

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 7, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Room 300 South, State Office Building

PRESENT:

Kent Eklund, Chair
Nancy Black
George Cassell
Dean Doyscher
Brenda Elmer
Kathleen Enz Finken
Zainab Hassan
Del Jenkins
Kelley Koemptgen
Liz Kuoppala
Dave Larkin
Lisa Peilen
John Poupart
Earl Rasmussen
Don Sudor
Bruce Watkins
Billie Young

EXCUSED:

Joe Aitken
Yvonne Condell
Carl Crimmins
John Dorn
Buck Humphrey
Ruth Orrick
Chris Wachtler

The Trustee Candidate Advisory (TCAC) was called to order by Kent Eklund, TCAC Chair, at 1:09 p.m. in Room 300 South of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Rasmussen moved approval of the minutes from the January 4, 2008 meeting. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Message for Chancellor James McCormick

Mr. Eklund informed the Council that Chancellor James McCormick was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in his family. Chancellor McCormick requested Mr. Eklund convey his message regarding candidates for the Board of Trustees to the Council. The Chancellor noted the current Board of Trustees has good business representation and is in need of individuals with a good understanding of K-12 education. According to Chancellor McCormick, the transition from K-12 education to higher education will be a big strategic issue in the next six years.

Recruitment Update

Mr. Eklund gave an update on recruitment results from 2000 to 2008. He noted the average number of applications received each cycle since 2000 is about 40. Mr. Eklund inquired how recruiting efforts went for members. Mr. Rasmussen stated he sent the press release to the North Metro Chamber who printed the release in their newsletter; Mr. Sudor stated he contacted the newspapers in the Rochester area and Ms. Black noted she announced the effort at the January Board meeting. Ms. Elmer pointed out the time commitment was the downfall for many of the individuals she contacted.

Review of Procedures for Selection of Interviewees

Mr. Eklund informed the Council they would be selecting approximately 20 candidates to interview. He reminded members the numbers assigned to each candidate were to be used in the coming discussions to protect the anonymity of the applicants. Mr. Eklund further reminded members that the Council must recommend at least two and not more than four candidates per open seat on the Board. He asked members to be open to discussion and debate of non-consensus candidates in an effort to avoid premature closure.

Members were reminded of the selection process. It was agreed the Council would discuss the 4th and 7th congressional candidates first, followed by the at-large candidates. It was also agreed that if members agreed by unanimous consensus to interview a given candidate, that candidate would be interviewed. If any Council member expressed a reservation about any of the candidates, those candidates would go into a pool to be discussed and voted upon.

Selection of Interviewees

The Council discussed candidates and reached consensus on some, then voted on those who were not consensus selections. After discussion and voting, the Council selected the following 21 people to be interviewed:

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| Dean Anderson | Bernice Belgarde | Joseph Bouvette | Francis Bradley |
| Robert Brown | Cheryl Dickson | Jon Eckhoff | Margaret Gruenes |
| Clarence Hightower | Patricia Johnson | Patricia Krueger | Charles Kyte |
| Charles MacLean | Dennis Miller | Deborah Montgomery | David Paskach |
| Louise Sundin | Raymond Thron | Joseph Vene | Jerry Williams |
| John Zanmiller | | | |

Notification of Interviewees/Reference Checks: Volunteers to Call

Members volunteered to call and congratulate an applicant selected for an interview and each member would also conduct the reference check for that applicant. It was explained the reference checks need not be limited to individuals given as references, but may also include individuals the applicant worked with professionally or on other boards. Reference check guidelines were provided to the members.

Interviews: Procedure Details/Dates

Mr. Eklund reminded the Council that three days would be used to perform the interviews. It was decided the Council would meet in Executive Session prior to interviews each day to discuss the reference checks. The length of time for interviews was reviewed and discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Kent Eklund, Chair