical Nurse at Mille Lacs Family Clinic in Onamia. She has been a Licensed Practical Nurse in Minnesota since 1984. She is a graduate of the L.P.N. program at Anoka Technical College in Anoka. Mattson also received an A.A. degree from North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park. She is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and will serve as a Licensed Practical Nurse member of the Board. Mattson replaces Debra Bösl on the Board.

Marybeth O'Neil, of Rochester, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Mental Health-Case Management at the Psychiatry and Psychology Treatment Center of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She has been a Registered Nurse in Minnesota since 1982 and a Clinical Nurse Specialist since 1995. O'Neil received B.S.N. and M.S.N. degrees from Winona State University. She is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008 and will serve as the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse member of the Board. O'Neil replaces Vicky Hill-Rickey on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing and disciplining nurses and approving nurse education programs. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO LABOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shar Knutson, David Roe and Mary B. Stanley to the Labor Interpretive Center Board of Directors. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Knutson, of St. Paul, is the president of the St. Paul Area Trades and Labor Assembly. She has nearly 20 years of experience in labor related fields. Knutson replaces Rosemarie Coleman on the board.

Roe, of Apple Valley, is a retired president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO and has served as a member and chair of the board since its inception in 1993.

Stanley, of Rogers, is an associate attorney with the law firm of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly and Lindgren in Bloomington. Her practice is primarily in the areas of general corporate and franchise law. Stanley replaces Dennis O'Brien on the board.

The Labor Interpretive Center was created to celebrate the contributions of working people to the past, present, and future of Minnesota; spur an interest among the people of Minnesota in their own family and community traditions of work; help young people discover their work skills and opportunities for a productive working life; and advance the teaching of work and labor studies in schools and colleges. The Board of Directors consists of 10 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO URBAN INITIATIVE BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of H. Kwaku Addy and the reappointment of Brenda Colston and Chant Ting Insixiengmay to the Urban Initiative Board.

Addy, of Champlin, is the owner and CEO of African Food Market in Brooklyn Park and is executive director of the Liberian Business Association. Addy replaces Hussein Samatar, who resigned, to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2005.

Colston, of Brooklyn Park, is the president and owner of K. L. Title, Inc. in Brooklyn Center. Colston, who was initially appointed to the board in July 2003 to fill an unscheduled vacancy, is reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Insixiengmay, of Arden Hills, is the publisher of Asian Pages. He also works for Tousley Ford and Tousley Motor Sports. Insixiengmay, who has been a member of the board since September 1998, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Urban Initiative Board investigates and evaluates methods to enhance urban development, particularly methods relating to economic diversification through minority business enterprises and job creation for minority and other persons in low-income areas. The board oversees the Department of Employment and Economic Development's Urban Initiative Program. The board consists of 10 members, including eight appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NOMINATES TWENTY TO ATTEND HISPANIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the nomination of twenty prominent Hispanic Minnesotans to attend the Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. on July 12 and 13, 2004.

The twenty nominees are: Richard Aguilar, Gabriel Castaneda, Issac Contreras, Theresa Dawson, Rick Fuentes, Victor Gomez, Gabriela Harper, Juan Lazo, Ruby Lee, George Perez, Alberto Quintela, Jr., Edgardo Rodriguez, Omar Salas, Juliana Salcedo, Ytmar Santiago, Rick Sosa, Richardo Vallejos, Val Vargas, Maria Vega, and Elsa Vega-Perez.

Richard Aguilar, of St. Paul, is the President and CEO of Aguilar Productions. He previously served as a member of the board of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was the founder and past chair of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Aguilar was appointed to the Metropolitan Council by Governor Pawlenty in March 2003. He was selected as one of the "Hundred Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S." by Hispanic Business Magazine.

Gabriel Castaneda, of Edina, is the owner of Castaneda Companies, Ltd. He has served as a Board Member of the Advertising Federation of Minnesota, and as President and Board Member of the Tour Minnesota Association. An attorney, Castaneda received a J.D. degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and a M.B.A. from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Glendale, Arizona.

Issac Contreras, of St. Paul, is Sales Manager at the Hitching Post Motorsports. He previously served as Sales Manager at Fury Motors. Contreras is a founding member of the Humboldt Junior High Site Council and was appointed by then Mayor Norm Coleman to represent St. Paul District Three on the Capital Improvement Board. Contreras is a veteran of the United States Navy.

Theresa Dawson, of Duluth, is the librarian/media specialist at the Marshall School in Duluth. She also serves as a member of the Adelante Cultural Center, which brings Hispanic culture to Duluth students. In 2003, Governor Pawlenty appointed Dawson to the Minnesota Council on the Affairs of Chicano-Latino People. Dawson received a M.A. in Information Media from St. Cloud State University. She was born in Trujillo, Peru.

Rick Fuentes, of Minneapolis, is a Reporter for WCCO-TV in the Twin Cities. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, he has also worked as a reporter in Columbia, Missouri; Santa Barbara, California; and Las Vegas, Nevada. Fuentes has taught English Literacy for English as a Second Language classes and volunteers for numerous Latino groups in the Twin Cities. He was born in Pachuca, Mexico.

Victor Gomez, of Apple Valley, is President and CEO of Victory Consulting, a human resources, political and public relations consulting firm. He is a recipient of the Bravo Award for furthering the Community Affairs & Diversity Initiative of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Gomez also received the Minnesota Leadership Award for contributions to and excellence in workforce development and diversity recruiting.

Gabriela Harper is Owner and Principal at the Nu Group, a marketing communications consulting firm in St. Paul. She previously worked as an Account Supervisor for CREO International, a division of Martin Williams Inc. In 2003, Harper received the ARC Bronze Award of the Midwest Direct Marketing Association. She received a master's degree in modern languages from the National University of La Plata. Harper was born in Argentina.

Juan Lazo, of Grand Rapids, is the CEO and Owner of Treasure Bay Companies Inc., which includes Treasure Bay Printing, Arrow Sports Embroidery and Screen Printing, and Photo Express One Hour Photo and Portrait Studio. From 1996-2001, Lazo served as the Mayor of Grand Rapids. In 2003, Governor Pawlenty appointed Lazo to the Minnesota Council on the Affairs of Chicano-Latino People. He was born in Chiclayo, Peru.

Ruby Lee, of Oakdale, is Program Officer at the Saint Paul Foundation. She previously served as Marketing/Community Strategist for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. Lee also worked for what is now the Minnesota Council on the Affairs of Chicano-Latino People. She currently serves on the Casa de Esperanza Community Advisory Committee. In 1991, Lee received the Cinco de Mayo Volunteer of the Decade Award from the Concord Street Business Association.

George Perez, of Mendota Heights, is Chief Judge of the Minnesota Tax Court. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association and as a Member of the Judicial Selection Committee of the National Hispanic Bar Association. Judge Perez was named Tax Judge of the Year for 2002-03 and is a Past President of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Alberto Quintela, Jr. is the Chief Deputy Secretary of State of Minnesota. His public service in Minnesota also includes work as Assistant to St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, Special Assistant Attorney General, Assistant State Insurance Commissioner, and Assistant to the State Human Rights Commissioner. He is a graduate of University of Minnesota Law School and received a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Edgardo Rodriguez is a Business Consultant for the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA), he has worked for a "big six" accounting firm and as a senior level executive in a Fortune 500 firm. He serves as Treasurer and Executive Committee Member of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Rodriguez also serves as a Member and Contributor to the Latino Economic Development Center.

Omar Salas, of Cottage Grove, is a human resources/marketing consultant. He previously served as Talent Resource Manager at Cargill in Minneapolis, and as Co-Founder/Director of Business Development at Diversity Village in St. Paul. Salas is a member of Rivercentre Diversity Marketing Committee. In 2003, Governor Pawlenty appointed Salas to the Minnesota Council on the Affairs of Chicano-Latino People.

Juliana Salcedo, of Minneapolis, is a second-year student at the University of Minnesota Law School. She has worked as a volunteer for Centro Legal, Inc. and is a member of the Latin Law Student Association. Prior to law school, Salcedo worked as an Intern and Secretary in the Office of Florida Governor Jeb Bush. She received a B.S. in International Affairs from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Ytmar Santiago is Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on the Affairs of Chicano-Latino People. Her previous public service includes working for the Puerto Rico Attorney General's Office, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Corrections, and the City of St. Paul. Santiago is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico Law School. She was born in Puerto Rico.

Rick Sosa, of Woodbury, is Vice President and Branch Manager of US Bank. He served as Hispanic Initiative Chair for US Bank in Minnesota. Sosa's banking career includes positions at Cherokee State Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. Sosa is a Board Member of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is a Coach for the Woodbury Athletic Association. He is a graduate of Univa Guadalajara, Mexico.

Richardo Vallejos is the founder of Minneapolis-based International & Ethnic Communications, and its Hispanic division, LatinoCreative.com. Vallejos received two Latino Marketing Awards in 2003 and is the recipient of the ARC Silver Award from the Midwest Direct Marketing Association. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Hamline University in St. Paul. Vallejos is a native of Argentina.

Val Vargas, of Andover, is a founder and current CEO of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as President of Vargas Company, a tax/accounting and consulting firm. Vargas serves on the Minnesota Small Business Procurement Advisory Council and the State Urban Initiatives Board. She was awarded the 2003 Latina Leadership Award by the National Association of Women Legislators and Lawmakers.

Maria Vega, of St. Paul, is a Field Interviewer for Westa Corporation. An active volunteer, she is a tutor for young adults with reading disabilities. Vega also helps develop cultural music skills in children at the nonprofit organization, El Arco Iris. Vega is a former member of the Twin Cities Community Improvement Budget Committee. She is President of El Miracle Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Elsa Vega-Perez is a Senior Program Officer for the Otto Bremer Foundation in St. Paul. She is Chair of Hispanics in Philanthropy and a former Board Member of El Fondo de Nuestra Comunidad, a Latino fund under the Saint Paul Foundation. She currently serves as a trustee to Twin Cities Public Television, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, and the Metropolitan State University Foundation Board.

Governor Pawlenty was asked by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas to nominate twenty leading Hispanic Minnesotans to attend the summit, which was organized as a national effort to create a policy-based dialogue between government leaders and Hispanic leaders from communities across America.

Summit speakers will include members of Congress and representatives of the Bush administration. The summit will focus on proposals to create jobs, ensure economic growth, educate our children, provide affordable health care, and strengthen our families.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dennis Andrist and John Wiskocil to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education.

Andrist, of Faribault, has been a firefighter with the Faribault Fire Department for 26 years. He has also served as a fire service training instructor and program coordinator. Andrist, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of professional firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Wiskocil, of Montgomery, is a vice president at First National Bank of Montgomery and has worked at the bank for 35 years. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 24 years. Wiskocil, who has been a member of the board since its inception in 2001, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Firefighter Training and Education reviews fire service training needs, establishes standards for educational programs and establishes qualifications for fire service training instructors. The Board consists of 14 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gail Chang Bohr, Chalip Chacon-Bonilla, Brenda Pautsch, and Judge Kathryn N. Smith and the reappointment of Sarah Dixon and Kari Schuch to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC).

Bohr, of St. Paul, is the executive director of Children's Law Center of Minnesota, which provides representation for children in juvenile court through its approximately 150 volunteer lawyers. She also serves on the Children's Justice Initiative Committees of both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Bohr replaces Judge Robert Birnbaum, who resigned, to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2005.

Chacon-Bonilla, of St. Louis Park, is a 16-year-old student at St. Louis Park Senior High School. Chacon-Bonilla replaces Peter Aurich as a youth member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Dixon, of Faribault, is the director of the Minnesota Promise Fellows SERVE Minnesota program, and serves on the Minnesota Alliance with Youth statewide coordinating team. Dixon, who has been a member of JJAC since 2002 and is currently vice-chair of the committee, is reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Pautsch, of Gaylord, is a juvenile probation agent supervisor with the Blue Earth County Community Corrections and was previously a juvenile probation agent in Sibley County. She is also a member of the Gaylord City Council. Pautsch replaces Paul Kiltinen, who resigned, to complete a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2006.

Schuch, of Bloomington, is a career and labor market information specialist with the Department of Employment and Economic Development and an evaluation consultant with The Improve Group in Minneapolis. Schuch, who has served one four-year term on JJAC, is reappointed as a youth member to another term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Smith, of Willmar, is a district court judge in the Eighth Judicial District in Kandiyohi County and chairs the Minnesota Supreme Court's Juvenile Delinquency Rules Committee. Smith replaces Jaime Reyes for a four-year term that expires on January, 7, 2008.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR MINNESOTA STATE LOTTERY DIRECTOR

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are now being accepted for the position of director of the Minnesota State Lottery. The opening occurred as a result of the death of George Andersen on January 27, 2004. Governor Pawlenty appointed Michael Vekich acting director on February 2.

The director of the Minnesota State Lottery provides vision and strategic direction for the lottery agency, programs and activities; provides leadership for the preparation of annual business plans, marketing and advertising direction, and the adoption of rules and game procedures; ensures the proper management of lottery funds in accordance with state statutes; oversees licensing of retailers and of procurement contracts of good or services; and directs the recruitment and hiring of the management team.

The director of the Minnesota State Lottery is an unclassified position, reports to the Governor and is responsible for a staff of approximately 147 and budget of approximately \$400,000,000 in total lottery revenue. The salary is \$114,158 annually.

Minimum qualifications for the position are a demonstrated working knowledge of private and public management principles and practices, marketing theory and practice, and public/private accounting and financial practices; understanding of Minnesota state government structure and operation, including Minnesota statutes and rules affecting lottery operations, the legislative process, labor relations and state fiscal policy; understanding of the lottery's legislative mandates, history and general operations; and comprehensive business experience that demonstrates abilities of leadership, management, strategy, organization, negotiation, human relations, and communications. A master's degree in public or business administration, or a related field is preferred.

To apply, submit your résumé through the online Resume Builder at <a href="https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/ResumeBuilder">https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/ResumeBuilder</a>. You may copy and paste your existing résumé or let the software create a résumé for you. Please indicate that you are applying for the position of Executive Director, Minnesota State Lottery. The application deadline is June 11, 2004.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Suzanne Spellacy and Inez Wildwood to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board of Directors.

Spellacy, of Mankato, is the vice president of human resources and associate general counsel with Taylor Corporation in North Mankato. Spellacy replaces G. Patrick Bonnie for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Wildwood, of Duluth, works in the human resources division at Minnesota Power/ALLETE, Inc. in Duluth, chairs the Duluth Workforce Council and is a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council. Wildwood replaces C. David Jones four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 27, 2004 Contact: Daniel Wolter (651) 296-0001

# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELEVEN TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Scott Dehn, Steven Ditschler, Kristin Flaten, Anne Geoghegan, Lois Johnson, Candy Kriska, Michele Kyler, Gloria Lafriniere, William Negaard, Thant Pearson, and Jayne Spain to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Scott Dehn, of New Hope, is an Assistant Corporate Accountant for the Saint Paul Companies, in St. Paul. He is a certified public accountant. Dehn is reappointed to a Council position for a representative of business, industry or labor and will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending January 2, 2006. This is his second term on the Council.

Steven Ditschler, of Eagan, is President and CEO of ProAct, Inc., a private, non-profit organization serving persons with disabilities. Ditschler is appointed to the Council position for a representative of community rehabilitation program providers and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. He replaces David Leiseth on the Council.

Kristin Flaten, of St. Paul, is an advocate for persons with mental illness and current Chairperson of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health. Flaten is reappointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services and will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending January 2, 2006. This is her second term on the Council.

Anne Geoghegan, of Roseville, is Business and Referral Development Referral Specialist at the Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute in Minneapolis. She is also a member of the Autism Society of Minnesota. A current member of the Council, Geoghegan will now replace Yvonne Brown as the Council member who is a representative of a disability advocacy group. She will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. This is her second term on the Council.

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Lois Johnson, of Windom, is the Chairperson of Minnesota's Statewide Independent Living Council. She is reappointed to the Council position for a representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. This is Johnson's second term on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Candy Kriska, of Owatonna, is a Job Placement Specialist for Peterson Rehabilitation Services in Rochester. She is appointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services and will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending January 2, 2006. Kriska replaces Sarah Simmons on the Council.

Michele Kyler, of Crookston, is an advocate for persons with disabilities and a current member of the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. She is reappointed to a Council position for a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. This is her second term on the Council.

Gloria LaFriniere, of Bagley, is the Director of White Earth Reservation Vocational Rehabilitation Services, which is a Section 121 project. She is reappointed to the Council position for a representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. This is her second term on the Council.

