ITEM 168-2401-R0915

**Request Authorization to Appoint Members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council**

**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the appointment of members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Due to vacancies of permanent Directors in both the FSTS and MSU Extension in 2013, appointments were not made at that time.

**EXPLANATION**

This request is for the appointment of Robert Brunelle and Jason Revisky to a four year term beginning September 15, 2015 and ending September 14, 2019, on the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Also requested is the reappointment of the current FSTS Advisory Council members (Stephen Hester, Gary Mahugh, Williams Perrin and Keith Johnson) to fulfill their current terms which end in September 2017 and that Chris Hindoien and Dan Clark, whose terms expire in 2015, be reappointed to serve another term.

**NOMINEE SUMMARY**

**Robert Brunelle**
Robert has been a volunteer firefighter for 10 years and has assisted coaching for FSTS in the burn trailer and extrication. He is also a Captain on the City of Glasgow Fire and Valley County Long Run Departments. He has experience with the Valley County Search and Rescue and Valley County Hazmat. As manager/owner of a 145 unit motel with 80 employees, his knowledge of business and skills there would make him a beneficial member of the advisory council. He has a vested interest in seeing training continue in northeast Montana.

**Jason Revisky**
Jason has over 20 years of experience as both a volunteer and paid firefighter and is presently Chief of the Rae and Sourdough Fire Departments. Prior to that, he was Chief of the Big Sky Fire Department for eight years. He has been actively involved in fire prevention, training and administration of fire departments.

Montana Code Annotated, 2-15-1519, requires that the Board of Regents appoint 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. That statute and how each position is filled: (new nominees in bold)

**2-15-1519. Fire services 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; (Hester, Mahugh, **Revisky**)  
(b) A volunteer firefighter; (Perrin, **Brunelle**)  
(c) A paid firefighter; (Johnson)  
(d) A fire service instructor; (Perrin, **Revisky**)  
(e) A person involved in fire prevention; (Perrin, Mahugh, **Revisky**)  
(f) A representative of the insurance industry; and (Hindoien)  
(g) A professional educator. (Clark)

**ATTACHMENTS**
None