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The University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees selects Edward Dupont as Board Chairman



Board welcomes six new members; George Epstein named vice-chair

June 27, 2008—Keene, NH—The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Board of Trustees elected Edward Dupont of Durham as Board Chair and George Epstein of Silver Lake as Vice Chair for one-year terms at their annual meeting at Keene State College on June 26th. The Board also re-elected Edwinna Vanderzanden of Rochester as Secretary and welcomed six new and recently appointed members.

Current Chair Andrew Lietz of Rye is retiring from the Board after having served as chair since 2004. Two other long-term Board members also stepped down as of the June 26 meeting: Jack Lawson of Amesbury Massachusetts, a UNH alumni-elected member who served since 2000; and former Governor Walter Peterson of Peterborough, who is the longest serving member of the Board, having been appointed in 1996.

The six new members are Carol Perkins from Plymouth; William Ardinger from Concord; Nicholas Benson from Wrentham, MA; Judith Blake from Portsmouth and Larkspur, CA; Chester Homer III from Portsmouth; and Eugene Martin, Jr. from Manchester.

The 27-member Board is responsible for the oversight of the University System, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College, and Granite State College.

What follows is some brief biographical information on the officers and new appointees:

Edward Dupont Chair

Profile: Attended the University of New Hampshire. Founder and President of The Dupont Group Ltd., a government relations consulting firm in Concord and director of Merchantbanc, a Manchester NH based venture capital firm. As a former five-term State Senator, he served as Senate Majority Leader and was elected President of the Senate in 1990. Appointed to the Board by Gov. Benson on March 6, 2003 to a term expiring on June 30, 2005; reappointed by Gov. Lynch to a term expiring on June 30, 2009.