William Negaard, of Vernon Center, is the owner of a catering business and a past member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council. He is appointed to a Council position for a representative of business, industry, or labor and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. Negaard replaces Anne Geoghegan in that Council position.

Thant Pearson, of Blaine, is a Rehabilitation Counselor (Career) at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. He is reappointed as the Council member who is a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor and will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. This is his second term on the Council.

Jayne Spain, of Maple Grove, is a Transition Specialist at the Minnesota Department of Education. She is reappointed as the Council member who is a representative of the state special education agency (the Department of Education) and will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending January 2, 2006. This is her second term on the Council.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation programs. The Council consists of nineteen members appointed by the Governor.

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May 28, 2004

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**St. Paul, MN** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Elk River in Sherburne County. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Mary E. Carlson on June 13, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this position from Washington County to Sherburne County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **June 23**, **2004**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



# NEWS RELEASE

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judges William Pederson, David Stofferahn and Debra Wilson to the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals.

"The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals has earned a reputation of being a professional, balanced, smooth-running and collegial court that issues consistent, well thought-out opinions," Governor Pawlenty said. "Judges Pederson, Stofferahn and Wilson are an integral part of this court and are well-deserving of reappointment."

Pederson, of Minneapolis, has been a Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge since 1998. Previously, he was a co-founder, shareholder and managing partner of the Pustorino, Pederson, Tilton & Parrington law firm in Minneapolis from 1980 to 1998, a litigation associate and partner with the law firm of Marker & Pederson in St. Louis Park from 1979 to 1980 and a staff attorney with David K. Wendel & Associates in Minneapolis from 1977 to 1979. Pederson earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1975 and his bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1971. Pederson is reappointed to another sixyear term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Stofferahn, of St. Paul, has been a Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge since 2002. Prior to his appointment to the court, he was an attorney with the law firm of Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey in Minneapolis from 1976 to 2002. Stofferahn earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude in 1976 and his bachelor of arts degree in 1969 from the University of Minnesota. Stofferahn is reappointed to another six-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Wilson, of St. Paul, has been a Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge since 1991. She was a compensation judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings from 1986 to 1991 and an attorney and partner with the law firm of Fitch, Johnson, Larson and Walsh in Minneapolis from 1981 to 1986. Prior to earning her law degree, Wilson was a college instructor and high school teacher. Wilson earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, her master of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1973 and her bachelor of arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1971. Wilson is reappointed to another six-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals has statewide appellate jurisdiction over all workers' compensation appeals. The court consists of five judges appointed by the Governor who have experience with and knowledge of workers' compensation laws and have been licensed to practice law in Minnesota for at least five years.



# NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KNUTSON AND MAYER TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Hastings** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David L. Knutson and Michael J. Mayer to two vacancies on the First Judicial District trial court bench in the city of Hastings in Dakota County. The first opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Duane R. Harves on February 29, 2004. The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas R. Lacy on March 23, 2004.

"David and Mike both enjoy a high level of respect among members of the bench and the Dakota County Bar," Governor Pawlenty said. "They also have a very deep commitment to public service which I know they will bring to the bench."

Knutson is an attorney and shareholder in the law firm of Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty and Molenda in Apple Valley, a position he has held since 2001. He has also been a State Senator since 1993. Knutson started his legal career in 1986 with Knutson and Knutson and has continued to practice in Burnsville with its successor firms until becoming a solo practitioner in 1998. Knutson earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1986 and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1982.

"I know Dave as a lawyer, legislator and community servant. His sincerity, integrity and ability will make him an outstanding judge," Governor Pawlenty said.

Knutson's professional memberships include the Dakota County, First District and Minnesota State Bar Associations. He has also served on the Civil Legal Assistance, Juvenile Detention Facilities, Foster Care and Adoption, and Parental Cooperation Task Forces and the Commission on Legal Services, and he is a recipient of the Legal Services Coalition's *Pro Bono Publico Award*. Knutson is a member of the Burnsville, Apple Valley and Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce, Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Club, Legal Assistance of Dakota County Board of Directors, Dakota County Technical College Foundation, ServeMinnesota Board of Directors and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Knutson, 44, was born in Minneapolis, and lives in Burnsville with his wife, Laurie, and their two children, Ann, 16, and Tim, 14.

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Mayer is a partner with the Eagan law firm of Grannis and Hauge. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1989. He was an associate attorney with the South St. Paul law firm of Grannis, Grannis, Farrell and Knutson from 1986 to 1989 and an associate attorney with the Eagan law firm of Hauge, Eide and Keller from 1985 to 1986. Mayer earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1985 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors from St. Mary's University in Winona in 1981.

"Mike has great energy, a heart for service and he always has a positive attitude. He makes nearly daily appearances in court, has handled a wide variety of cases, and Mike will hit the ground running as a judge," Governor Pawlenty said.

Mayer is past president of the Dakota County Bar Association, a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota Trial Lawyers and American Trial Lawyers. He has been a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee since 1995 and was appointed chair last year by Governor Pawlenty. He is also chair of the Midwest region of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, a member of Congressman Jim Ramstad's Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, a volunteer attorney with Legal Aid of Dakota County, a member of the Burnsville Police Department Citizen Advisory Board, and a mentor for the First Judicial District Youth in Government Program. Mayer also coaches girls softball, track and basketball through the Eagan Athletic Association.

Mayer, 44, was born in Chicago, Illinois, and lives in Eagan with his wife, Shannon, and their two children, Claire, 12, and Meghan, 8.

# NEWS RELEASE

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Maria DuPree, Douglas Frisk, Judi Gordon, Duane Reynolds, and Walter Roberts, Jr., to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.

Maria DuPree, of Buffalo, is a Bilingual (Spanish) Counselor at the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center in Buffalo. She was previously employed at the Anoka-metro Regional Treatment Center. DuPree also worked at the Social Development Commission in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While there, she served as Co-Chair of the 1995 Latino American Cultural Competence Conference. DuPree is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in Minnesota. She will serve as a LADC member of the Board. DuPree is appointed to serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She will be the first appointee to this Board position which was created in 2003.

Douglas Frisk, of New Brighton, retired after 35 years as a health education teacher at South Washington County Schools. He continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor at the Hamline Graduate School of Education in Minneapolis. Frisk received a B.A. in Health and Physical Education from Augsburg College in St. Paul, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Education from the University of Minnesota. Frisk previously served as a member and vice chair of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. He will serve as a public member of the Board. Frisk is reappointed to serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the Board in November 2003.

Judi Gordon, of St. Paul, is Executive Director and founder of C.R.E.A.T.E., a non-profit chemical health agency in Minneapolis. She is a both a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) and a Registered Nurse (RN) in Minnesota. Gordon previously served on the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Alcohol and Drug Abuse Citizen's Advisory Committee. She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from St. Mary's College in Minneapolis. Gordon will serve as a LADC member of the Board. She is appointed to serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. Gordon will be the first appointee to this Board position which was created in 2003.

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Duane Reynolds, of New Hope, is Associate Executive Director of the Vinland Center in Loretto. He previously worked as Director of Chemical Dependency and Allied Mental Health at Healthone-Mercy/Unity Hospital in Minneapolis. Reynolds is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in Minnesota. He received a B.A. in Business Administration from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Reynolds currently serves as chair of the Minnesota Department of Health's LADC Advisory Committee. He will serve as a LADC member of the Board. Reynolds is reappointed to serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the Board in November 2003.

Walter Roberts, Jr., of North Mankato, is a Professor of Counselor Education at Minnesota State University—Mankato. He is a Licensed School Counselor in Minnesota and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Minnesota and Arkansas. Roberts holds a B.A. in Psychology from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and a M.Ed. and Ed.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Roberts previously served as a member and chair of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. He will serve as a LPC member of the Board. Roberts is reappointed to serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the Board in November 2003.

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs). The board is made up of thirteen members appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE LAKE SUPERIOR CENTER AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Elaine Hansen and Betty Ramsland to the Lake Superior Center Authority.

Betty Ramsland, of Duluth, is the Treasurer and Appraisal Assistant for Ramsland and Vigen, Inc., a Duluth real estate appraisal firm. Ramsland serves on the boards of several community organizations, including the Duluth YWCA and the Friends of the Duluth Public Library. She is a licensed real estate broker. Ramsland will serve a six-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She fills the board seat formerly held by Bruce Stender.

Elaine Hansen, of Duluth, is the Director of the Center for Economic Development at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She served as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Administration from 1995 to 1999. Hansen was Finance Director for the City of Duluth from 1992-1995. She is a certified public accountant (CPA). Hansen will serve a six-year term which ends January 4, 2010. She fills the board seat formerly held by Tom Spence.

The Lake Superior Center Authority oversees the Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth. The Authority's board of directors consists of five members, including four members appointed by the Governor.



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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are now being accepted for the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council. This council was created by the 2004 Legislature to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market.

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council consists of up to 28 members appointed by the Governor, including the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism, who serves as chair; 11 representatives of statewide associations representing bed and breakfast establishments, golf, festivals and events, counties, convention and visitors bureaus, lodging, resorts, trails, campgrounds, restaurants, and chambers of commerce; four representatives – one from each of the four tourism marketing regions of the state; six representatives of the tourism business representing transportation, retail, travel agencies, tour operators, travel media, and convention facilities; one or more ex-officio non-voting members including at least one from the University of Minnesota Tourism Center; four legislators, two from each house, one each from the two largest political party caucuses in each house; and other persons, if any, as designated from time to time by the Governor.

"I would like to encourage people interested in serving as a member of this council from all regions of the state," said John Edman, Director of Explore Minnesota Tourism. "This begins a new era of tourism promotion, putting more emphasis on creating partnerships and growth, which will benefit everyone in the State of Minnesota."

Applications for the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council can be obtained via the Secretary of State's website at <a href="www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a> and downloading the Open Appointments Application Form, or by calling 651-297-5845.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Adrienne Breiner, Sharon Bring, Bette Gysland, Kenneth Moritz, and Donald Tomsche, Sr. to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Adrienne Breiner, of Owatonna, is a retired teacher. She is an active volunteer at Owatonna Senior Place, the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary, and is a Meals-On-Wheels driver. Breiner also currently serves on the board of the Older Women's League of Minnesota. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Breiner was first appointed to the Board in 2000.

Sharon Bring, of Strandquist, currently serves as a Marshall County Commissioner. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Lutheran Social Services Board which serves meals to seniors in Marshall County. Bring is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She was first appointed to the Board in October 2003.

Bette Gysland, of Ada, is a retired registered nurse (RN). She is active with AARP, and volunteers with the AARP Safe Driving Program. Gysland is a former board member of the Region One Area Agency on Aging. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Gysland was first appointed to the Board in 2000.

Kenneth Moritz, of Minneapolis, is a retired Vice President at Cargill, Inc. He is past president of Senior Resources and is a board member of the National Retiree Volunteer Corporation. Moritz is a past member and chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Moritz replaces Leo Amundson on the Board.

Donald Tomsche, Sr., of Little Canada, retired in 1997 as Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections. He currently serves as the State Advocacy Chair for Minnesota AARP. Tomsche is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the Board in 2002.

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The Minnesota Board on Aging was established in 1956 to plan for and meet the needs of Minnesota's seniors. The board administers more than \$30 million in federal and state grants every year. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Toni Amundson, James Collins, Jennifer Dunnam, Bonita Kallestad, and Carol Leaders to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Toni Amundson, of St. Paul, is a Career Counselor for Minnesota State Services for the Blind (SSB). She has been a SSB employee since 1975. Amundson received a M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from Minnesota State University. In 2003, she received SSB's Quality Service Award. Amundson is reappointed to the Council position for a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. Amundson was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

James Collins, of Duluth, is owner and operator of JC Vending in Duluth. He is a member and past chair of the Minnesota Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Operator Management Committee. Collins is a board member and past president of the Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He is reappointed as a representative of community rehabilitation program service providers. Collins will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. He was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

Jennifer Dunnam, of Minneapolis, is Supervisor of Access Assistants and a Document Conversion Specialist at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She also serves as Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind in Minnesota. Dunnam is reappointed to the Council position for a representative of an advocacy organization (National Federation of the Blind). She will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. Dunnam was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

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Bonita Kallestad, of Willmar, is an attorney for the Minnesota Disability Law Center and serves SSB clients through the Client Assistance Program. She also works as an attorney for Western Minnesota Legal Services under the Older American Law Project. Kallestad received a J.D. degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. She is reappointed to the Council position for a representative of the client assistance program. Kallestad will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

Carol Leaders, of Columbia Heights, is a Nutrition Services Supervisor/Clinical Dietetic Technician at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. She previously worked as a Clinical Dietetic Technician for Total Renal Care in Minneapolis. Leaders is a member of the Minnesota Dietetic Association. She is reappointed to a Council position for a representative of business, industry, or labor. Leaders will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURSES TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John Dyke and the reappointment of Nancy Gibson to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

John Dyke, of Eagan, is CEO of All States Ag Parts. He previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Arne Carlson. Dyke is appointed to an at-large position on the Committee and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Greta Gauthier on the Committee.

Nancy Gibson, of St. Louis Park, is an author and naturalist. Gibson is a co-founder of the International Wolf Center. She is reappointed to an at-large position on the Committee and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Gibson was first appointed to the Committee in 1990 and currently serves as the Committee's Chair.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor. The Committee advises the Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources (LCMR) as to the distribution of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Trust Fund consists of 40% of the net profits of the Minnesota Lottery.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SENATOR BETSY WERGIN TO THE RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Senator Betsy Wergin to the Rural Health Advisory Committee (RHAC).

Sen. Wergin, of Princeton, is State Senator for District 16, which includes all of Mille Lacs County and parts of Benton, Morrison, and Sherburne Counties. Wergin was first elected to the State Senate in 2002, and is serving in her first term.

Prior to her election to the Senate, Wergin spent six years as a Baldwin Township Officer and eight years as a Sherburne County Commissioner. While a County Commissioner, Wergin served on the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Council. Additionally, she was appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board by Governor Ventura. Wergin served on this board for one approximately one year before her election to the State Senate. Wergin's career includes employment with Elim Nursing Homes Inc.

Wergin is appointed to a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She will serve as the RHAC member who is in the minority party in the Minnesota Senate. Sen. Wergin will fill the seat formerly held by Sen. Michelle Fischbach.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PLASH TO BARBER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas Plash to the Board of Barber Examiners.

Plash, of Fridley, owns Tom's Haircutters in Hopkins. He has been a barber and a shop owner for over 40 years. Plash is also an active member of the Minnesota Barber Stylists Association, having served as a local chapter president and national president. Plash replaces Robert Nelsen as a barber member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Barber Examiners examines, registers and licenses barbers; enforces statutes regulating barbers, barber instructors, barber schools and shops. The Board consists of four members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers and one public member.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Robert Brandt and the appointments of Virginia Katz and MaryAnne Wilimek to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Robert Brandt, of St. Paul, is Associate Dean, Director of Health Services, and Coordinator of Disability Services at Macalester College in St. Paul. He is appointed to a Board position for a resident of the fourth Congressional District. Brandt was first appointed to the Board in 2000 and will serve a second four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair.

Virginia Katz, of Duluth, retired in 2003. She had a forty-two year career in education, and served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Communications at the University of Minnesota–Duluth. Katz is appointed to an at-large position on Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Tina Anderson Richards on the Board.

MaryAnne Wilimek, of Bemidji, is a freelance editor. She previously served as Executive Director at the Region Two Arts Council in Bemidji. Wilimek is appointed to an at-large position on the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Renee Jenson on the Board.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center includes the Arts High School, which is a tuition-free public high school for 310 students in grades 11 and 12. The Center also conducts research into arts education and acts as a resource for schools, teachers, students, and artists. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR NAMES MICHAEL CAMPION COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

~ Campion brings more than 30 years of public safety experience to the job ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today named Michael Campion as Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Campion, who is currently serving as acting commissioner, brings to the job 32 years of experience at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). Rising through the ranks from special agent to Superintendent of the BCA, Campion gained in-depth knowledge of the Department and solid law enforcement credentials, the Governor said.

"We were looking long and hard for the best candidate and realized it was the one in the job already," said Governor Pawlenty. "Michael Campion's extensive work with the BCA allowed him to gain valuable experience in public safety issues ranging from white collar crime to law enforcement training. He's solved crimes. He's put criminals behind bars. I am confident he will serve Minnesota well."

