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Authorization to confer the title of Regents Professor Emeritus of Geosciences on William W. Woessner, University of Montana

THAT

The faculty of the University of Montana College of Humanities and Sciences wishes to express its appreciation to William W. Woessner for his 33 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Regents Professor Emeritus of Geosciences be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Woessner received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1978 and joined the faculty of the University of Montana as an Associate Professor of Geology in the fall of 1981. He has had a long and distinguished career and retired from the University at the end of December, 2014.

Regents Professor Woessner's teaching involved a wide range of subjects including hydrogeology, advanced hydrogeology, groundwater modeling, environmental geology, and surface water-ground water interactions. He engaged students by direct involvement in examining and analyzing local/regional/global water and environmental problems which had a profound impact on their future careers. He mentored scores of undergraduates through senior theses and over seventy graduate students through M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations during his career.

Regents Professor Woessner's research is internationally recognized and during the last twenty years has been conducted primarily in the areas of quantifying flow systems in intermountain valleys, resource analysis, ground water - surface water interactions, characterization of hazardous wastes and contaminant transport including virus and pharmaceutical transport, and the use of groundwater flow models to evaluate conceptual models and make predictions. During his career he authored over seventy-five professional publications, numerous reports, one textbook, and over two-hundred abstracts of papers presented at professional meetings. In support of his research he received scores of grants and contracts totaling millions of dollars. As a result of his research accomplishments during the last decade he was named the Birdsall-Dreiss Distinguished Lecturer for the Geological Society of America, a Fulbright Scholar to Austria, and a Visiting Scholar at Flinders University in Australia. He has given hundreds of invited lectures, served as a consultant for a wide range of government agencies, non-profit organizations and companies, and participated on advisory and editorial boards of organizations and journals. Regents Professor Woessner served as Chair of Geosciences from 2007 to 2010. His record of accomplishment during his UM career is truly amazing.

The College of Humanities and Sciences is pleased to nominate Regents Professor William W. Woessner for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

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