

September 24-25, 2009

ITEM 144-2012-R0909 **Authorization to Appoint Members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education appoints Keith Johnson and Stephen Hester to a four year term beginning September 15, 2009 and ending September 14, 2013, on the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Current FSTS Advisory Council members Gary Mahugh and William E. Perrin are reappointed to serve another four year term, September 15, 2009 and ending September 14, 2013.

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.

ATTACHMENT: Nominee summary attached

NOMINEE SUMMARY

Keith Johnson - Nominated by Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters

Keith is a paid fire fighter and training specialist with the Bozeman Fire Department. The Bozeman Fire Department's mission is to minimize the loss of life, injury or property through basic emergency medical care and fire rescue services. Fire Department staff provides fire code inspections, code enforcement and fire safety survival education programs to the public. The department provides a variety of services to the community including fire suppression, emergency medical assistance, victim rescue, technician-level hazardous material response, fire code enforcement, wild land fire response, trench, high angle, low angle, and confined space rescue.

Stephen Hester – Nominated by Montana State Fire Chiefs Association

Steve Hester is currently the Assistant Fire Chief at Great Falls Fire and Rescue. Steve has thirty years of full-time fire protection experience, thirteen years of chief fire officer experience, and four years of Fire Service HazMat Training Specialist experience. Along with this experience, Steve is also a skilled public safety and education practitioner. Mr. Hester is familiar with National Fire Protection Standards, Uniform Fire Code, Department on Labor laws, and fire safety programs. He also has an extensive background and advanced education in human management, leadership, and organizational theory and change. Steve is a Montana certified Hazardous Materials Instructor.

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**, Hester, Belts)
- (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; (Belts, **Johnson**)
- (f) a representative of the insurance industry; and (Hindoien)
- (g) a professional educator. (Ekegren)