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14 applicants selected to interview for University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Fourteen candidates for four vacancies on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents have been selected to be interviewed by the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) at its meeting on December 11, 2008. The RCAC announced the vacancies in August and received a total of 31 applications before the extended December 4th deadline.

Four of the twelve seats on Board of Regents are open for appointment every two years, each representing a six-year term. In the current biennium, the four seats to be filled are one position representing each of the first congressional district, the fourth congressional district, the sixth congressional district and the seventh congressional district.

The RCAC is a 24-member advisory council established by the Minnesota State Legislature to recruit, screen, and recommend regent candidates for election by the Legislature. The interviews in this round will be held January 7-9, 2009, and are open to the public. The RCAC must recommend to a Joint Legislative Committee between two and four individuals for each open position on the Board. The Joint Committee selects one candidate for each open position, and submits this slate of candidates for consideration by the full Legislature sitting in Joint Convention. Under our Minnesota Constitution, the Joint Convention elects Regents to the Board.

Following are the names of candidates to be interviewed by the RCAC for each open regent seat:

First District: Bruce Beatty, Patricia Simmons, Randy Simonson and Clifford Vrieze

Fourth District: Richard Beeson, Blanton Bessinger, James Miller and Anita Pampusch

Sixth District: Kjell Bergh, John Frobenius and Kathryn Roberts

Seventh District: Clyde Allen Jr., Gary Lee and Anne Rasmusson

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Additional information may be obtained by visiting the RCAC Web site at www.rcac.leg.mn or by contacting Sally Kidd, RCAC staff, at 651-296-9002. The RCAC office is located at: RCAC, c/o Legislative Coordinating Commission, 72 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155. The RCAC Chair is David Fisher, Minnetonka, MN 612-749-2389.