The Department of Public Safety has an annual budget of about \$585 million and employs 1,941 people. Since the events of September 11, 2001, the department has taken on the role of Minnesota's Office of Homeland Security and oversees the coordination of preparedness and response plans. The Department of Public Safety's core functions also include serving federal, state and local criminal justice agencies, fire service agencies, emergency management, and licensing and inspection agencies.

In addition to his investigative and management experience with the BCA, Campion has been active in a number of professional law enforcement associations. He is the former president of the BCA Agents' Association, former chair of the National Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies and former chair of the Minnesota Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents.

"With challenges ranging from homeland security to fighting gang violence, this is a critical time for the Department of Public Safety," said Campion. "It's a department filled with good people and we're excited to be part of Governor Pawlenty's team."

Campion earned a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Thomas College. He and his wife Katherine have three adult children.

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# COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Second Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **July 14**, **2004**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Linda Ostberg and Cindy Werner to the Governor's Residence Council.

Ostberg, of St. Paul, is the sole proprietor with The Ostberg Architects in St. Paul. She has 30 years of experience as an architect in Minnesota and has experience with numerous remodeling projects. Ostberg is also an active member of the American Institute of Architects, serving as president of the St. Paul Chapter in 1990. Ostberg replaces Craig Rafferty as a representative of the American Institute of Architects for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Werner, of White Bear Lake, is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Burnet. She has a strong interest in historic homes and was awarded formal certification in historic real estate by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Werner holds a masters degree in business and is an active volunteer with a variety of boards in the Twin Cities. Werner replaces Thomas McKee as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NEITZKE TO THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Timothy Neitzke to the Board of Optometry.

Timothy Neitzke, O.D., of Frazee, is President of Minnesota EyeCare Network, Inc., a three optometrist practice with clinics in Wadena, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Long Prairie, Minnesota. He received his doctor of optometry degree from Pacifica University's College of Optometry in 1989. Dr. Neitzke has been a Minnesota licensed optometrist since 1989. He served as President of the Minnesota Optometric Association in 1997. Dr. Neitzke is appointed to an optometrist position on the Board and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. He replaces Dr. John Perszyk on the Board.

The Board of Optometry is responsible for licensing and disciplining optometrists. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TEN TO THE OMBUDSMAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Black-Hughes, William Conley, James Dahlquist, Donna Draves, Diane Greig, Ronald Groat, Robert Haight, Jennifer Olson, Lori Squire, and Rachel Wobschall to the Ombudsman Committee for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The Governor appointed Ms. Squire as the Ombudsman Committee's Chair.

Additionally, Governor Pawlenty appointed Diane Greig, Ronald Groat, Robert Haight, and Jennifer Olson to the Medical Review Subcommittee. The Governor appointed Dr. Olson as the Subcommittee's Chair.

Christine Black-Hughes, Ph.D., of Eagle Lake, is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) and an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is reappointed to a Committee position for a health care provider and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Dr. Black-Hughes joined the Committee in 1998.

William Conley, of St. Paul, is a public policy consultant for the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. He is an active lobbyist on mental health issues and has over 20 years of experience at the state and federal level. Mr. Conley is reappointed to the Committee position for a representative of an advocacy organization and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He joined the Committee in 1997.

James Dahlquist, of Minneapolis, is an attorney practicing in the areas of mental health and chemical dependency advocacy. He is reappointed to a Committee position for a family member of a person who has developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, or mental illness and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. Mr. Dahlquist joined the Committee in 1987.

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Donna Draves, of Minneapolis, is an outreach worker for the Northeast Community Health Program in Minneapolis. From 1995 to 1998, she served as a member of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health. Ms. Draves is reappointed to the Committee position for a consumer member and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. She joined the Committee in 1998.

Diane Greig, of Bloomington, is a Registered Nurse (RN) and currently serves as Health Coordinator and Special Projects Coordinator for AXIS Healthcare, Inc. She is reappointed to Committee position for a health care provider and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Ms. Greig joined the Committee in 2000. She is also appointed to the Medical Review Subcommittee.

Ronald Groat, M.D., of Edina, is a psychiatrist in private practice in Edina. He is board certified in psychiatry (including geriatric and addiction psychiatry). Dr. Groat is appointed to a Committee position for a psychiatrist and will serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. He joined the Committee in 2002. Dr. Groat is also appointed to the Medical Review Subcommittee.

Robert Haight, Pharm.D., of Hastings, is a licensed pharmacist. He currently serves as Pharmacy Clinical Specialist – Psychiatry at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis. Dr. Haight is reappointed to a Committee position for a health care provider and will serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. He joined the Committee in 2002. Dr. Haight is also appointed to the Medical Review Subcommittee.

Jennifer Olson, M.D., of Minnetonka, is an internist specializing in geriatric medicine at the Park Nicollet Clinic in St. Louis Park. She is board certified in internal and geriatric medicine. Dr. Olson is reappointed to the Committee position for an internal medicine physician and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She joined the Committee in 1991. Dr. Olson is also appointed as a member and chair of the Medical Review Subcommittee.

Lori Squire, of Lakeville, is the Director of Quality Management and Medical Staff Services for Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague. She also serves as a quality and risk management consultant. Ms. Squire is reappointed to a Committee position for a public member and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She joined the Committee in 1992. Ms. Squire is also appointed as the Chair of the Ombudsman Committee.

Rachel Wobschall, of St. Paul, is the Executive Director of Constituent Relations at the University of St. Thomas. From 1987 to 1999, she served as Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Council on Technology for Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Wobschall is reappointed to a Committee position for a public member and will serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. She joined the Committee in 2002.

The Committee advises the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The Committee has 15 members and the Subcommittee has five members. All are appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS RICE TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Rice to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators

Rice, of Lake Elmo, served as Deputy Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health from 1995-97. Since 1998, Rice has served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco. From 1994-2003, she served on the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota. Additionally, in 1997, Governor Carlson appointed her to the Advisory Council of Community Based Planning. Rice received a Bachelor's of Arts in Speech/Communication from the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Christine and her husband Daniel are the parents of three children.

Rice is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Glen Woker on the Board.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators licenses nursing home administrators. In addition, the board investigates complaints and has the authority to revoke or suspend an administrator's license. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, as well as ex-officio members from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Human Services.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William Arockiasamy and C. John Uban and the reappointment of Donald Borcherding, Douglas Hildenbrand and Caren Martin to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design. All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 7, 2008.

Arockiasamy, of Eden Prairie, is the principal for Engineering Evaluations, Inc. in Eden Prairie. He has over 30 years of engineering experience and is licensed in 25 states as a professional and/or structural engineer. Arockiasamy is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and the Advisory Committee on Structural Engineering Seminar Series at the University of Minnesota. Arockiasamy replaces Jeffrey Coleman as a representative of professional engineers.

Borcherding, of Rochester, is the president of Yaggy Colby Associates in Rochester. He has nearly 30 years of experience as a licensed land surveyor and engineer in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Borcherding is a former president of the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors and was also the primary writer and grader of the state portion of the land surveyor's license examination. Borcherding, who has been a member of the board since 2000, is reappointed as a representative of land surveyors.

Hildenbrand, of Chisholm, is the CEO of Architectural Resources, Inc., an architectural firm with offices in both Hibbing and Duluth. He has been a registered architect in the State of Minnesota since 1982 and was named the Hibbing-Chisholm Rotary's Business Person of the Year in 2003. Hildenbrand also chairs the Chisholm Development Authority and co-chairs the Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI). Hildenbrand, who has been a member of the board since 2000, is reappointed as a representative of architects.

Martin, of Minneapolis, is a certified interior designer in the State of Minnesota and is the director of the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel at the University of Minnesota. Before joining the university, Martin practiced interior design for 17 years. Martin is also a cocreator of *InformeDesign*, a web-based clearinghouse for design and human behavior research. Martin, who has been a member of the board since 2000, is reappointed as a representative of interior designers.

Uban, of Minneapolis, is a principal and an owner of Dahlgren, Shardlow, & Uban Inc. in Minneapolis. He is a registered landscape architect in Minnesota and Iowa and is a former President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Uban is also the chair of the Minneapolis Committee on Urban Environment and chair of the Minneapolis Shade Tree Committee. Uban replaces Robert Smith as a representative of landscape architects.

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists and certifies interior designers. The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Paul Brutlag and Louise Smallidge to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Paul Brutlag, of Wendell, is an attorney at the Fluegel, Helseth, McLaughlin, Anderson & Brutlag law firm in Elbow Lake. He also raises sugar beets, corn, soybeans, and wheat on a farm in Grant and Otter Tail Counties. Brutlag is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Char Kahler on the Board.

Louise Smallidge, of Hastings, raises corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and cattle on a farm in southern Washington County. She is an elected member and chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Washington Conservation District. Smallidge is appointed to a Board position for a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. She replaces Dwaine Otte on the Board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Debra Jacoway, Kevin Lindsey, Maryland (Lucky) Rosenbloom, and Vernell Williams to the Council on Black Minnesotans.

Debra Jacoway, of Minneapolis, is a Senior Planning Analyst for the Hennepin County Human Services Department. She previously served as Program Director at the Employment Action Center, and as Workshop Facilitator at Resource, Inc. Jacoway received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota and a M.B.A. in Urban Development and Theological Studies from the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. She is appointed to the Council for a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Jacoway replaces Valerie Geaither on the Council.

Kevin Lindsey, of St. Paul, is the CEO of Axis, Inc. Prior to being named CEO, he served as Axis' General Counsel. Before joining Axis in 1999, Lindsey was a partner at the Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP law firm. He currently serves as a Commissioner of the St. Paul Public Housing Agency. Lindsey also serves as a member of the St. Paul Public School Citizen's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee. He received a B.S. and a J.D. from the University of Iowa. Lindsey is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He joined the Council in 2002. Lindsey currently serves as the Council's chair.

Maryland (Lucky) Rosenbloom, of St. Paul, is a Social Studies Teacher at the High School for the Recording Arts, a charter school in St. Paul. His career has included work for the Minneapolis Urban League, Stillwater State Prison, the Minneapolis Park Police, the YWCA, Ecolab, and as a paralegal. Rosenbloom also hosts a weekly radio show and serves as a columnist for the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder. He received a B.A. in Human Services and Counseling Psychology from Metro State University in St. Paul. Rosenbloom is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Taye Reta on the Council.

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Vernell Williams, of Vadnais Heights, owns and operates the Vernell Williams American Family Insurance Agency. She previously served as a claims analyst and field examiner in the insurance industry. Williams previously served as Senior Pastor of Grace Resurrection Ministries in Minneapolis. She has also served as a youth worker, bible teacher, mentor, and member of the prison ministry team. Williams received a B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. She is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Williams replaces Yvonne Wells-Ellis on the Council.

The Council on Black Minnesotans advises the Governor and Legislature on issues of particular importance to black Minnesotans. The Council is made up of 17 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Ives and Raymond VinZant, Jr. to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Mary Ives, of Grand Rapids, owns and manages 16 motel and restaurant properties in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. She also owns and manages manufactured housing communities for 1000 single-family homeowners in north central Minnesota. Ives previously served seven years as a school board member in Benton County and four years as an Itasca County Commissioner. For the past two years, Ives has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. She is appointed as a member of the Authority for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Ives replaces Mollie Thibodeau on the Authority.

Raymond VinZant, Jr., of St. Paul, is a Policy Representative in the Office of U.S. Senator Norm Coleman. He also serves as a Plumbing Instructor at Anoka Technical College. From 1997 to 2002, VinZant was Assistant General Manager for the Roto-Rooter Services Company. VinZant is responsible for assisting the White House Office of Advance in planning logistics for Presidential visits to the state. He is a member of the Civil Air Patrol and is a U.S. Navy veteran. VinZant also serves as a volunteer translator for trips to Mexican orphanages. He is appointed as a member of the Authority for a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. VinZant replaces Gary Langer on the Authority.

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority assists Minnesota nonprofit institutions of higher education by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. These funds are used to finance construction projects, renovate existing buildings, or purchase equipment. The authority's board is made up of ten members, including eight appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES SUPREME COURT APPLICATION PROCESS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process that he will use to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Minnesota Supreme Court due to the resignation of Associate Justice James H. Gilbert.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and six to 10 references via U.S. Mail to:

John Hultquist, Judicial Appointments Coordinator Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul. MN 55155

Materials may also be sent via email to john.hultquist@state.mn.us or fax to 651-296-0056.

All candidates who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

Governor Pawlenty has designated a seven-member ad hoc screening committee to review résumés and make recommendations to him. The committee members are:

Eric Magnuson, chair, attorney with Rider Bennett
Mary Ellen Domeier, executive officer of the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools
Karen Himle, executive vice president of Children's Hospitals and Clinics
John Hultquist, Governor's judicial appointments coordinator
Karen Janisch, General Counsel to the Governor
Dan McElroy, Governor's chief of staff
Ronald Schutz, attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi

The Minnesota Supreme Court hears appeals from the Court of Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Tax Court; reviews first-degree murder convictions, and legislative election disputes. The Supreme Court consists of seven justices, including one chief justice and six associate justices.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEN. GEN OLSON AND REP. BARB SYKORA TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Senator Gen Olson and State Representative Barb Sykora as members of the Minnesota delegation to the Education Commission of the States.

Gen Olson, of Minnetrista, is State Senator for District 33. She was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1982, and is serving in her seventh term. Sen. Olson is the ranking minority member on the Senate Education Policy Committee and the Senate Education Finance Committee. She received a B.S. in Education and an Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota. Sen. Olson fills the Commission seat formerly held by Sen. Martha Robertson.

Barb Sykora, of Excelsior, is State Representative for District 33B. She was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1994 and is serving in her fifth term. Rep. Sykora is the chair of the House Education Policy Committee and also serves as a member of the House Education Finance Committee. She received a B.A. in Education from the College of St. Catherine. Rep. Sykora fills a vacant seat on the Commission.

The Education Commission of the States is an interstate compact created in 1965 to improve public education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among state policymakers and education leaders. A highly-respected national organization, the Commission is headquartered in Denver, Colorado. The Minnesota delegation consists of seven members, including the Governor himself.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara Chromy, Roberta Cich, Phyllis Coppess, Bryan Jensen, Lois Johnson, Gloria LaFriniere, Karen Larson, Mary Pennington and Ann Zick to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Barbara Chromy, of Austin, is appointed to an advocate position on the Council. She will serve the remainder of a term which ends January 2, 2006. She replaces Hulet Sherry on the Council.

Roberta Cich, Duluth, is appointed to a public member position on the Council. She will serve the remainder of a term which ends January 2, 2006. She replaces Joe Ascheman on the Council.

Phyllis Coppess, of Fridley, is appointed to a Council position for a parent of a child with disabilities. She will serve the remainder of a term which ends January 2, 2006. She is a current member of the Council.

Bryan Jensen, of Duluth, is appointed to an advocate position on the Council. He will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. He is a current member of the Council.

Lois Johnson, of Windom, is appointed to a public member position on the Council. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She is a current member of the Council and currently serves as the Council's chair.

Gloria LaFriniere, of Bagley, is appointed to the Council position for a representative of an American Indian vocational rehabilitation project. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She is a current member of the Council.

Karen Larson, of Faribault, is appointed to a Council position for a parent of a child with disabilities. She will serve a three-year term ending January 1, 2007. She is a current member of the Council.

Mary Pennington, of Hilltop, is appointed to a public member position on the Council. She will serve the remainder of a term which ends January 2, 2006. She is a current member of the Council.

Ann Zick, of Osage, is appointed as an advocate position on the Council. She will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She replaces Janiece Duffy on the Council.

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Meyer and the reappointment of James Molenaar to the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority.

Susan Meyer, of New Prague, is a pork producer and row crop farmer. She is active in the Minnesota Pork Producers and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. Meyer is appointed to an Authority position for a public member and will serve the remainder of a term which ends January 1, 2007. Meyer replaces Les Anderson on the Authority.

James Molenaar, of New London, is the Dean of Mangement at Ridgewater College in Hutchinson/Willmar. He is a former farm business management instructor. He is appointed to an Authority position for a public member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He first joined the Authority in 2000.

The Minnesota Rural Finance Authority offers a variety of loan programs through participating lenders. These loan programs help new farmers purchase agricultural land, expand livestock production, make physical improvements to farm operations, or invest in a Minnesota value-added farmer owned cooperative. The Authority also operates the Aggie Bond program. The Authority is made up of eleven members, including six appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Erickson and Byron Opstad to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board.

