

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday – Wednesday, March 29 - 31, 2004
400 South, State Office Building

Present:

Ben Vander Kooi, Jr., Chair
Greg Anderson (Wed.)
Nancy Black
George Cassell
Judith Christianson
Yvonne Condell
Kent Eklund
Brenda Elmer
Susan Hankner
Connie Morrison
Jody Olson
Ruth Orrick
Earl Rasmussen
David Sturrock (Tues. and Wed.)
Donald Sudor
Billie Young, Vice Chair
Chris Wachtler

Absent:

Muriel Abram
Joe Aitken
Jerry Christenson
Hubert Humphrey IV
Tony Kielkucki
Larry Zavadil

Monday, March 29th

The Trustee Candidate Advisory (TCAC) was called to order by Ben Vander Kooi, TCAC Chair, at 8:20 a.m. in Room 400 South of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Announcements

Mr. Vander Kooi announced that Jerry Christenson would be unable to attend the meeting due to his treatments at the Mayo Clinic for a brain tumor. Mr. Christenson is doing well and will keep the council updated. Kent Eklund will be absent from the March 29th morning interviews. Larry Zavadil may be absent all three days as he is seeking medical treatment and is doing well.

Mr. Vander Kooi listed interviewees for the day and which congressional districts they were from. He then reviewed the interview process. Volunteers would be asked to greet and introduce each candidate. The candidate would be allowed up to five minutes for an opening statement, the council would then ask questions, and end with the candidate's two-minute statement.

Yvonne Condell moved approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2004, meeting. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Interviews started at 8:30 a.m.

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Roy Wallace
Tom Forsythe
John Annexstad
Jim Morris
Lois Mack
Bob Erickson
Bill Moore
Thomas Jensen

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Mary Connor
Jo Nelson
Mark Piepho
Tom Renier
Jim Luoma
Maureen Steinwall
Tom Heaney
Rolf Middleton

Wednesday, March 31st

Mike Howe
Andrew Lucero
Gary Evans
John Longtin

Following interviews, at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Vander Kooi and Chad Thuet reviewed the voting procedures. Mr. Vander Kooi then reviewed the current membership of the Board of Trustees.

George Cassell moved to close discussion and begin voting. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

The following names would be recommended to Governor Pawlenty:

Bob Erickson (At-Large)	Thomas Jensen (2 nd Cong. District)	Jim Morris (2 nd Cong. District)
Gary Evans (At-Large)	Andrew Lucero (8 th Cong. District)	Tom Renier (At-Large)
Tom Forsythe (At-Large)	Jim Luoma (8 th Cong. District)	Maureen Steinwall (At-Large)
Mike Howe (At-Large)		

Mr. Vander Kooi took volunteers to call all 20 of the interviewees with the voting results.

Mr. Eklund moved to adjourn. Seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. on March 31st.

Ben Vander Kooi, Jr., Chair