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ITEM 212-1505-R0524

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Jon Reiten, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology; Montana Technological University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Bureau Professional Practice Professor Jon Reiten from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Montana Tech, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 38 years of dedication and valued service by requesting the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Jon Reiten earned his B.Sc. in Geology in 1973 from the University of North Dakota and his M.S. in Geology from the University of North Dakota in 1983.

Jon was a Hydrologist for the North Dakota State Water Commission from 1980-1985 and joined the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1985 and served as a Bureau Professional Practice Faculty (BPPF) Assistant Professor (Hydrogeologist) until 1995 when he was promoted to BPPF Associate Professor (Hydrogeologist). He was awarded BPPF Professor (Hydrogeologist) in 2004.

Jon is widely recognized as a long-term expert on eastern Montana geology and hydrogeology. His work has been used to establish long-standing water management plans in northeast Montana where water shortages are routine and water rights contentious. He worked with land owners, conservation districts, Federal agencies, and State agencies for more than 38 years.

Jon Reiten has authored or co-authored (most often as first author) nearly 40 MBMG publications as well as several peer-reviewed publications related to eastern Montana; he has served on numerous advisory committees including as a Governor appointee to the Montana Board of Environmental Review. Jon held decadal membership on several associations including the American Water Resources Association, the National Ground Water Association, and the Montana Geologic Society. Our knowledge of the hydrogeology and geology of eastern Montana has advanced far under Jon's dedication and passion for good science.

Based on his accomplishments in research and service to the state of Montana, the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology of Montana Tech is pleased to nominate Bureau Professional Practice Professor Jon Reiten as Professor Emeritus of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Technological University together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

ATTACHMENTS

None