Robert Erickson, of Bloomington, previously served as Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations at the University of Minnesota. He also served as Vice President for Corporate Strategic Planning for Super Valu Stores, Inc. Erickson previously served as Member and Vice Chair of the MnSCU Board of Trustees. He is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Erickson served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969. He replaces Thomas Mullon on the Board.

Byron Opstad, of Bloomington, is a Pharmacy Board Surveyor for the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy. He previously served as Chief of the Pharmacy Service for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis. He has also worked in VA hospitals in North Dakota, New Mexico, Illinois, and Michigan. He received the 1995 Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers President's Award. Opstad is appointed to a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Opstad joined the board in 2002.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes. The homes are located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The Homes provide over 900 beds to qualifying veterans and their spouses. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, and up to three ex-officio members. The board's website is www.mvh.state.mn.us.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Betty Johnson and appointment of Kay Dvorak and Betty Johnson to the Board of Pharmacy.

Betty Johnson, of Elbow Lake, has been a pharmacist at Trumm Drug in Elbow Lake since 2002. From 1994 to 2002, she was owner and pharmacist at Johnson Pharmacy in Elbow Lake. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and has been a licensed pharmacist since 1981. She is appointed as a pharmacist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Johnson joined the Board in 2000 and served as Board President in 2003.

Kay Dvorak, of Brooklyn Park, has been an Area Pharmacy Manager for Target Pharmacies since 1999. She has worked as a pharmacist at Target, K-Mart, and the Dvorak Pharmacy. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and has been a licensed pharmacist since 1979. Dvorak is appointed as a pharmacist member of the Board and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Dvorak replaces Charles Cooper on the Board.

The Board of Pharmacy is responsible for licensing and disciplining pharmacists. The board also inspects and licenses all pharmacies, drug wholesalers, and drug manufacturers. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MOORE TO THE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marnie Moore to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.

Moore, of St. Paul, currently serves as Manager of Government Affairs for Cook Hill Girard Associates. She previously served as Corporate Account Manager for the Minnesota Wild NHL Hockey Club. Moore received a B.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a Board position for a public member and will serve a term which ends August 1, 2007. Moore fills the seat formerly held by Jo Anne Ahartz.

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining dietitians and nutritionists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kelli Johnson, James Langland, and Allen Rasmussen to the Board of Medical Practice.

Kelli Johnson, of Minneapolis, is Project Director for the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. From 1995 to 1999, Johnson served as Assistant Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health. She received a B.A. in American Studies from St. Olaf College and a M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas. Johnson is a resident of the fifth Congressional District and is appointed to a Board position for a public member. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Gerald Kaplan on the Board.

James Langland, of Thief River Falls, has been a licensed physician in Minnesota since 1978. He has practiced internal medicine at the Dakota Clinic in Thief River Falls since 1986. Dr. Langland received a B.S. in Biochemistry from the University of Minnesota and a M.D. from the University of California, San Diego. He is board certified in internal medicine, geriatric medicine, and sports medicine. Dr. Langland is appointed to a Board position for a medical doctor who resides in the seventh Congressional District. Dr. Langland will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He fills a vacant seat on the Board.

Allen Rasmussen, of International Falls, served as President of Rainy River Community College from 1993 to 2001. From 2001 to 2002 he served as Acting Superintendent for International Falls Public Schools. Rasmussen received a B.S. in Education from Bemidji State University and a M.A. in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance from the University of Northern Colorado. Rasmussen is a resident of the eighth Congressional District and is appointed to a Board position for a public member. He will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Rasmussen joined the board in 2002.

The Board of Medical Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians as well as the regulation of acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Mary Mackbee and Sanford Nelson, and the appointment of Ramraj Singh to the Board of School Administrators.

Mary Mackbee, of Bloomington, is High School Principal at Central High School in St. Paul. She has been with St. Paul Public Schools since 1966. Mackbee received a B.A. in Education from Xavier University of Louisiana and a M.A. in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to the Board position for a secondary principal and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Mackbee joined the Board in 2001.

Sanford Nelson, of Richwood, is Principal of Rossman and Callaway Elementary in Detroit Lakes. He has been with Detroit Lakes Public Schools since 1990. Nelson received a B.A. in Elementary Education from Gustavus Adolphus College and a M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed to the Board position for an elementary principal and will serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. Nelson joined the Board in 2001.

Ramraj Singh, of Burnsville, is Director of Community Education for Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools. He has been with the district since 1994. Singh received a B.A. in Public Administration from Metropolitan State University and a M.A. in Administration of Community Education from the University of St. Thomas. He is appointed to the Board position for a community education director and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. This is a new board position created in 2003.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for (1) the licensing of school administrators; (2) the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and (3) enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of ten members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the re appointment of John Doan and Evelyn Lee, and the appointment of Jodie Tanaka, Mukhtar Thakur and Yi Li You to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

John Doan, of Columbia Heights, is Fast Lanes Program Director for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He previously served as Assistant to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance. Doan also currently serves as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He received a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a Master of Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Doan is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Vietnamese community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He joined the Council in 2000 and currently serves as the Council's Chair.

Evelyn Lee, of Ramsey, teaches piano at the St. Joseph School of Music in St. Paul. She also serves as Chair of the 2004 Dragon Festival. Lee is Past President and a founding member of the Minnesota Indonesia Society. She also previously served as President of the Indonesian American Society of Minnesota. Lee previously served as Vice Chair of the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from Manhattanville College in Purchase New York and a Master of Music degree from Yale University. Lee is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Indonesian community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She joined the Council in 1998.

Jodie Tanaka, of Greenwood, is the CEO of Tanaka Advertising, Inc. in Minneapolis. She serves on the board of the Metropolitan Economic Development Agency and is a recipient of their 1997 Entrepreneur of the Year award. Tanaka previously served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Minority Supplier Development Council and received their 2000 Supplier of the Year award. She received the 2003 Community Leadership Award from the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. Tanaka is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Japanese community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Masami Suga on the Council.

Mukhtar Thakur, of Oakdale, is Director of the Office of Technical Support for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). He is the co-founder of an Indian music radio program on KFAI. Thakur currently serves as Executive Producer for "Geet Mala," a public television program aimed at the Twin Cities Asian Indian community. Thakur received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University College of Swansea in Wales, UK, and a M.S. in Management of Technology from the University of Minnesota. Thakur is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Asian Indian community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He replaces Cherian Puthiyottil on the Council.

Yi Li You, of Lakeville, serves as Executive Director of the Twin Cities Chinese Counseling Center. She also serves as a medical and court interpreter. You previous worked in the mental health/social work field at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, the Metropolitan Community Mental Health Center in St. Paul, and the Colonial Place Nursing Home in Minneapolis. She received a B.A. from the Tainjin Foreign Languages Institute in the Peoples Republic of China and a B.S. in Social Work from Minnesota State University—Mankato. She is appointed to the Council as a representative of the Chinese community and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Jennie Hsiao on the Council.

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans advises the Governor and Legislature on issues pertaining to Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. The Council also advocates on issues of importance to the Asian-Pacific community in Minnesota. The Council is made up of 23 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FLOERKE TO SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shaun R. Floerke to a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Carol M. Person on February 29, 2004.

Floerke is a senior assistant attorney in the civil division of the St. Louis County Attorney's office in Duluth. He has worked in the St. Louis County Attorney's office since 1997. From 1996 to 1997 Floerke was an associate attorney with the law firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick in Duluth. He was a lead prosecutor with the Steele County Attorney's office in Owatonna as well as an attorney and partner in the Owatonna law firm of Ruth, Schreiner, Long and Floerke from 1992 to 1996. Floerke earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors and distinction from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1988.

"Shaun has a unique practice in the civil division of the St. Louis County Attorney's office, but his background also includes work in civil litigation and in criminal prosecution," Governor Pawlenty said. "St. Louis County Attorney Alan Mitchell describes Shaun as having 'comprehension of the law, organizational skills, work ethic, legal abilities, and integrity'. These are some of the qualities that will make him an outstanding district court judge."

Floerke is a member of the Eleventh District Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he serves as a judge with the mock trial program. He is also an active member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, through which he has lectured on ethics and the elimination of bias, conflict of interest, and data management and published *DWI Forfeitures in Minnesota* and *County Attorney's Statutory Duties*. Floerke is also a youth leader with Duluth Harvester Church and a volunteer with Youth Alive, Inc.

Floerke, 39, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, grew up in Platteville, Wisconsin and resides in Duluth with his wife, Sara, and their five children, Merit, 9, Connor, 7, Cole, 5, Curran, 3, and Mercedes, 7 months.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOWMAN TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Casey Ladd-Bowman to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Bowman, of Duluth, has 30 years of experience as a social worker in clinical practice settings. Since 2001, she has been a Consultant and Strong Family Program Supervisor at the Human Development Center in Duluth. From 2000-2001, she was a Consultant for North Homes, Inc. in Grand Rapids. From 1996-2000, Bowman served as Assistant Professor and Director of the Social Work Program at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

Bowman has been a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) since 1989. She received a B.S.W. from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul and a M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota. Bowman is appointed to a Board position for a social worker in a private clinical setting. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Bowman replaces Steven Sawyer on the Board.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO THE MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael Carroll, Bruce Cox, Kathleen Preece, James Sanders, John Stauber, Robert Stine, and Paige Winebarger to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Michael Carroll is the Minnesota State Forester. He also serves as Director of the DNR Division of Forestry. Carroll is appointed to the Council position for a representative of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Carroll joined the Council in 2003.

Bruce Cox, of Bagley, is the Clearwater County Land Commissioner. He is Vice Chair of the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners. Cox is appointed to the Council position for a county land commissioner and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Cox replaces Norm Moody on the Council.

Kathleen Preece, of Bemidji, is the owner of 10 acres and manages 200 acres of forest land. She is the editor and publisher of BetterFORESTS magazine. Preece is appointed to the Council position for an owner of non-industrial private forest land and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Preece replaces Wayne Hammer on the Council.

James Sanders, of Duluth, is Forest Supervisor of the Superior National Forest, a three million acre forest. He is a 31 year veteran of the USDA Forest Service. Sanders is appointed to the Council position for a representative of the USDA Forest Service and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Sanders joined the Council in 1998.

John Stauber, of Duluth, is the President of Innovative Pine Technology, Inc. He also serves as Sales Manager for Lake States Lumber, Inc. Stauber is appointed to the Council position for a representative of a secondary wood products manufacturer and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Stauber replaces Roger Scherer on the Council.

Robert Stine, of Carlton, is Associate Dean of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota. He also serves as Coordinator of the Cloquet Forestry Center. Stine is appointed to the Council position for a representative of a research or higher education institution and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He joined the Council in 2002.

Paige Winebarger, of Bloomington, Chairs the Board of The Nature Conservancy. She is a member of the Audubon Society and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Winebarger is appointed to a Council position for a representative of an environmental organization and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Janet Green on the Council.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Duane Benson, David Olson, Thomas Renier, and Christopher Schultz to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU).

"Each of these individuals proven records as change agents and the MnSCU system will benefit from their leadership," said Governor Pawlenty. "An effective MnSCU is a key to Minnesota's continued success and economic growth. These appointees understand the benefits of a strong partnership between higher education and the private sector."

Duane Benson, of Lanesboro, was Executive Director of the Minnesota Business Partnership from 1994 to 2003. He served in the Minnesota Senate from 1980 to 1994, including serving as Senate Minority Leader. Benson graduated with honors from Hamline University. He was drafted into the NFL and played eleven seasons as a linebacker for the Oakland Raiders, Atlanta Falcons, and Houston Oilers. He continues to own and operate a cattle farm outside of Lanesboro and is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations. A resident of the first Congressional District, Benson is appointed to an at-large seat on the Board. He will serve a six-year term which ends June 30, 2010. Benson replaces Daniel Coborn on the Board.

David Olson, of Minnetonka, is President of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. He serves as Chair of the Board of Regents of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management. Olson previously served as Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Council. Olson received a B.A. in Political Science and Urban Studies from St. Olaf College in Northfield. He received a M.S. in Urban and Regional Affairs from Minnesota State University—Mankato. A resident of the third Congressional District, Olson is appointed to an at-large seat on the Board. He will serve a six-year term which ends June 30, 2010. Olson replaces Andrew Boss on the Board.

Thomas Renier, of Duluth, is President of the Northland Foundation. He serves on numerous boards of directors, including on the Center for Rural Policy and Development, the National Community Capital Association, and the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Renier also serves on the Board of Advisors of the University of Minnesota—Duluth (UMD) School of Business and Economics. He received a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Political Science from UMD. Renier is appointed to the Board seat for a resident of the eighth Congressional District. He will serve a six-year term which ends June 30, 2010. Renier replaces Jim Luoma on the Board.

Christopher Schultz, of Plymouth, received an A.A. degree with high honors from Normandale Community College in May 2004. This fall he will be continuing his studies at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. While at Normandale, Schultz served as Treasurer of the Student Senate. He is appointed to the Board seat for a Community College Student. Schultz will serve a two-year term which ends June 30, 2006. He replaces Shaun Williams on the Board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) System is comprised of 6 community colleges, 9 technical colleges, 12 combined community and technical colleges and 7 state universities. The system is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The Board has broad policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and policies and procedures.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sen. Leo Foley, Debra Appleby, Mona Carter, Theresa Carufel, William Conley, Kristin Flaten, Harriett Haynes, Kate Onyeneho, Wendy Rea, Patricia Siebert, Linda Skime, Eileen Stack, Paula Swanson, Lyle Torguson, and Ericka Tyler-Benson to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Sen. Leo Foley, DFL, of Coon Rapids, represents all of Champlin and portions of Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids in the Minnesota State Senate. He also serves as an Assistant Anoka County Attorney. Foley is appointed to the Council position for a State Senator and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He is a current member of the Council.

Debra Appleby, of Center City, is Admissions Social Worker at the Margaret Parmly Residence, a long-term care facility. She is a licensed social worker. Appleby is appointed to a Council position for a family member of a person with mental illness. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Appleby replaces Frank Schiefelbein on the Council.

Mona Carter, of Bemidji, is a Real Estate Sales Agent for WHY USA Northern Exposure Realty. She also serves as a member of the Bemidji School Board. Carter is appointed to a Council position for a parent of a child with mental illness. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 1, 2007. Carter replaces Lisa Lopez on the Council.

Theresa Carufel, of Minneapolis, serves as Community Coordinator for Tasks Unlimited. She also serves as is a Docent at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts. Carufel is appointed to a Council position for a family member of a person with mental illness. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Carufel replaces Cynthia Hart on the Council.

William Conley, of St. Paul, is a public policy consultant and lobbyist for the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. He is appointed to the Council position for a representative of the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. Conley will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He is a current member of the Council.

Kristin Flaten, of St. Paul, is an advocate for persons with mental illness. She also serves as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council. Flaten is appointed to a Council position for a consumer member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She is a current member of the Council and currently serves as the Council's Chair.

Harriett Haynes, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist. She currently serves as Director of University Counseling & Consulting Services, which is located at the University of Minnesota. Haynes is appointed to the Council position for a psychologist and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Joseph Lee on the Council.

Kate Onyeneho, Ph.D., of Burnsville, is Parent-To-Parent Coordinator at African Immigrant Families, Inc. She also works as a special education consultant. Onyeneho is appointed to the Council position for a parent of a child with mental illness. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Onyeneho replaces Sandy Holmstoen on the Council.

Wendy Rea, of Foley, is a Coordinator at the St. Cloud Area Resource Center of the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota. She is appointed to a Council position for a consumer member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Rea replaces Thomas Segal on the Council.

Patricia Siebert, of Minneapolis, is Staff Attorney and Managing Attorney for the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She is appointed to the Council position for a representative of the Minnesota Disability Law Center. Siebert will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Kathy Kosnoff on the Council.

Linda Skime, of International Falls, is Volunteer Coordinator and President of the Hardwig House. She is a former Teachers Aid for International Falls Public Schools. Skime is appointed to a Council position for a consumer member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 1, 2007. She replaces Virgil Kluesner on the Council.

Eileen Stack, of St. Paul, is a registered nurse. She currently serves as First Vice President of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—Minnesota (NAMI-MN). Stack is appointed to the Council position for a representative of NAMI-MN and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Marilyn Carver on the Council.

Paula Swanson, of Marshall, is active in the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network. She previously served as an elementary teacher for Marshall Public Schools. Swanson is appointed to a Council position for a consumer member and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Laurie Lillion on the Council.

Lyle Torguson, M.D., of Winona, practices family practice medicine at Winona Clinic Physicians. He is a board certified family practice physician. Torguson is appointed to the Council position for a family practice physician and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. He is a current member of the Council.

