## Board of Higher Education Governs Nine State Institutions of Higher Learning

The State Board of Higher Education which governs the nine state institutions of higher learning in North Dakota was created by the voters of the state when they approved Article 54 of the State Constitution in 1938. Just prior to this the institutions of higher learning were governed by the State Board of Administration.

The Constitutional Amendment which provided for a State Board of Higher Education stipulated that it should consist of seven members. They are chosen by the Governor of the state to serve seven year terms from a list of three names for each position selected by the President of the North Dakota Education Association, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Governor's choice must be confirmed by the Senate.

The Board selects a Commissioner who has his office at the State Capitol Building in Bismarck. He is the chief executive officer of the State Board of Higher Education and performs such duties as are prescribed by the Board. The Board also employs an Auditor and other office personnel. It meets regularly each month and oftener when necessary.

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