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## **ISU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED**

The Idaho State Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of 13 individuals to serve as members of the Idaho State University Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

The committee will be responsible for recruiting and screening applicants and making a recommendation of finalists to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education will make the final decision as to which candidate will be the next president of ISU.

“Selecting our university and college presidents is one of the most significant responsibilities undertaken by the State Board,” said Lewis. “A university president is not only a leader on campus, but in the community. Because of the magnitude of the president’s position, it’s important to involve college and community leaders in the selection of the next president. The Board is confident that the advisory committee will find a dynamic president to lead ISU into the future.”

Members of the committee were selected from nominations and applications received by the Board and based upon their commitment to ISU and its unique role and mission in Idaho higher education. The backgrounds of the members represent the University’s major constituencies and interest groups.

“Each of the search committee members has a direct connection to ISU,” said State Board member Karen McGee, who serves as the Chair of the Search Advisory Committee. “I believe this energetic group of business owners, ISU alumni and faculty, as well as elected officials will work well as a team to find a vibrant leader for ISU. It’s an exciting time and we’ve got a lot of work ahead of us, but in the end I believe the Board, with the help of the committee, will find a president the Eastern Idaho region will support and respect.”

Committee members are:

Karen McGee - ISU Alumnus, former Pocatello City Council member and member of the State Board of Education

Laird Stone - Vice President of the State Board of Education

Dr. David Adler - ISU Professor in the Department of Political Science

Roger Chase - Mayor of Pocatello

Lee Gagner - Former Idaho State Representative and prominent businessman in Idaho Falls

Senator Robert Geddes - President Pro Tem of the Idaho State Senate

Dr. Linda Hatzenbuehler - ISU Dean of Health Sciences

Matt Hopson - President of the Associated Students of Idaho State University

Greg Maag - Pharmacist and owner of Maag Prescription and Medical Supply in Pocatello

Phil Meador - Owner and President of Phil Meador Toyota and Courtesy Ford, Lincoln, Mercury in Pocatello

Alan Van Orden - Certified Public Accountant at Jordan & Company and member of ISU Foundation

Kathy Simpson - Battelle Energy Alliance staff at Idaho National Laboratory and resident of Blackfoot

Valorie Watkins - Former ISU Alumni Director and current chair of the Idaho State University College of Technology Advisory Committee.