Ericka Tyler-Benson, of Gully, is a registered nurse in the emergency room at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji. She also coordinates suicide prevention awareness for the People Connection, Inc. Tyler-Benson is appointed to the Council position for a nurse and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Susan Swendsen.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, the Legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council also educates the public about mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members, including 25 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KRINKIE TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Krinnkie to the Metropolitan Council. Krinkie will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marcel Eibensteiner in District 10, which includes the Anoka County cities of Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington, and the Ramsey County cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and Shoreview, and the portion of Spring Lake Park that lies in Ramsey County.

Krinkie is vice president of government relations for the Minnesota Hospital Association in St. Paul, a position she has held since 2001. She worked in government relations for the law firm of Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen in Minneapolis from 1991 to 2001, was a communications and media assistant for the Minnesota State Senate from 1987 to 1990 and was state coordinator for the working partners division of the Republican National Committee in Washington, DC from 1982 to 1987. Krinkie earned her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1982.

"I am grateful to Governor Pawlenty for the opportunity to serve the people of District 10 and the region," Krinkie said. "I support the work of the Met Council and Chairman Peter Bell's leadership."

Krinkie, (age), lives in Shoreview with her husband, Phil, and their daughter, Elizabeth (age).

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Richard J. Ahles on September 14, 2004. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for Stearns County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **August 11**, **2004**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO LOTTERY TASK FORCE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Choate and Craig Shaver to the Lottery Organization Task Force.

Choate, of Minnetonka, owns and operates seven McDonald's restaurants in the metropolitan area with her husband and serves as secretary/treasurer for the business. She is also a former member and chair of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees.

Shaver, of Wayzata, is a senior vice president of investments with Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis and served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

The Lottery Organization Task Force was created by the 2004 Legislature under Chapter 233 to study and make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor regarding the future organization and profitability of the State Lottery. The Task Force consists of nine members including two appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TOM PUGH TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas W. Pugh to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Pugh will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gregory Scott to complete a six-year term that expires on January 3, 2005.

Pugh is an attorney and partner with the South St. Paul law firm of Thuet, Pugh, Rogosheske, & Atkins. He has been with the firm and its predecessors since 1976. Pugh is also serving his eighth term as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1988 and was House Minority Leader from 1999 through 2002. Pugh earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1976 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1971.

"I have known Tom both personally and professionally for a long time," Governor Pawlenty said. "He has the intellect, integrity and professional background for this critically-important position that impacts every Minnesotan's life."

"I appreciate the Governor's confidence in my ability to serve the people of Minnesota," Pugh said. "I look forward to the challenge of meeting the state's need for energy and other public utilities while protecting the rights of consumers and the quality of our environment."

Pugh, 54, lives in South St. Paul with his wife, Susan. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.

Representative Pugh's start date at the PUC will be September 1, 2004.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GASTON TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Paul Gaston to the Housing Finance Agency Board. Gaston is appointed to a new public member position for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Gaston, of Vadnais Heights, is a partner and manager of E.D.S., Inc. and a member of the Vadnais Heights City Council. He was a member and chair of the Vadnais Heights Planning Commission and Ramsey Action Programs. Gaston also served on the Vadnais Heights Land-Use Advisory Council, and was a member of the Metropolitan Council Minority Issues Advisory Council.

The Housing Finance Agency provides housing for low and moderate-income persons. The agency consists of seven members, including six public members appointed by the Governor.

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced four finalists for a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Elk River in Sherburne County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Mary E. Carlson on June 13, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this position from Washington County to Sherburne County. The finalists are Kim Brandell, Sean C. Gibbs, Thomas N. Price and Mary Yunker.

Brandell, of Elk River, has been the owner of the Brandell Law Office and Mediation Center in Elk River since 2001. He was an attorney and partner with the Elk River law firm of Terpstra, Black and Brandell from 1989 to 2001, an assistant Sherburne County attorney from 1983 through 1988 and an associate attorney with the Anoka law firm of Dorn and Berglund from 1981 to 1983. Brandell earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota in 1981, his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977 and his associate of arts degree from North Hennepin Community College in 1975.

Gibbs, of Andover, works in the criminal division of the Anoka County attorney's office. He has been an assistant Anoka County attorney since 1995. Gibbs was an assistant Coon Rapids city attorney from 1994 to 1995 and an associate attorney with the St. Paul law firm of O'Neill, Burke, O'Neill, Leonard and O'Brien from 1992 to 1993. Gibbs earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1989.

Price, of Elk River, is an assistant Sherburne County attorney. He has also served as chief deputy and first assistant county attorney, and has worked in the Sherburne County attorney's office since 1978. Price was also an attorney with the MacGibbon-Danforth Law Firm in Elk River from 1980 to 1984, a Wright and Sherburne County misdemeanor prosecutor from 1978 to 1979, and has served as a special appointed prosecutor for Anoka, Benton, Stearns and Wright counties. Price earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1977 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

Yunker, of St. Cloud, is the chief deputy Sherburne County attorney, a position she has held since 2003. She was an assistant Stearns County attorney, where she served as chief of the criminal division, from 1986 to 2003, assistant Scott County attorney in 1985, assistant Mankato city attorney from 1984 to 1985, a law clerk in the Ninth Judicial District in Brainerd from 1982 to 1984, and a staff attorney with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, DC from 1980 to 1982. Yunker earned her juris doctorate degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois in 1980 and her bachelor of applied studies from the University of Minnesota in 1977.

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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WINDEL TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Windel to the Board of School Administrators.

Windel, of Hutchinson, has been Superintendent of Hutchinson Public Schools since 1996. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Havre, Montana from 1986 to 1996. Windel's 38 year career in public education also includes serving as a school administrator or teacher in West Fargo, North Dakota, and in Lake Park, Burnsville, Shakopee, Duluth, and Prior Lake, Minnesota.

Windel received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Concordia College in Moorhead, a M.S. in Educational Administration from Minnesota State University-Mankato, an Educational Specialist degree from Tri-College University in Moorhead, and a Ed.D. from Montana State University in Bozeman.

Windel is appointed to the Board position for a superintendent and will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. He replaces Eric Bartleson on the Board.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for (1) the licensing of school administrators; (2) the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and (3) enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of ten members appointed by the Governor.

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July 27, 2004

#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LIKE TO THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment Jeffrey Like to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Jeffrey Like was born and raised on a family farm in Murray County, near Slayton, Minnesota. He is a 1978 graduate of Slayton High School. In 1980, Like received an associate degree in ag business from Willmar Technical College. From 1980 to 1981, he served as an agronomy manager in Adams, Wisconsin. In 1981, Like returned to Murray County to accept the position as Agronomy Division Manager for the Chandler Coop. He has held this position for the past 23 years.

Like and his wife Stacy reside in Slayton. They are the parents of three children. Like is appointed to the Board position for a representative of agricultural chemical retailers and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. He replaces Roger Strand on the Board.

The Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board provides reimbursement for the clean-up cost of pesticide and fertilizer spills. Reimbursement funds come from the Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account (ACRRA). The board is made up of five members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donna Ruhland, Robert Salmonson and Susan Schaefer to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners. They are appointed to three new cosmetologist positions that were added to the Board of Barber Examiners by the 2004 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2004, Chapter 269).

Ruhland, of Robbinsdale, owns and operates part of Crossings Skyway Barbers in Minneapolis. She has 22 years of experience and is a member of the National Cosmetology Association of Minnesota. Ruhland is appointed to a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Salmonson and his wife, of Rice, have been the owners and operators of Roffler Family Hair Center in Sauk Rapids since 1979. He has 34 years of experience, has been a member of the National Cosmetology Association of Minnesota since 1985 and has served as the treasurer of the organization's St. Cloud Chapter since 1994. Salmonson is appointed to a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Schaefer, of New Brighton, is the education manager for Regency Beauty Institute in Blaine. Previously, she owned The Hair Oasis salon and was the manager of First Barber Stylist and has been a licensed cosmetologist since 1978. Schaefer is appointed to a term that expires on January 2, 2006.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tamara G. Garcia, William B. Goede, and Shirleen Hoffman to the Gambling Control Board.

Garcia, of Eden Prairie, is an attorney who practices in the area of workers' compensation defense. She is also a hearing examiner for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux, and a member of the board of directors of the State Fund Mutual Insurance Company. Garcia replaces James Hynes for a four-year term that expires on June 30, 2008.

Goede, of Plainview, is a field operations supervisor with Sprint Telecommunications. A veteran of the United States Army, Goede was the state commander of the American Legion from 2001 – 2002, is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and past president of the Plainview Lions Club. Goede replaces William Barbknecht for a four-year term that expires on June 30, 2008.

Hoffman, of Delano, is the director of safety and security at Hamline University in St. Paul and a security representative for the Minnesota Lynx Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Team. She was also a police officer with the Minneapolis Police Department for 24 years, retiring in 2000 with the rank of Lieutenant. Hoffman replaces Donald McHale to complete a four-year term that expires on June 30, 2006.

The Gambling Control Board issues, suspends and revokes licenses of organizations, bingo halls, distributors and manufacturers of gambling equipment, registers gambling equipment, collects license fees and inspects records, conducts hearings to insure integrity of operations and compliance with all applicable laws and rules. The Gambling Control Board consists of seven members, including five appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KAIMAY TERRY TO THE BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kaimay Yuen Terry to the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Terry, of Edina, is the founder and owner of VideoMed, Inc., which produces health education videos for physicians and health care facilities nationwide. She is a previous president of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM). Terry currently serves as Chair of CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. She also serves on the St. Paul Cultural Star Board and previously served on the Walker Art Center Community Advisory Council.

Terry received a B.A. from Oberlin College, a M.A. in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a M.P.H. from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. She is married to Joseph Terry, M.D. They are the parents of an adult daughter, Amanda.

Terry is appointed to a Board position for a resident of the third Congressional District. She will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Terry fills the board position formerly held by Patricia Anderson.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center includes the Arts High School, which is a tuition-free public high school for 310 students in grades 11 and 12. The Center also conducts research into arts education and acts as a resource for schools, teachers, students, and artists. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

#### NEWS RELEASE

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August 16, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LINSCHEID TO COASTAL COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the Jim Linscheid to the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program (Coastal Council).

Linscheid retired in 1995 after over 30 years of service to the Lake Superior School District. He worked as a fifth grade teacher at MacDonald Elementary in Silver Bay. Linscheid currently serves as a member of the Lake County Planning Commission, the Lake County Board of Adjustment, and the Lake County Water Plan Advisory Committee. He received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Minnesota State University-Mankato. A resident of Lake County since 1961, Jim and his wife Jacquelynn currently reside in Silver Bay.

Linscheid is appointed to a Coastal Council seat for a resident of Lake County. The Lake County Board of Commissioners previously endorsed Linscheid's appointment to the Coastal Council. He will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Linscheid fills the seat formerly held by Grace Louise Thureen.

The Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program (the Coastal Council) was created by executive order in 1999. The Council provides Lake Superior area residents influence in the administration of Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program. This includes providing grant funding recommendations to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Council consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, including at least three members from each of the four counties within the coastal zone (Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties).

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Elise Knopf and the appointment of Timothy Jaech to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH).

Elise Knopf, of Minneapolis, is Program Coordinator at the Minnesota Employment Center for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, a non-profit agency. She previously served as Interim Division Director and Refugee Case Management Coordinator at CSD of Minnesota. Knopf also served as a Case Manager for the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Knopf received a B.A. in History and Women's Studies from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. She also received a M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. Knopf is appointed to an at-large seat on the Commission and will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. Knopf was first appointed to the MCDHH in 2003.

Timothy Jaech, of Faribault, previously served as a School Administration Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. He retired from this position in June 2003. From 1992 to 1996, Jaech served as the Superintendent for the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan, Wisconsin. He also twice served as a Principal at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, California.

Jaech received a B.S. in Education for the Deaf from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. He also received a M.A. in Administration and Supervision in Education from California State University, Northridge. Jaech is appointed to the Commission seat for a representative of the Southeast Advisory Council and will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. He fills the seat formerly held by Doug Marquardt.

The Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH) serves as the principal state agency advocating on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans and working to ensure they have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others. The Commission is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

#### NEWS RELEASE

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August 20, 2004

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TOLLIVER TO THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of LuAnn Tolliver to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

Tolliver, of Minnetonka, is an Analyst/Programmer Senior Specialist at the Nash Finch Company. Since 1991, she has been a member of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board. She currently serves as Chair of her watershed district board. Tolliver is appointed to a Board position for a representative of a watershed district or watershed management organization. She will serve a four-year term ending January 7, 2008. Tolliver replaces Jack Frost on the Board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced three finalists for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship. The finalists are Diane Alshouse, Elizabeth Cutter and Elena Ostby.

Alshouse, of Roseville, is a managing attorney in the Ramsey County Public Defender's office in St. Paul. She has been an assistant Ramsey County public defender since 1985, except from 1997 to 1998, when she was an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office in Minneapolis. Alshouse earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1970.

Cutter, of St. Paul, is an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1988. She was a special assistant attorney general in the Minnesota Attorney General's office from 1980 through 1987. Cutter earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, her master of arts (1992), and bachelor of elective studies (1974) degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Ostby, of Roseville, has been an attorney in private practice in Roseville since 2001. She was an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Briggs and Morgan in St. Paul from 1986 to 2001. Ostby earned her juris doctorate degree (1986) and her bachelor of arts degree (1983) from the University of Minnesota.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS YUNKER TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Yunker to a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Elk River in Sherburne County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Mary E. Carlson on June 13, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this position from Washington County to Sherburne County.

Yunker is the chief deputy Sherburne County attorney, a position she has held since 2003. She was an assistant Stearns County attorney, where she served as chief of the criminal division, from 1986 to 2003, assistant Scott County attorney in 1985, assistant Mankato city attorney from 1984 to 1985, a law clerk in the Ninth Judicial District in Brainerd from 1982 to 1984, and a staff attorney with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, DC from 1980 to 1982. Yunker earned her juris doctorate degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois in 1980 and her bachelor of applied studies from the University of Minnesota in 1977.

"Mary is a tremendously accomplished and experienced trial attorney. Her cases have run the gamut from complex felony criminal cases, to child protection to civil regulatory matters on land use and zoning," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, she has developed her administrative skills through the leadership positions she has held in the Stearns and Sherburne County attorney offices."

Yunker teaches business law classes at Rasmussen Business College in St. Cloud, was an adjunct faculty in the criminal justice department at Minnesota State University, St. Cloud and has served as a faculty member of the James E. Preece Trial Advocacy School in Bemidji. She is a member of the National District Attorneys Association, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, John E. Simonett Inn of Court, and is a past president of the Stearns/Benton County Bar Association.

Yunker, 49, was born in Omaha, Nebraska and resides in St. Cloud.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS OSTBY TO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Elena L. Ostby to a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred with the Supreme Court's conversion of a vacant referee position into a district court judgeship.

Ostby has been an attorney in private practice in Roseville since 2001. She was an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Briggs and Morgan in St. Paul from 1986 to 2001. Ostby earned her juris doctorate degree (1986) and her bachelor of arts degree (1983) from the University of Minnesota.

"Elena has the intellectual ability to sort through difficult issues. She handled a variety of complex cases while at Briggs and Morgan," Governor Pawlenty said. "She will also help bring Ramsey County's diverse communities together in new and creative ways to aid in the administration of justice."

Ostby is a member of the Supreme Court's Public Trust and Confidence Committee and Implementation Committee on Multicultural Diversity and Racial Fairness. She is also co-chair of the Ramsey County Bar Association Diversity Committee and serves on the Minnesota State Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

Ostby, 45, was born in Princeton and resides in Roseville.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS G. BARRY ANDERSON TO SUPREME COURT

~ Anderson brings experience, intellect and collegiality ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge G. Barry Anderson to fill an Associate Justice vacancy on the Minnesota Supreme Court. The vacancy occurred with the resignation of Associate Justice James H. Gilbert on August 9, 2004.

"Judge Anderson has distinguished himself on the Court of Appeals," said Governor Tim Pawlenty. "He is a collegial, thoughtful and fair judge who is passionate about achieving justice while using common sense. He's had a distinguished legal career, but he also has a folksy, down-to-earth style that reflects his rural roots."

