

Council on Postsecondary Education

Robert L. King became the third president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education January 16, 2009. Mr. King is the former chancellor of the State University of New York, one of the largest comprehensive systems of universities, colleges, and community colleges in the world. More recently, he served as president and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation, a statewide charitable foundation with a strong focus on education, economic development, and scientific research. Mr. King is very active in community service and has volunteered and served on numerous boards and organizations. He also has served on the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars; the Education Committee of the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); an advisor to the Middle State Commission on Higher Education regarding reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in Congress; the board of directors of the National Soccer Hall of Fame; and the board of trustees of A.T. Still University, a specialized university dedicated to training people for the health care professions, in Kirksville, Missouri, and Mesa, Arizona. Mr. King received a bachelor of arts degree in 1968 from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a juris doctor in 1971 from the Vanderbilt University School of Law. Mr. King serves on the Kentucky Board of Education as an ex-officio nonvoting member and on the Education Professional Standards Board as an ex-officio voting member.

Paul E. Patton, president of Pikeville College, became the Council's chair February 1, 2009. He served as governor of Kentucky from 1995 to 2003. One of Governor Patton's accomplishments as governor was to help reform higher education in Kentucky and the passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. As governor, he also served as chair of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Southern Growth Policies Board, the Education Commission of the States, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the President's Commission on the High School Senior Year, the National Education Goals Panel, the Democrat Governor's Association, and the National Governor's Association. During his tenure as lieutenant governor from 1991 to 1995 he also served as secretary of economic development. He has served as county judge executive of Pike County. Governor Patton holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky. He has an honorary doctor of public service degree from the University of Louisville.

Dan E. Flanagan, of Campbellsville, has served as Council vice chair since January 2007. He operates a large farming business and is a retired pastor. He has held several positions in state government including deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He held various positions at Campbellsville University for a number of years. He holds degrees from the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Campbellsville University.

Ellen Call, of Louisville, is the founder of Adams & Call Inc., a public affairs firm that offers government relations, community outreach, and public relations services. She has served on the Louisville Metro Council, worked on numerous political campaigns, and has extensive communications and media experience. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. She attended Cambridge University in England as a Rotary Scholar.

Christopher J. Crumrine, of Lexington, is the Council's student member. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Kentucky and currently attends the UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. After graduation, Mr. Crumrine plans to pursue a doctorate in higher education. He is the past president and treasurer of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. For two years, Mr. Crumrine was the marketing chair and director of internal communications for UK's largest student-run philanthropy, DanceBlue, which raised over \$420,000 in its most recent year for the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic. He is an alumnus of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity, University Leadership Summit, and Order of the Omega. He is an Eagle Scout and a Kentucky Colonel.

Glenn D. Denton is a partner with the Paducah law firm of Denton & Keuler. He is a 1992 graduate of Centre College and a 1995 graduate of Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law. He received the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award from the Chase Alumni Association in 2005. Mr. Denton currently serves on the board of the Paducah Bank and Trust Company and Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky. He is the past chairman of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and the current chairman of the Paducah-McCracken County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Joe Graviss, Versailles, is an owner/operator of eight McDonald's restaurants in Lexington, Frankfort, and Versailles. He has served the Federal Reserve Bank's 4th District as Business Advisory Council Member, was a candidate for Kentucky's 7th District State Senate seat in 2004, and is currently treasurer for the Dr. Daniel Mongiardo for United States Senate race. He is the former chairman of the Woodford County Economic Development Authority, former chairman of Bluegrass Tomorrow, co-chair of the Woodford County Task Force on commercial, residential, and small community design standards, and the McDonald's National Leadership Council Representative for over 175 McDonald's franchises in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Mr. Graviss has been involved in and is an active board member of various community organizations. He is a graduate of Transylvania University with majors in accounting and business administration and minors in political science and history. He is a graduate of the Leadership Central Kentucky program given by the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Graviss teaches The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People program as well as the time management curriculum What Matters Most within his organization. In 1997 he was chosen from over 14,000 other facilitators worldwide to be among the five recipients of the prestigious Franklin Covey "Facilitator of the Year" award. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and maintains his association with the Kentucky Society of CPA's and the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Graviss also serves on the Nursing Home Ombudsman Association of the Bluegrass Board, Transylvania's Board of Visitors, and the Midway College Board of Trustees.

