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## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES SEARCH PROCESS FOR IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education announced the search process for selecting the next President of Idaho State University. The national search will begin in October 2017 and end with a final selection by the end of March 2018. The new President will succeed current ISU President Sr. Arthur Vailas, who announced this past August that he will retire effective June 17, 2018.

The State Board will use the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) to assist with the search process. AGB is a membership organization representing 1,300 governing boards of higher education institutions and related foundations. College and university leadership search consulting is a service provided by the organization.

In addition to support from AGB, the State Board will rely on a local search committee to make a recommendation of final candidates, from which the State Board will make its selection. State Board member Richard Westerberg will chair the search committee and be joined by fellow State Board member Emma Atchley. The search committee membership will be comprised of representatives of local stakeholder groups, including ISU faculty, staff, students, alumni, the ISU Foundation, and the community.

“This is a national search, and I look forward to selecting the next President of Idaho State University from a pool of impressive candidates,” said Richard Westerberg, Idaho State Board of Education member and chair of the search committee.

Several milestones mark the six-month search process.

**October 9-12, 2017:** AGB search consultants will hold several in-person listening sessions with ISU stakeholder groups to hear input regarding the qualities and characteristics that should be included in the job description and announcement. Specific dates, times and locations are being finalized and will be announced.

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**November 2, 2017:** The search will be opened, and candidates will be able to submit materials. Employment postings developed with input from the listening sessions will be published nationally.

**January 2018:** The application process will be closed. The search committee will review all applicant qualifications and select a candidate group for initial interviews in February.

**February 2018:** After initial interviews, the candidate pool will be reduced and due diligence completed on the remaining candidates. Campus visits will be scheduled for candidates, followed by a recommendation of finalist candidates for the State Board to consider.

**March 2018:** The State Board will interview finalist candidates and make a selection.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision and governance of the public educational institutions and the public school system of the State of Idaho. To learn more about the Idaho State Board of Education, please visit [www.boardofed.idaho.gov](http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov).

### **Idaho State University President Search Committee**

Richard Westerberg (chair), Idaho State Board of Education

Emma Atchley, Idaho State Board of Education

Kebai Bills, alumni representative

Judith Crews, ISU-Meridian faculty representative

Dirk Driscoll, ISU Foundation representative

Lewis Eakins, ISU non-instructional staff representative

Roy Lacey, community representative

Jake Osti, ISU-Idaho Falls student representative

Chad Pope, ISU faculty representative

Jessica Sargent, student representative

Randy'L Teton, community representative

Cornelis Van der Schyf, ISU administration representative

Gene Warren, ISU faculty representative

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