Anderson has been a judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals since 1998. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Arnold, Anderson and Dove in Hutchinson from 1983 to 1998 where he chaired the litigation department and had a general civil practice with an emphasis in personal injury litigation, both plaintiff and defense. He was also the Hutchinson City Attorney from 1987 to 1998. Anderson was an associate attorney with the law firm of Erickson, Zierke, Kuderer, Myster and Madsen in Fairmont from 1979 to 1983, practicing in both civil and criminal law, and was a law clerk for the LeVander, Zimpfer law firm in Minneapolis from 1977 through 1978. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1976.

Anderson is as a member of the Warren E. Burger Inn of Court and has served as a member of the Minnesota Academy of Certified Civil Trial Specialists, American Arbitration Association of Minnesota No Fault Arbitration Panel, volunteer attorney panel of the Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, the Supreme Court's Uniform Local Rules Task Force, Minnesota State Bar Association's Board of Governors, Court Rules Committee, Judicial Elections Task Force and Task Force on Multi-Disciplinary Practice. He is past president of the Eighth District as well as the Martin County Bar Association.

Anderson's current community activities include serving as president of Hutchinson Community Video Network, a cable-television public access programming non-profit organization, writing a book review column for the Hutchinson Leader newspaper, serving as a member and President of the Hutchinson Rotary Club where he co-chaired their STRIVE scholarship program, and serving on the Minnesota Valley YMCA Board of Directors in Burnsville. He was a member of the Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce and Hutchinson Community Foundation Boards of Directors. Anderson was also a member and chair of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville and Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson where he was an adult forum leader Sunday school instructor and volunteer attorney.

Anderson, 49, was born in Mankato and resides in Apple Valley with his wife, Louise, and their three children.

The Minnesota Supreme Court hears appeals from the Court of Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Tax Court; reviews first-degree murder convictions, and legislative election disputes. The Supreme Court consists of seven justices, including one chief justice and six associate justices.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced three finalists for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Richard J. Ahles on September 14, 2004. The finalists are Kris H. Davick-Halfen, Thomas A. Janson, and Sarah J. Shella-Stevens.

Davick-Halfen, of Long Prairie, has been a Seventh Judicial District child support magistrate (formerly known as a contract administrative law judge) since 1998. She is also a self-employed mediator, guardian ad litem and an independent hearing officer. Davick-Halfen was an assistant Morrison County attorney in Little Falls from 1989 through 1997, a part-time assistant Wadena County attorney and a private practitioner in Wadena from 1986 to 1989 and an attorney with the law firm of Peltoniemi, Johnson and Majors in Wadena from 1985 to 1986. Davick-Halfen earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks in 1985 and her bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1981.

Janson, of St. Cloud, is an attorney, partner and owner of the Schmitt and Janson Law Office in St. Cloud, a position he has held since 1986. He was an associate attorney with the firm from 1983 to 1986. Janson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983 and his bachelor of arts degree from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1974.

Shella-Stevens, of St. Cloud, is the managing attorney for Central Minnesota Legal Services in St. Cloud, a position she has held since 1999. She was a staff attorney for St. Cloud Area Legal Services from 1990 to 1999 and a litigation manual writer for the Minnesota Disability Law Center in Minneapolis in 1989. Shella-Stevens earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1986.

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### NEWS RELEASE

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September 22, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TROOLIN TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara Troolin to the Board of School Administrators.

Barbara Troolin, of Stillwater, is the Director of Special Services at South Washington County Public Schools. She has eleven years of experience as a director of special education. Troolin received a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of Minnesota, a M.S. and Ed.S. in Special Education Administration from St. Cloud State University, and a B.S. in French from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She is appointed to the Board position for a special education director and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Troolin replaces Daniel Sullivan on the Board.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for (1) the licensing of school administrators; (2) the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and (3) enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of ten members appointed by the Governor.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE COUNCIL ON THE AFFAIRS OF CHICANO/LATINO PEOPLE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Louis D. Gonzales, Alexandra S. Nelson, and Edgardo E. Rodriguez to the Council on the Affairs of Chicano/Latino People.

Louis D. Gonzales, Ph.D., of Minnetonka, currently serves as President of the Center for Training and Careers, an English immersion alternative school located in Richfield and Minneapolis. He previously served as Assistant Superintendent and Alternative Education Director for the San Jose (California) School District. He was born and raised in California of Mexican parents. Gonzales is appointed to at at-large position on the Council and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Gonzales replaces Osvaldo Raimondo-Franco on the Council.

Alexandra S. Nelson, of Mendota Heights, currently serves as a Senior Loan Officer for Centennial Mortgage & Funding, Inc. in Mendota Heights. She previously worked as a Loan Officer, Private Banker, and Personal Banker at Wells Fargo in West St. Paul. Nelson was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. She is appointed to the Council position for a resident of the fourth Congressional District and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Nelson replaces Xavier Escobedo on the Council.

Edgardo E. Rodriguez, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a business consultant at the Metropolitan Economic Development Association and as Treasurer of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as President of the Venezuelan Food Division of International Multifoods Corporation. Rodriguez was born and raised in Puerto Rico. He is appointed to the Council position for a resident of the fifth Congressional District and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. Rodriguez replaces Oliver Zaragoza on the Council.

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The Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People advises the Governor and Legislature on the issues of importance to Minnesota's Hispanic community. The Council also serves as a liaison between the Hispanic community and local, state and federal government. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor, as well as two members each from the State Senate and State House of Representatives.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELLIS TO THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lawrence A. Ellis to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League. He will serve a four-year term which ends July 31, 2008. Ellis will fill the seat formerly held by Darrell Thompson.

Ellis, of Fridley, currently serves as the Purchasing Charge Card Program Manager at Medtronic in Fridley. Prior to joining Medtronic in 1993, he was a Product Development Manager at Northwest Airlines.

Ellis currently serves on the governing board of Totino Grace High School in Fridley. He previously served as a junior varsity basketball coach at the University of Minnesota under Coach Jim Dutcher.

Ellis received a B.S. in Packaging Technology from Michigan State University where he was a member of the basketball team. He is a graduate of St. Martin de Porres High School in Detroit where he was all-state and all-city in track and field. He is married to Dana and is the father of Jade, a freshman at Duke University.

The Minnesota State High School League is a voluntary, nonprofit association of over 400 public and private schools. Member schools provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Minnesota high school students to participate in athletics and fine arts competitions each year. The League administers the state tournaments for athletics, speech, music and dramatics.

The League provides support for member schools with programs that address sportsmanship, chemical health, and scholarship recognition. The League also oversees more than 4,500 registered contest officials and judges. The Board of Directors for the League consists of 20 members, including four appointed by the Governor.



### NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DIETZEN TO COURT OF APPEALS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christopher J. Dietzen to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Dietzen will replace the Honorable G. Barry Anderson, whom Governor Pawlenty appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court last month, as an at-large judge on the Court of Appeals.

"Chris will be an effective judge on the Court of Appeals because he is smart, fair, and wise. He is also a person of outstanding character with a great commitment to achieving justice," said Governor Pawlenty.

Dietzen is a shareholder with the Larkin, Hoffman, Daly and Lindgren law firm in Bloomington. He is currently its senior litigator in the Real Estate Litigation Practice Group, chair of the Contingency Committee and is a Profit Sharing Trustee. He also served on the firm's Board of Directors from 1995 to 2002. Prior to joining the Larkin Hoffman firm in 1978, Dietzen was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Richter, Wimberley and Ericson in Spokane, Washington from 1973 to 1978. Dietzen earned his juris doctorate degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane in 1973 and his bachelor of business administration from Gonzaga University in 1969.

Dietzen is certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association as a Civil Trial Specialist has been certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a Civil Trial Advocate. Dietzen is a member of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Commission on Judicial Selection, the Supreme Court-appointed Advisory Committee to Review the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Rules of the Board on Judicial Standards, and the Minnesota State and Hennepin County Bar Associations, where he serves on a number of bar committees.

Dietzen, 57, was born in Yakima, Washington and resides in Bloomington with his wife, Peggy. They have four adult children and four grandchildren.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DAVICK-HALFEN TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kris Davick-Halfen to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of St. Cloud in Stearns County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Richard J. Ahles on September 14, 2004. Fourteen people applied for this position.

Davick-Halfen has been a Seventh Judicial District child support magistrate (formerly known as a contract administrative law judge) since 1998. She is also a self-employed mediator, guardian ad litem and an independent hearing officer. Davick-Halfen was an assistant Morrison County attorney in Little Falls from 1989 through 1997, a part-time assistant Wadena County attorney and a private practitioner in Wadena from 1986 to 1989 and an attorney with the law firm of Peltoniemi, Johnson and Majors in Wadena from 1985 to 1986. Davick-Halfen earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks in 1985 and her bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1981.

"The work that Kris has done as a magistrate, mediator, and successful attorney has prepared her well for the bench," Governor Pawlenty said. "She has significant experience handling and deciding a broad range of cases," he said.

Davick-Halfen is a member of the Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council, the Minnesota State Bar Association and was a member of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association where she served on the juvenile committee. She is active in American Lutheran Church of Long Prairie, serving as president of the church council and as a Sunday school teacher. She is also a board member and former chair of the Hands of Hope Resource Center, a member of the Long Prairie Rotary, the Long Prairie Hockey Association and is a cheerleading coach for the Long Prairie/Grey Eagle schools.

Davick-Halfen, 44, was born in Fosston and resides in Long Prairie, with her husband, John. They have six children, Greg Halfen, 29, Mike Halfen, 27, Tamara Hagan, 25, Kara Davick, 19, Larson Davick, 16, and J. P. Halfen, 13, and one granddaughter, Kenna, 4 months.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joyce Daugaard, Douglas DeWitt, Robert Duncan, Nadine Jacobson, and Timothy Jaech to the Board of the Minnesota State Academies.

Joyce Daugaard, of Edina, currently works at the University of Minnesota where she is active in the training of future teachers of deaf and hard of hearing students. Prior to joining the University in 1997, she served for twelve years as the Coordinator of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program for the Minnesotas Public Schools. From 1977 to 1984, Daugaard served as a teacher at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) in Faribault.

Ms. Daugaard received a B.S. in Education, Speech Communication, and English from the University of South Dakota, and a M.S. in Deaf Education from the University of Oklahoma. She is appointed to a Board position for a member of the general public with business, administrative, or financial expertise. Daugaard will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. She replaces Dale O'Brien on the Board.

Douglas DeWitt, of Nevis, currently serves as the Superintendent of Nevis Public Schools. He previously served as the Principal of Burnsville High School, and as the Principal for Alternative Education in the San Bernardino County (California) Superintendent of School's Office. DeWitt also previously served as a fixed term assistant professor at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Bethel University.

Dr. DeWitt received a B.A. in History and a M.A. in Education from the University of Redlands in Redlands, California. He also received a Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. DeWitt is appointed to the Board position for a current or former superintendent of an independent school district. He will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. DeWitt replaces Richard Berge on the Board.

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Robert Duncan, of New Brighton, currently serves as the Superintendent of St. Anthony-New Brighton Public Schools. He previously served as the Superintendent of Schools for three other Minnesota school districts: Fergus Falls, Thief River Falls, and Mountain Iron-Buhl. He also served as Assistant Superintendent for a cooperative of eight rural school districts in southeast Minnesota. In this capacity he served as the director of special education for all eight districts.

Dr. Duncan received a B.S. in Education from Moorhead State University, a M.A. in Education Administration from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and a Ed.D. in Education Administration from the University of North Dakota. He is reappointed to the Board position for a current or former special education director. Duncan will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He was first appointed to the Board in 2000 and currently serves as the Board's chair.

Nadine Jacobson, of Edina, is a homemaker and mother. She previously served as a Braille Instructor for BLIND, Inc. in Minneapolis. Jacobson also previously worked for the Hennepin County Human Services Department in nursing home contract compliance and foster care licensing. She previously served as both President and Vice President of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) Alumni Association.

Ms. Jacobson received a B.A. in Psychology and Social Work from the College of St. Catherine and a M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota. An alum of MSAB in Faribault, she spent eleven years there as a student. Jacobson is appointed to the Board position for a member of the blind community. She will serve a term which ends January 3, 2005. Jacobson replaces Mark Sathe on the Board.

Timothy Jaech, Faribault, retired in 2003 after serving as a School Administration Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. From 1992 to 1996, he served as Superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan, Wisconsin. Jaech also served as High School Principal for the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, California. He began his education career as a teacher at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) in Faribault.

Mr. Jaech received a B.S. in Education of the Deaf from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., and a M.A. in Administration and Supervision in Education from the National Leadership Training Program at California State University, Northridge. He is appointed to the Board position for a member of the deaf community. Jaech will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. He replaces James Potter on the Board.

The Board of the Minnesota State Academies governs the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, both in Faribault, Minnesota. The board is made up of nine members, including six appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Laura Beeth, Noreen J. Dunnells, Roderic Haworth, Brenda Johnson, James Johnson, Cynthia Lesher, Sandy Mosch, Rhonda Sivarajah and Jack Wiley to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC).

Beeth, of Bloomington, is the system director for workforce development and placement services with Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis. She also chairs the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (McSCU) Healthcare Education Industry Partnership Council. Beeth replaces Nobert Conzemius as a representative of business for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Dunnells, of Sartell, is the chief professional officer with the United Way of Central Minnesota. She is also a member of the St. Cloud Workforce Development Council and is past president of the United Way of Minnesota. Dunnells replaces Bruce Corrie as a representative of community-based organizations for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Haworth, of Apple Valley, is the servicing representative with the United Auto Workers International Union. He is the GWDC representative to, and chair of, the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind. Haworth, who has been a member of the GWDC since 1999, is reappointed as a representative of labor to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Brenda Johnson, of Chatfield, is a member of the Chatfield City Council and vice mayor. She also serves on the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors and is past president of the Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities. Johnson replaces Gordon Aanerud as a representative of local-elected officials for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

James Johnson, of Goodview, is president of Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical and has over 23 years of administrative and teaching experience. Johnson, who has served one term on the GWDC, is reappointed as a representative of education to another three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Lesher, of New Brighton, is vice president, chief administrative officer and chief human resources officer with Xcel Energy. She has held a variety of positions with Xcel and its predecessor, NSP, since she began working for the company in 1980. Lesher replaces Roger Hale as chair of the GWDC and a representative of business to complete a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2005.

Mosch, of Marshall, is an administrative assistant in the English Department at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. She is the chief steward and a past president of AFSCME Local #2385. Mosch replaces Jaye Rykunyk as a representative of labor for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Sivarajah, of Lino Lakes, is an Anoka County Commissioner. She also serves on the Anoka County Workforce Council and is a member of the Workforce Center Planning Group. Sivarajeh replaces Jan Parker Wiessner as a representative of local-elected officials for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

Wiley, of Eden Prairie, is the co-founder, president and chief executive officer of Gantz Wiley Research, a Minneapolis-based company that provides a full range of employment and customer survey services for international corporate clients. Wiley replaces David Nasby as a representative of business for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2007.

The Governor's Workforce Development Council coordinates the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system and Minnesota youth services programs. The council consists of 32 members, including 28 appointed by the Governor.



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#### TWO OF GOVERNOR PAWLENTY'S NOMINEES RECEIVE NATIONAL GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION AWARDS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today presented two National Governor's Association Awards to longtime public servant Tom Swain and to the Minneapolis Children's Theatre Company, a nationally renowned, bright-shining star of the arts. Both were recipients of the National Governor's Association (NGA) Awards for Distinguished Service. As recipients of these NGA Awards, they are honored for their continuing efforts and outstanding contributions to enhance Minnesota's quality of life.

Tom Swain is one of only three national award winners in the private citizen category. The Children's Theatre Company was one of just two national recipients of the NGA Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts. Governor Pawlenty stated, "It is rare that one state is home to two award winners in a single year. Tom Swain and the Children's Theatre Company could not deserve this recognition more. Indeed, their contributions make Minnesota a better place," Governor Pawlenty said.

Tom Swain has a résumé of notable contributions to higher education and health care, stretching back six decades. Swain has served the state in a variety of roles, including as chief of staff to former Governor Elmer Andersen, as an executive with both St. Paul Companies and with State Fund Mutual Insurance Company, and as executive director of Minnesota's Statehood Centennial Commission. Called out of retirement at 75, Swain became acting vice president for Institutional Relations at the University of Minnesota where he helped reform the selection process for the Board of Regents and organized a lobbying effort that increased the legislature's funding of the university.

At 83, Swain shows no sign of slowing down. In fact, just this year he was called back to his beloved University of Minnesota where he currently serves at Interim Vice President for University Relations. Swain also serves as a director of the Elder Learning Institute, Twin Cities Rise, and Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. In addition, Swain remains active on numerous boards, non-profit and civic organizations as well as serving as a member of Governor Pawlenty's Citizens Forum on Health Care Costs. "His life is an example of the difference one person can make," said Governor Pawlenty. "Tom has devoted his adult life to Minnesota and our state is better for it."

