



## REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### **Applications Sought for University of Minnesota Board of Regents**

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) is currently accepting applications for four positions on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. The 24-member RCAC was created in 1988 by the Legislature and is responsible for recruiting, screening and recommending Regent candidates. From the pool of applicants, the Council will invite selected candidates for public interviews in early January, 2009, and then will submit to a Joint Legislative Committee the names of two to four candidates for each open Regent position. Once the Joint Committee approves the slate, its recommendations will be presented to a Joint Convention of the Legislature. The Joint Convention then will elect regents to fill vacancies.

Regents are unpaid volunteers. They serve six-year, staggered terms. Four of the twelve Regent seats are open for election every two years. The four seats open in 2009 include one each for residents of Minnesota's first congressional district, fourth congressional district, sixth congressional district and seventh congressional district. Current Regents in these positions are Patricia Simmons, David Metzen, John Frobenius and Clyde Allen Jr., respectively. All four incumbents are eligible for reelection, although RCAC has been advised by Regent David Metzen, representing the fourth congressional district, that he will not be seeking re-election to the Board, having already served two six-year terms.

According to RCAC Chair David Fisher, ideal candidates will have a deep interest in higher education and an understanding of the role of the University of Minnesota as a major land grant and research institution. They will have experience in governing large complex institutions, a strong sense of fairness, and good listening skills. Being a Regent is a time-consuming assignment; current Regents estimate that, on average, they spend about 40 hours per month in Regent tasks. Individual answers vary depending on personal work style and on the number of optional tasks undertaken.

**Application materials are available on the RCAC website at: [www.rcac.leg.mn](http://www.rcac.leg.mn).** If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request an application packet by contacting Sally Kidd, of the Legislative Coordinating Commission, at 651-296-9002.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 10, 2008**  
**Applications must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. on November 10th.**