

ITEM 152-2011-R0911

Authorization to Appoint Members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education appoints Dan Clark and Jeff Miller to a four year term beginning September 15, 2011 and ending September 14, 2015, on the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Current FSTS Advisory Council members Gar Wood and Chris Hindolen are reappointed to serve another four year term, September 15, 2011 and ending September 14, 2015.

EXPLANATION

Montana Code Annotated, 2-15-1519, requires that the Board of Regents appoints a Fire Services Advisory Council to work with the Director of the Fire Services Training School. This item will meet the conditions set forth in that statute.

ATTACHMENTS

Nominee summary attached

NOMINEE SUMMARY

Nominated by the State Fire Chief's Chairman Cowger:

Dan Clark –

Serving in Montana since 1997, Dan Clark now works as the Director of Montana State University's Local Government Center. The Center's purpose is to provide training, technical assistance and research to Montana's local government units. Dan's work at the Center includes annual educational and certification workshops for elected and appointed public officials as well as strategic planning, facilitation and mediation. Prior to Dan's work at the Center, he served as the Statewide Director for the Montana Horizons program addressing issues of poverty by developing community capacity and leadership in 35 rural Montana communities. Dan also served as the Mayor of the City of Choteau, Montana where he facilitated a unique blend of education, leadership and public policy. Concurrent to his service as Mayor, Dan worked for nine years as an MSU Extension Educator in Teton County. He earned his Bachelors and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona in Agricultural Education and taught high school agriculture prior to joining Extension.

Jeff Miller –

Jeff has been involved in the fire service in Montana since 1982 beginning as a volunteer firefighter in Butte for 16 years with the Big Butte Volunteer Fire Department. Jeff spent twenty years with the Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement Department retiring in 2004 as the Investigative Captain. During his tenure with the law enforcement department, Jeff was a member joint law enforcement/fire department fire origin/arson team.

Jeff was appointed the Director of Fire Services for the Butte –Silver Bow Fire Department in January 2004 where he currently serves.

The membership of the Fire Services Training Advisory Council is noted in parenthesis below. New nominees are in bold.

Montana Code Annotated, 2-15-1519. Fire services training advisory council. (1) The board of regents shall appoint a fire services training advisory council to work with the director of the fire services training school. The membership of the council shall include the following:

- (a) a fire chief; (Mahugh, Wood, **Miller**)
- (b) a volunteer firefighter; (Perrin, **Wood**)
- (c) a paid firefighter; (Johnson, Hester)
- (d) a fire service instructor; (Perrin, Johnson)
- (e) a person involved in fire prevention; (**Miller**)
- (f) a representative of the insurance industry; and (**Hindoien**)
- (g) a professional educator. (**Clark**)