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The Children's Theatre Company (CTC) in Minneapolis is the largest professional theater company for young people and families in North America. CTC serves 350,000 people each year through its main stage productions, education programs, and upper Midwest tour.

A state treasure and national model since its inception in 1965, CTC gained further national recognition when it received the 2003 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, becoming the first theater for young people to receive this honor in the nearly three-decade history of the award. Under the guidance of artistic director Peter Brosius and managing director Teresa Eyring, nationally renowned artists create exceptional work for audiences in the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota, and the nation. CTC was the first Minnesota theater company to send a production to Broadway.

For 20 years, CTC has toured the state and region annually. Its Theatre Arts Training program provides expert instruction in acting, voice, and movement, while also teaching life skills like team work, discipline, and self confidence. Its Neighborhood Bridges program teaches critical literacy to elementary school students in the area's most challenged neighborhoods by utilizing intensive weekly storytelling. "The Company is a true Minnesota treasure," said Governor Pawlenty. "For 40 years, CTC has made generations of Minnesotans proud."

Annually, NGA presents eight awards in three separate categories: state officials, private citizens and distinguished service to the arts. Besides Minnesota, this year's recipients hail from four other states and one U.S. territory: Guam, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia. The awards program is administered by independent selection committees. The arts awards review panel includes leading members of the arts community.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his first appointments to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council. This new council was created by the 2004 Legislature to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market.

"Tourism is a major industry in Minnesota," Governor Pawlenty said. "This council will use creative and innovative ways to enhance and expand tourism in our state."

The Governor's appointees are Maureen Hooley Bausch, Fred M. Bobich, Blaine Breault, Robert A. Buntz, Jr., Bonnie Carlson, Gabriel Castaneda, Merrill "Dutch" Cragun, Joanne Fay, Randy Gutzmann, Nancy Hanson, Wally Heise, Sandra Lexvold, Deborah Lloyd, Julie A. Lunning, Shawn Michelle Mason, Greg D. Ortale, Lisa Paxton, Shawn Radford, Dr. Ingrid E. Schneider, Dawn Sullivan, Henry "Hank" Todd, John Valliere, and Thomas J. Whelan.

Bausch, of Mendota Heights, is vice president of business development for the Mall of America in Bloomington. Bausch is appointed as a representative of retail for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Bobich, of Grand Rapids, is the owner and operator of Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. He is the also chair of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Bobich is appointed as a representative of chambers of commerce for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Breault, of Chanhassen, is the director of operations of Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, president and a member of the board of directors of the Minnesota Restaurant Association and serves on the board of directors of Hospitality Minnesota. Breault is appointed as a representative of restaurants for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Buntz, of Tofte, is the founder and co-owner of the Bluefin Bay resort on Lake Superior. He is a member of the Minnesota Hotel and Lodging Association, the Minnesota Innkeepers Association and the Minnesota Resort Association. Buntz is appointed as a representative of lodging for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Carlson, of Victoria, is president and chief executive officer of the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau. She is secretary of the Travel Industry Association of America, and chair of its foundation board of directors, as well as past chair of the board of directors of the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus. Carlson is appointed as a representative of the Metropolitan Tourism Region for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Castaneda, of Bloomington, owns Castaneda Williams, an advertising agency specializing in tourism advertising and an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism. He is president of the Tour Minnesota Association and vice president of the Minnesota Advertising Federation. Castaneda is appointed as a representative of tour operators for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Cragun, of Brainerd, is the owner of Cragun's Conference and Golf Resort in Brainerd. He is past president of the Minnesota Resort Association, a member of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts, and a delegate to the International Hotel Association. Cragun is appointed as a representative of resorts for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Fay, of Duluth, is a St. Louis County Commissioner, a member of the St. Louis County Promotional Board, the Minnesota Coastal Council and the North Shore Scenic Drive Committee. Fay is appointed as a representative of counties for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Gutzmann, of Stillwater, is a coordinator with St. Croix Events, Inc., an event company which produces events in the St. Croix river valley, including Lumberjack Days, the Rivertown Art Festival, Stillwater 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Drum Beauty Minnesota. He also chairs the Minnesota Festival and Events Association board of directors. Gutzmann is appointed as a representative of festivals and events for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Hanson, of New Hope, is serving her third term as president of the Minnesota Recreational Trail Users Association. She is also a member of the Minnesota Motorized Trail Coalition, and chairs the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association's tourism committee. Hanson is appointed as a representative of trails for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Heise, of Isle, co-owns the South Isle Family Campground and is treasurer of the Minnesota Resort and Campground Association. Heise is appointed as a representative of campgrounds for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Lexvold, of Wabasha, is the owner and operator of Eagles on the River Bed and Breakfast in Wabasha. She is a member of Hospitality Minnesota and the Minnesota Bed and Breakfast Association. Lexvold is appointed as a representative of bed and breakfasts for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Lloyd, of Chanhassen, is a product manager with MLT Vacations. She oversees the tour product offered in four Canadian provinces and 10 U.S. states, including Minnesota. Lloyd is appointed as a representative of transportation for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Lunning, of Clear Lake, is the executive director of the St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and president of the Minnesota Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus. She is also president of the Minnesota Heartland Tourism Association, a member of the executive committee for the board of directors of the St. Cloud Downtown Council, and a member of the Minnesota Tourism Promotion Coalition. Lunning is appointed as a representative of convention and visitors bureaus for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Mason, of International Falls, is the director of the International Falls, Ranier, and Rainy Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau and is treasurer of the Minnesota Arrowhead Association board of directors. Mason is appointed as a representative of the North East Tourism Region for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Ortale, of Minneapolis, is the president and chief executive officer of the Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association, the sales and marketing arm of the Minneapolis Convention Center. He is chair of the industry council for the Center for Exhibition Research, treasurer of the International Data on Meetings and Expositions organization, and a member of the International Congress and Convention Association. Ortale is appointed as a representative of convention facilities for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Paxton, of Brainerd, is the chief executive officer of the Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and has served as president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Executives organization and the Brainerd Rotary. She is also the Northcentral/West Regional Manager for Explore Minnesota Tourism and the sales manager for the Northcentral/West Travel Guide. Paxton is appointed as a representative of the Northcentral/West Tourism Region for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Radford, of Austin, is the director of Hormel Foods Corporation's SPAM® Museum and Archives and chairs the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau board of directors. Radford is appointed as a representative of the Southern Tourism Region for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Schneider, of Lino Lakes, is the director of the University of Minnesota (U of M) Tourism Center, a faculty member in the U of M Resource Based Tourism degree program and a project manager for several research projects in tourism. Schneider is appointed as a representative of the University of Minnesota Tourism Center for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Sullivan, of Ogema, owns Woodland Trails Resort and Campground and is president of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts, which represents over 200 resorts in Minnesota. Sullivan is appointed as a representative of resorts for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Todd, of Woodbury, is vice president of the Carlson Destination Marketing Services Division of the Carlson Leisure Group and vice president of business development, government, and tourism for Carlson Companies. Previously, Todd was the director of the Minnesota Office of Tourism for 17 years. Todd is appointed as a representative of travel agencies for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Valliere, of Bloomington, is the general manager of Braemar Golf Course in Edina. He is the secretary/treasurer of the Minnesota Golf Association, immediate past chair of the Explore Minnesota Golf Alliance, United States Golf Association (USGA) Committeeman, and a founding officer and former president of the Minnesota State Organization of Public Golf Course Managers. Valliere is appointed as a representative of golf for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Whelan, of Minnetonka, is the associate publisher and advertising director in the lifestyle division with Minnesota Monthly Publications. He is the co-chair of the Explore Minnesota Tourism Alliance, a board member on the executive committee of the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau and secretary of the Minnesota Magazine and Publications Association board of directors. Whelan is appointed as a representative of travel media for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives also recently named their appointees to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council. Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson appointed Senator Carrie Ruud (R), of Breezy Point, and Senator Rod Skoe (DFL), of Clearbrook. House Speaker Steve Sviggum appointed Representative Tony Sertich (DFL), of Chisholm, and Representative Dean Simpson (R), of New York Mills.

"I'm excited at the high caliber of people that came forward to serve on this council," Explore Minnesota Tourism Director John Edman said. "This dynamic group of individuals represents a wide range of the tourism industry and I look forward to working with them."

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council consists of 28 members, including 23 appointed by the Governor. The director of Explore Minnesota Tourism chairs the council.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO COMPENSATION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael Christenson, Stanley Durda, Ezell Jones, Paula Laidig, Dr. Joseph Leek, Kathleen Meyerle, Craig Shaver and Jon Staebler to the Compensation Council.

Christenson, who resides in St. Paul, is the director of strategic partnership for the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development department. Christenson is appointed as a member from the Fourth Congressional District.

Durda, who resides in Apple Valley, is the retired director of Human Resources for 3M in St. Paul. Durda is appointed as a member from the Second Congressional District.

Jones, who resides in Minneapolis, is the chairman/CEO of Premier Network Service Group in Brooklyn Center. Jones is appointed as a member from the Fifth Congressional District.

Laidig, who resides in Stillwater, is the school psychologist for the Stillwater Schools. Laidig is appointed as a member from the Sixth Congressional District.

Leek, who resides in Duluth, is vice president for medical affairs for the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth. Leek is appointed as a member from the Eighth Congressional District.

Meyerle, who resides in Rochester, is legal counsel for the Mayo Foundation in Rochester. Meyerle is appointed as a member from the First Congressional District.

Shaver, who resides in Deephaven, is a senior vice president of investments with Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis. Shaver is appointed as a member from the Third Congressional District.

Staebler, who resides in Perham, is founder and president of the Staebler Financial Group in Perham. Staebler is appointed as a member from the Seventh Congressional District.

The Compensation Council makes recommendations to the legislature on the salaries of constitutional officers, members of the legislature, justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the court of appeals and district court, and the heads of state and metropolitan agencies. The Compensation Council consists of 16 members: eight appointed by the Governor - one from each Congressional District; six appointed by the legislature; and two non-judges appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court. No more than four of the Governor's appointees may belong to the same political party.



#### NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bonnie Bleskachek, Kimberley Coughlin, Joseph Glaccum, Lisa Milne, William Mund and Kent Therkelsen to the Statewide Radio Board. All six are appointed to new positions created by the 2004 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2004, Chapter 201).

Bleskachek, of Minneapolis, is the Chief of the Minneapolis Fire Department. She is appointed to the position for a representative of fire chiefs from the metropolitan area.

Coughlin, of Crosby, is the Chief of the Crosby Police Department. She is appointed to the position for a representative of police chiefs from Greater Minnesota.

Glaccum, of Excelsior, is a technology manager and flight paramedic with North Memorial Ambulance Service. He is appointed to the position for a representative of emergency medical service providers from the metropolitan area.

Milne, of Bemidji, is an emergency medical technician with Clearwater County Memorial Hospital and the project coordinator with Greater Northwest Emergency Medical Services, Inc. She is appointed to the position for a representative of emergency medical service providers from Greater Minnesota.

Mund, of St. Cloud, is the Chief of the St. Cloud Fire Department. He is appointed to the position for a representative of fire chiefs from Greater Minnesota.

Therkelsen, of Eagan, is the Chief of the Eagan Police Department. He is appointed to the position for a representative of police chiefs from the metropolitan area.

The Statewide Radio Board was created to develop a project plan for a statewide, shared, trunked public safety radio communication system, referred to as "Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response" or "ARMER". The board consists of 21 members, including six appointed by the Governor.

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The vacancies are due to the retirements of the Honorable Bruce R. Douglas, chambered in the city of Buffalo in Wright County, and the Honorable Lynn C. Olson, chambered in the city of Anoka in Anoka County. Both retirements are effective on October 31, 2004. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of these judgeships for Wright and Anoka Counties, respectively.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application for either or both positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via email at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for either or both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, November 4, 2004.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LINDA KOBLICK TO THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Linda Koblick to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health. She is appointed to a Council position for a county commissioner and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008.

Koblick, of Minnetonka, currently serves as a Hennepin County Commissioner. She was elected to the county board in 2002 and represents western Hennepin County. Koblick served as a member of the Minnetonka City Council from 1995 to 2002. She currently serves as the county board's representative on the Alliance for Families and Children in Hennepin County. Koblick also serves as chair-elect for the county's Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. A small business owner for over 20 years, she is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Koblick replaces Mary Tambornino on the Council.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, the Legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council also educates the public about mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members, including 25 appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GREEN TO THE MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Janet C. Green to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Green, of Duluth, is a civic volunteer, ornithologist, environmentalist, conservation biologist, forest policy advocate, and homemaker. She currently serves on a number of civic boards, including boards of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, the Duluth Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, and the University of Minnesota Natural Resources Research Institute Advisory Board.

Green previously served on the national board of the National Audubon Society and the board of the Minnesota Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. She also previously served as a member of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council from 1995 until July 2004. Green received a B.A. in geology from Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of an environmental organization and will serve a term which ends January 1, 2007. Green fills the Council seat which came open following the resignation of Kathryn Fernholz.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 22, 2004

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TEEGEN AS HONORARY UNITED NATIONS DAY CHAIR

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ambassador Evelyn Hoopes Teegen as the honorary Minnesota chair of United Nations Day. U.N. Day is celebrated annually on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush appointed Teegen as the U.S. Ambassador to four nations in the South Pacific: the Republics of Fiji, Tuvula, and Kiribati and the Kingdom of Tonga. She also had consular responsibilities for the French-speaking nations in the South Pacific. She served in this post until 1993.

She currently serves as vice president of Teegen and Associates in Minneapolis. She also serves on a number of civic boards, including the board of directors of the Metropolitan Minneapolis YMCA. Teegen previously served on the board of directors of AFRICARE. She is married, has two children, and resides in Backus, Minnesota.

United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the date when the United Nations Charter went into effect. Public officials, educators, students and civic groups across the country use the occasion to hold activities to build public awareness and support for international cooperation through an even more effective United Nations. The theme of this year's United Nations Day is "Women's Rights and Empowerment." United Nations Day celebrations are sponsored throughout the country by the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA).

### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 25, 2004

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gloria LaFriniere and Liz McDevitt to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Gloria LaFriniere, of Bagley, is the Director of White Earth Reservation Vocational Rehabilitation Services, which is a Section 121 project. She is appointed to the Council position for a representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects and will serve a term ending January 3, 2005. LaFriniere replaces Connie Lee Berg on the Council.

Liz McDevitt, of St. Paul, is Parent-to-Parent Coordinator at Children's Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis. She also serves as an active volunteer at the PACER Center. She is appointed to a Council position for a representative of PACER Center and will serve a three-year term which ends January 1, 2007. McDevitt replaces Susan Shogren-Smith on the Council.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

#### NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**: October 25, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PAGE TO

THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Justin Page to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Page, of Minneapolis, currently serves as Client Assistant Project Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Disability Law Center in Minneapolis. He previously served as a law clerk for Hennepin County District Court Judge Pamela Alexander. Page graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 2002. He is appointed to the Council position for a representative of Client Assistance Project and will serve a term ending January 3, 2005. Page replaces Anne Robertson on the Council.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation programs. The Council consists of nineteen members appointed by the Governor.



#### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 3, 2004

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DIEBOLD TO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Rene Diebold to the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Diebold, of Granite Falls, is an attorney in private practice in Marshall. Her practice focuses on family and real estate law, mediation and arbitration. Diebold replaces Christopher Dietzen, who resigned from the Commission on Judicial Selection when he was appointed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, as an at-large attorney member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 1, 2007.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court.

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November 22, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MANTEUFFEL TO THE MINNESOTA FOREST RESOUCES COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathy Manteuffel to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Manteuffel, of Ottertail, is the owner of Limmer's Resort. She has been a resort owner since 1979 and currently sits on the board of directors of the Minnesota Resort Association. Manteuffel is also involved in the Perham Area Chamber of Commerce, sitting on the Lodging Committee. She is a past board member of the Otter Tail County Tourism Association. Manteuffel is appointed to a Forest Resources Council position for a representative from a statewide association representing the resort and tourism industry. She will serve a term which ends January 7, 2008. Manteuffel fills the Council seat formerly held by Greg Damlo.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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November 24, 2004

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced five finalists for two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The vacancies are due to the retirement of the Honorable Bruce R. Douglas on October 31, 2004, and the resignation, also effective on October 31, of the Honorable Lynn C. Olson. The Supreme Court continued the chambers of Judge Douglas' position for the city of Buffalo in Wright County and the chambers of Judge Olson's position for the city of Anoka in Anoka County. The finalists are B. William Ekstrum, Sean C. Gibbs, Catherine McPherson, Kathleen A. Mottl, and Michelle A. Tonelli.

