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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints New Regents

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment and reappointments of six University Regents to fill vacancies at Northern New Mexico College, the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico Military Institute and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

“Regents play a vital role in the institutions which they represent and I am confident that these fine men and women will continue to serve their schools well,” said Governor Richardson.

Northern New Mexico College

Governor Richardson has reappointed Michael Branch of Santa Fe to the Northern New Mexico College board of Regents. Mr. Branch is a College of Santa Fe graduate. He is the owner of Branch Realty in Santa Fe. His new term will begin on January 1 and will expire on December 31, 2014.

New Mexico Military Institute

The Governor has appointed Stephen Paternoster to the New Mexico Military Institute. Paternoster is a local business owner and successful restaurateur, most notably owner of Scalo Northern Italian Grill. He is a graduate of NMMI, and attended the University of New Mexico and the University of Texas. Mr. Paternoster replaces Jesus Salazar, former Regent President, whose term expires at the end of the year. Paternoster’s term will also expire on December 31, 2014.

University of New Mexico

Governor Richardson has reappointed James “Jamie” Koch of Santa Fe to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents. Koch is a graduate of the University of New Mexico. He has served on the Alumni Association and on the board of directors of the Lobo Club and has contributed to the University and its medical school. Koch is president of Daniels Insurance. Koch’s term will commence on January 1st and expire on December 31, 2014.

The Governor has appointed Emily “Cate” Wisdom of Albuquerque as a UNM student Regent. Wisdom was a member of the Student Council for four years at Cibola High School as well the

National Honor Society. A junior at UNM, Wisdom is a dual major in Biology and Chemical Engineering. Ms. Wisdom replaces Dahlia Dorman whose term expires at the end of this year. Wisdom's term will expire on December 31, 2010.

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

Governor Richardson has reappointed Richard Carpenter of Santa Fe to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Mr. Carpenter is a retired lawyer and has been a Regent since 2003. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and practiced law in New Mexico for 40 years. He has been NMIMT Regent since 2003.

The Governor has also reappointed Jerry Armijo to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Mr. Armijo is a lawyer from Socorro; he earned his law degree from the University of New Mexico. He served on the Commission on Higher Education for more than five years, including chairman of the commission and has been a NMIMT Regent since 2003.

Both Armijo and Carpenter's terms will expire on December 31, 2014.

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