Phyllis A. Maclin is chair of the Council's Committee on Equal Opportunities. She is vice president of Paducah Housing Services Inc., and is currently pursuing her MBA at Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah. She has several years experience in public relations, marketing, training, and sales management. She is a public school volunteer and former member of the Paducah Urban Renewal Board and Paducah Independent School Board. Ms. Maclin holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Western Kentucky University.

Pam Miller, of Lexington, served as mayor of Lexington-Fayette County from 1993 to 2003. Prior to that she served on the Urban County Council from 1974 to 1977 and 1980 to 1993. She taught history and French in Connecticut and worked for the Congressional Quarterly in Washington, D.C., and for the Boston Globe. Ms. Miller is a member of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. She received her bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Nancy J. McKenney, of Lexington, is the Council's faculty representative. She has been a member of the library faculty at Eastern Kentucky University since 1985. She serves on the ECU Faculty Senate, the Senate Executive Committee, and also as a representative to the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership. She has been president of the ECU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors since 2004. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Eastern Kentucky University and master's degrees in library science and music history from the University of Kentucky. She earned her Ph.D. in musicology from UK in 2002. In addition to her academic pursuits, she serves as principal cellist and board member of the Lexington Community Orchestra.

Donna Moore, of Lexington, worked for many years at Kentucky Educational Television and was deputy executive director for programming and production when she retired in November 2004. She is a member of the Midway College board of trustees. She holds an associate degree from Midway College and a bachelor of arts in business education from the University of Kentucky.

Lisa F. Osborne is an attorney in Carrollton. She holds a bachelor of science in secondary education from Cumberland College, a master of science in library science from the University of Kentucky, and a juris doctor from the University of Louisville. She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and has been a teacher and an insurance agent.

Marcia Milby Ridings is the principal of the London law firm of Hamm, Milby, and Ridings. She was president of the Kentucky Bar Association in 1995-96 and was named Outstanding Lawyer of Kentucky in 2006. Ms. Ridings currently serves as the state delegate for Kentucky on the House of Delegates for the American Bar Association, is on the board of the Baptist Healthcare System, and is chair of the Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin. She also serves on the board of directors of Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and she represents Kentucky as a commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws).

She holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College, and master's and juris doctor degrees from the University of Kentucky. She is a former member of CPE, having been appointed in 1997 after the passage of House Bill 1.

Jim D. Skaggs is the president/owner of Jim Skaggs, Inc., a construction and property development firm in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Prior to starting his own firm in 1973, he was employed by several construction and engineering firms in Iowa, Tennessee, New York, and Kentucky. Mr. Skaggs is a 1966 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree in business management. He also attended the University of Kentucky College of Engineering. Mr. Skaggs is a member of the executive committee of the Republican Party of Kentucky and the Bowling Green Noon Rotary. He is past chair of the Bowling Green Municipal Utilities Board, past chair of the Warren County Republican Party, and past vice chair of the Bowling Green-Warren County Planning Commission.

Joe Weis of Louisville is plant manager for Jones Plastic and Engineering. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Louisville and is a member of the national and local chapters of the Society of Human Resource Management.

Joe Wise is secretary and treasurer for the Greater Louisville Building and Construction Trades Council. He has experience with empirical research, project costing, human resources, and contract negotiations. He holds a bachelor of science in business administration from Spalding University, a master of business administration from Bellarmine College, and a doctor of business administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He just completed two terms on the Kentucky Community and Technical College board of regents and served as the board's vice chair. He is a member of numerous boards and community associations, including the Leadership Louisville Class of 1999.