Ekstrum, of Blaine, is an attorney and shareholder with the Fridley law firm of Newquist and Ekstrum, a position he has held since 1987. Prior to that, he was an attorney with the Fridley law firm of Smith, Juster, Feikema, Malmon and Haskvitz from 1980 to 1987. Ekstrum earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1979 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1971.

Gibbs, of Andover, is an attorney in the criminal division of the Anoka County attorney's office. He has been an assistant Anoka County attorney since 1995. Gibbs was an assistant Coon Rapids city attorney from 1994 to 1995 and an associate attorney with the St. Paul law firm of O'Neill, Burke, O'Neill, Leonard and O'Brien from 1992 to 1993. Gibbs earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1989.

McPherson, of Ramsey, has been an assistant county attorney in the Anoka County attorney's office since 1999. Her practice is primarily in the areas of child protection and juvenile delinquency. She was also an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County attorney's office from 1994 to 1999. McPherson earned her juris doctorate degree summa cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1994, her master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota in 1990 and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1985.

Mottl, of Buffalo, is an assistant county attorney and the senior felony prosecutor in the Wright County attorney's office. She has been an assistant Wright County attorney since 1991. She was an attorney with the Anoka law firm of Dorn and Edwards from 1989 to 1991. Mottl earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1987.

Tonelli, of Andover, is a senior attorney and trial team supervisor with the Fourth Judicial District public defender's office in Hennepin County. She has been an assistant public defender in the Hennepin County public defender's office since 1992. Tonelli earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1992 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 31 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 2, 2004 **Contact:** Brian McClung (651) 296-0001

### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HILL TO THE COUNCIL ON THE AFFAIRS OF CHICANO/LATINO PEOPLE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Maricruz M. Hill to the Council on the Affairs of Chicano/Latino People.

Maricruz M. Hill, of Chanhassen, is a Regional Project Support Manager at US Bank in Minneapolis. She previously worked as an Independent Consultant for APEX International Placements in Chanhassen. Hill is a member of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She received a B.A. in Psychology from InterAmerican University in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Hill is appointed to an at-large position on the Council and will serve a four-year term which ends January 7, 2008. She replaces Rick Jackson on the Council.

The Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People advises the Governor and Legislature on the issues of importance to Minnesota's Hispanic community. The Council also serves as a liaison between the Hispanic community and local, state and federal government. The board is made up of eleven members appointed by the Governor, as well as two members each from the State Senate and State House of Representatives.

### NEWS RELEASE

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December 2, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MOSS TO THE MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. Margaret P. Moss to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Moss, of Minneapolis, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis. A registered nurse (RN), she received a Doctor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. The focus of her doctoral studies was gerontological nursing. Dr. Moss also completed a two-year post doctoral fellowship in American Indian aging research at the University of Colorado Native-Elder Research Center. She is appointed to a term which ends January 7, 2008. Dr. Moss fills the Board seat formerly held by Susan Holderness.

The Minnesota Board on Aging was established in 1956 to plan for and meet the needs of Minnesota's seniors. The board administers more than \$30 million in federal and state grants every year. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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December 2, 2004

### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JASMINE TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ms. Sam Jasmine to the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Jasmine, of Maple Grove, is an independent consultant with Access Education, where she teaches Braille and other associated technologies to persons who are visually impaired. She previously held positions at Dayton Hudson in Minneapolis and Marriott Hotels in Bloomington.

Jasmine is the host of Disabled and Proud, a weekly radio show on KFAI-FM. She also serves as Captain of a local Goal Ball team (a Paralympic sport for the blind). Jasmine is a member of the Minnesota Guide Dog Association. Jasmine is reappointed to a Council position for a representative of business, industry, or labor. She will serve a term ending January 1, 2007. Jasmine was first appointed to the Council in 2001.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LURA TO THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Larry H. Lura to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Lura, of Minneapolis, is appointed to an advocate position on the Council. He will serve a term which ends January 2, 2006. Lura fills the Council position formerly held by Rosemary LaBerge.

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.



## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 6, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 15 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy will occur on December 31, 2004 as a result of the resignation of Tom Egan. Egan was elected to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on November 2. District 15 includes the Dakota County cities of Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul and the northern portion of Eagan, north of Cliff Road/County Road 32.

Persons interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following persons to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

William Pulkrabek, Chair, Oakdale, Washington County Commissioner Sherry Broecker, Forest Lake Mike Burton, Minnetonka Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council John Pacheco, Minneapolis Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Waconia City Council and mayor-elect

The public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagan City Hall, 3830 Pilot Knob Road. Applicants will receive details prior to the hearing.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator for Governor Pawlenty, at 651-296-0019 or <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a>.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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December 8, 2004

## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MIKE PUGLIESE AS ACTING COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mike Pugliese as Acting Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, effective December 9, 2004.

Michael Pugliese currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. He has held that position since January 4, 2001. From 1994 to 2001, Pugliese served as a National Service Officer and as well as Supervisor for the Disabled American Veterans National Service Office located at Fort Snelling. Pugliese served on active duty with the United States Marine Corps from 1987 to 1991. He is a Persian Gulf War Veteran.

Pugliese is a graduate of the Disabled American Veterans National Service Officer Academy conducted at the University of Denver. He currently serves as an advisor to several veterans' related boards and is a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He lives in Minneapolis with his two children, Isabella and Nicholas.

Jeff Olson is retiring today after over two decades of service as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs. A search for his successor is currently underway.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs serves over 450,000 Minnesota veterans. The Department's mission is to serve veterans, their dependents and survivors, in securing all benefits and services provided by state law. The Department has a fiscal year 2004 budget of \$5.1 million and consists of 33 full-time equivalent employees. The salary of the Commissioner is \$108,388.

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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 10, 2004

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Bemidji in Beltrami County. The vacancy will occur with the disability retirement of the Honorable Richard C. Taylor on December 31, 2004. The Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Polk County to Beltrami County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the Ninth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 6, 2005.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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### NEWS RELEASE

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December 13, 2004

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Carole Elfstrum, Harvey Hietala, David Jebens, Angela Judd, and Fannie Primm to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation's (MAEF) Board of Directors.

Carole Elfstrum, of Apple Valley is the President and CEO of Elfstrum Consulting, Inc. She previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. Elfstrum is appointed as a business representative on the MAEF Board and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. She fills the board position formerly held by Jory Isakson.

Harvey Hietala, of Grand Rapids, retired in 1999 after 38 years as a classroom teacher. He had been an English teacher at Grand Rapids Public Schools since 1967. Hietala is reappointed as an education representative on the MAEF Board and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. He was first appointed to the MAEF Board in 2000.

David L. Jebens, of Little Canada, is a Vice President and Trust Manager at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis. He has been employed with U.S. Bank since 1986. Jebens is appointed as a business representative on the MAEF Board and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. He fills the board position formerly held by Jim Bartholomew.

Angela Judd, of Chaska, has been an English Language Arts Instructor at Hutchinson Public Schools since 1979. She is a recipient of the 2004 MAEF Academic Teaching Award. Judd is appointed as an education representative on the MAEF Board and will serve a term ending January 7, 2008. She fills the board position formerly held by Kathleen Maloney.

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Fannie Primm, of Minneapolis, retired in 2003 as a social studies/government teacher and advisor for students-at-risk at Folwell Middle School and Green Central Community Schools in Minneapolis. Primm is appointed as an education representative on the MAEF Board and will serve a term ending January 2, 2006. She fills the board position formerly held by Jane Confer.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools such as the Classroom Quality Program. MAEF also administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors, including 20 appointed by the Governor.



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December 13, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS OLSEN TO MSRS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Rosalia "Sally" Olsen to the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Board of Directors.

Olsen, of Minnetonka, was a judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals from 1992 to 1998. She also served seven terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was a member of the St. Louis Park School Board. Olsen, who has served on the MSRS Board since 2001, is reappointed to another four-year term as a public member that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors establishes rules and regulations for the administration of the State Retirement System, approves the agency budget, and handles covered employee appeals. The board of directors consists of 11 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS CATTOOR TO PETROFUND BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Gregory Cattoor to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petrofund Board).

Cattoor, of Marshall, is vice president of Cattoor Oil Company in Marshall and past president of the Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association. Cattoor, who has been a member of the board since 1993, is reappointed as a representative of the petroleum industry for a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board administers compensation from the petroleum tank release clean-up fund for cleanup of leaks and spills from storage tanks. The board consists of five members, including three appointed by the Governor; one representative of the petroleum industry, one representative of the insurance industry and one public member.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS PUGH TO PUC

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Thomas W. Pugh of South St. Paul to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Pugh, whom Governor Pawlenty named to the PUC in July 2004 to fill an unscheduled vacancy, is appointed to a full six-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Prior to his appointment to the Public Utilities Commission, Pugh was an attorney and partner with the South St. Paul law firm of Thuet, Pugh, Rogosheske, & Atkins for 28 years. He also served eight terms as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives and was House Minority Leader from 1999 through 2002. Pugh earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1976 and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1971.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.



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December 20, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS ELMER AND PROVOST TO AUTO ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Brenda Elmer and Robert Provost to the Minnesota Automobile Assigned Claims Bureau Governing Board. Both are appointed to public member positions and will serve two-year terms that expire on January 1, 2007.

Elmer, of Moorhead, is a volunteer in the Moorhead community and is a former staffer with the Minnesota House of Representatives. Elmer has been a member of the board since 2003.

Provost, of Golden Valley, is a shared executive with the Carlson School of Management and was president of the Minnesota Insurance Information Center and chaired the Consumer Information Task Force when the state's no-fault insurance law was implemented. Provost has been a member of the board since 1991.

The Minnesota Automobile Assigned Claims Bureau governs the operation of the Minnesota Auto Assigned Claims Plan in providing no-fault basic economic loss benefits to eligible recipients. The governing board consists of seven members, including two public members appointed by the Governor.



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December 20, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS RIESEN TO BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Charles Riesen to the Board of Electricity.

Riesen, of Viking, is an electric cooperative manager with PKM Electric Cooperative of Warren and a former board member of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative. Riesen, who has been a member of the board sine 1997, is reappointed as a representative of rural electrical suppliers to a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Board of Electricity licenses electricians and inspects all new electrical installations in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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December 20, 2004

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BUDD TO STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Laura S. Budd to the State Board of Public Defense.

Budd, of Duluth, is a retired small business owner and a community volunteer in Duluth. She has been a member of the board since 1993 and is currently board chair. Budd is reappointed to a public member position for another four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.



### NEWS RELEASE

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December 21, 2004

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWELVE TO SERVEMINNESOTA COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Audrey Bennett, Bescye Burnett, Diane Carlson, Duane Coleman, G. H. "Jerry" Norsby, Susan Taylor, and Daniel Wolter and the reappointment of Keith Dixon, Ph.D., Pamela Harris, Susan Heegaard, Harry Melander, and Jackie Sinykin to the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service, also known as ServeMinnesota! All 12 are appointed to three year terms that expire on August 1, 2007.

Bennett, of St. Paul, is self-employed and the former chair of the Prairie Island Dakota Community. Bennett replaces Bobby Whitefeather as a Tribal representative on the Commission.

Burnett, of St. Cloud, is the director of the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud and a member of the fund-raising, education, and faith communities committees of the St. Cloud Create CommUNITY. Burnett replaces Ellis Bullock as a representative of community-based organizations.

Carlson, of Mantorville, is a registered nurse with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and the mayor of Mantorville. Carlson replaces Howard Orenstein as a representative of local government.

Coleman, of Golden Valley, is the vice president of development with the Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center in Minneapolis, a volunteer tutor with Urban Ventures Learning Lab, and a Babe Ruth baseball coach with the Robbinsdale Area Youth Baseball Association. Coleman replaces Daniel Capouch as a representative of youth development.

Dixon, of Faribault, is the superintendent of Faribault public schools. Dixon, who has been a member of the Commission since July 2003, is reappointed as a representative of educators of primary or secondary students.

Harris, of Falcon Heights, is an attorney and partner with Rider Bennett in Minneapolis in the labor and employment law section. Harris is currently chair of the Commission.

Heegaard, of St. Paul, is the director of the Higher Education Services Office and the chief higher education advisor to the Governor. Heegaard is reappointed to the Commission as a representative of higher education.

Melander, of Mahtomedi, is the business representative for the St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council. Melander, who has been a member of the Commission since its inception in 1994, is reappointed as a representative of local labor.

Norsby, of Apple Valley, is retired after 32 years in human resources with Ford Motor Company. He is currently a counselor with SCORE (Service Corp. of Retired Executives), and chair of Meals on Wheels for the Community Church in Eagan. Norsby replaces Cy Carpenter as a representative of older adults.

Sinykin, of Bloomington, is an independent consultant in organizational effectiveness, which includes volunteer program management. She is the former executive director of The Volunteer Center and has been a member of numerous statewide advisory groups. Sinykin, who has served one three-year term on the Commission, is reappointed as a representative of volunteers.

Taylor, of Mankato, is the director of development with Minnesota State University, Mankato. Taylor replaces Beth Pederson as a member with experience in development.

Wolter, of Eagan, is the special assistant to the Governor's Health Cabinet and previously served as communications director for Governor Pawlenty. Wolter replaces Corrie Schueller as a member with expertise in public relations.

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service coordinates volunteer learning service programs, administers the youth works grant program as well as the federal Americorps program. The commission consists of 25 members, including 24 appointed by the governor, the Commissioner of Education plus four ex-officio legislative members



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS RHODES TO CAPITOL 2005 COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jim Rhodes to the Governor's State Capitol 2005 Commission.

Rhodes, of St. Louis Park, is the legislative director for the Minnesota Department of Administration. He was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1993 until earlier this month, when he resigned to accept his position with the Department of Administration. As a member of the House, he served as a legislative appointee to the Capitol 2005 Commission. Rhodes replaces Anita Pampusch, who resigned as a Governor's appointee on the Commission.

The Governor's State Capitol 2005 Commission was created by Executive Order 01-01 in 2001 to develop plans for the centennial celebration of the State Capitol in 2005. Governor Pawlenty reauthorized the Executive Order. The commission consists of 15 members, including 11 appointed by the Governor and four appointed by the legislature.

Earlier this week, the Governor's State Capitol 2005 Commission announced plans for the State Capitol's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, which includes a public open house on Sunday, January 2, 2005. Additional information can be found on a special website that was unveiled at the announcement. The web address is <a href="https://www.ourhouse100.com">www.ourhouse100.com</a>.



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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in McLeod County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable LeRoy W. Yost on December 31, 2003. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Glencoe in McLeod County.

Anyone learned in the law who is a resident of the First Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via E-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 5, 2004.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FLOERKE TO SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shaun R. Floerke to a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Carol M. Person on February 29, 2004.

Floerke is a senior assistant attorney in the civil division of the St. Louis County Attorney's office in Duluth. He has worked in the St. Louis County Attorney's office since 1997. From 1996 to 1997 Floerke was an associate attorney with the law firm of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick in Duluth. He was a lead prosecutor with the Steele County Attorney's office in Owatonna as well as an attorney and partner in the Owatonna law firm of Ruth, Schreiner, Long and Floerke from 1992 to 1996. Floerke earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1992 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors and distinction from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1988.

"Shaun has a unique practice in the civil division of the St. Louis County Attorney's office, but his background also includes work in civil litigation and in criminal prosecution," Governor Pawlenty said. "St. Louis County Attorney Alan Mitchell describes Shaun as having 'comprehension of the law, organizational skills, work ethic, legal abilities, and integrity'. These are some of the qualities that will make him an outstanding district court judge."

Floerke is a member of the Eleventh District Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he serves as a judge with the mock trial program. He is also an active member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, through which he has lectured on ethics and the elimination of bias, conflict of interest, and data management and published *DWI Forfeitures in Minnesota* and *County Attorney's Statutory Duties*. Floerke is also a youth leader with Duluth Harvester Church and a volunteer with Youth Alive, Inc.

Floerke, 39, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, grew up in Platteville, Wisconsin and resides in Duluth with his wife, Sara, and their five children, Merit, 9, Connor, 7, Cole, 5, Curran, 3, and Mercedes, 7 months.