

July 21, 2010

Four public members join the NorQuest College Board of Governors

EDMONTON – Advanced Education and Technology Minister Honourable Doug Horner appointed the following four public members to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College.

- **Leslie (Lee) Ahlstrom** – effective, July 14, 2010; term expires July 13, 2013
- **Bob Bowhay** – effective July 14, 2010; term expires July 13, 2013
- **Cynthia Hansen** – effective July 14, 2010; term expires July 13, 2013
- **Gordon Agopsowicz** – effective August 29, 2010; term expires August 28, 2013

“We are excited to have these four passionate and highly qualified community leaders join the NorQuest College Board of Governors,” said Board of Governors’ Chair, Wendy Kinsella. “They join the Board at a time when the College is embracing its new role as the Edmonton region’s community college and is planning a major campus redevelopment in downtown Edmonton to meet the growing demand for foundational learning and career programs with certificate and diploma credentials.”

These new appointments mark the end of the terms for retired public members Steven LePoole, Ross Undershute and Gail Stepanik-Keber. The fourth appointment is to replace Dr. Jodi Abbott who resigned from the Board in early 2010 to become President and CEO of NorQuest College. Board members may serve up to two three-year terms.

About NorQuest College

NorQuest is a Comprehensive Community Institution, based in downtown Edmonton, serving over 10,000 students a year throughout Alberta in full-time, part-time, distance and regional programs. NorQuest is the regional steward for the Edmonton region – encompassing an area from Camrose to Jasper and Drayton Valley to Whitecourt – ensuring access to post-secondary education. NorQuest provides high-quality learning opportunities that prepare graduates for careers and further studies in business, industry, health sciences, human services, early learning and education, and information, communication and design technologies. A leader in enhancing access to post-secondary education, the College is widely recognized for its foundational learning opportunities in academic upgrading, adult literacy, employment readiness and English as a Second Language education. NorQuest programming is sensitive to the cultural experience of Aboriginal learners, and learners for whom English is a second language. The College is a leader in meeting the needs of learners with disabilities. For more information, visit www.norquest.ca.

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Lee Ahlstrom

Public Board Member

Lee Ahlstrom was appointed to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology on July 14, 2010.

Originally from Two Hills, Alberta, Lee's professional career has spanned from the Canadian Armed Forces to the practice of law. He graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta under the Canadian Armed Forces Regular Officer Training Plan. Lee served as a Lieutenant and platoon commander before being promoted to Captain in 1968. His postings include the #1 Canadian Brigade Group in Germany and the Canadian United Nations Contingent in Cyprus.

In 1970 Lee resigned from the regular forces to attend law school at the University of Alberta. He practiced law with the federal Department of Justice and then the City of Edmonton eventually starting his own law practice, Ahlstrom Wright Oliver & Cooper LLP in 1977 in Sherwood Park. Lee is a member of the Law Societies of Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Lee was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1991. He continued to serve with the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves and retired as Lieutenant Colonel after commanding the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

In addition to his work on the Board of Governors for NorQuest College, Lee has been a member of numerous community organizations including the Sherwood Park Kiwanis Club, St. John Ambulance and is a past president and director of the Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce.

Lee and his wife of 42 years, Lore, have two children.

Bob Bowhay

Public Board Member

Bob Bowhay was appointed to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology on July 14, 2010.

Bob is dedicated to creating successful organizations by improving workplace culture and empowering leaders. Before retiring from Colt Engineering Ltd. (now WorleyParsons Engineering), Bob was a former partner and board member after serving as senior vice-president. Prior to that, he was the general manager at four of Colt's six offices, including CoSyn Technology in Edmonton, a longtime corporate partner of NorQuest College in developing new workplace programs for integrating newcomers to Canada. Bob's career started with Mobil Oil Canada where he served in various roles upon graduation from the University of Saskatchewan in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

A strong believer in the importance of giving back to the community, Bob serves on the cabinet of the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, the Fund Development Committee for the Centre for Family Literacy, and the Devonian Botanic Gardens Strategic Advisory Committee.

Bob and his wife Sheryl have two children. His interests include windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, photography and travel.

Cynthia Hansen

Public Board Member

Cynthia Hansen was appointed to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology on July 14, 2010.

Cynthia is the vice-president finance for Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Prior to her appointment as VP in 2007, Cynthia was director, Operations Services and has held various management positions at Enbridge since joining in 1999. Cynthia began her financial career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). During her career at PwC, she completed a two-year secondment with the RCMP as a forensic accountant.

Cynthia, a Chartered Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, graduated from the University of Alberta in 1986 with a Bachelor of Commerce. She is a member of both the Alberta Institute of Chartered Accountants and Financial Executives International.

In addition to NorQuest, she is also an active member of the Board of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association and the Edmonton chapter of Financial Executives International. Cynthia has served as treasurer and as a general board member for a variety of charitable and business organizations including Edmonton World Cup Triathlon, Heads Up Fraud Prevention Association, the Edmonton Better Business Bureau, Western Canada Spill Services, the Edmonton Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners Association, and Imagination Market Association.

Cynthia and her husband Joe enjoy travelling, running and playing golf.

Gordon Agopsowicz

Public Board Member

Gordon Agopsowicz was appointed to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College by the minister of Advanced Education and Technology effective August 29, 2010.

With more than 30 years of management experience in marketing, fund development, business development, public relations and communications, Gordon has a long history of corporate and community service in the Edmonton region.

Gordon is Vice-President, New Business Development and Partnerships with Servus Credit Union. Previously, he worked for Capital City Savings as an assistant vice-president, with Isotechnika Inc. as director of Investor Relations and Corporate Communications, Founding Executive Director with the Caritas Health Group Foundation, and as a business consultant.

Gordon has a Bachelor of Administration from the University of Regina.

Prior to being appointed to the Board of Governors for NorQuest College, Gordon's long list of community service includes volunteering with several charitable golf tournaments, Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta, and serving as a director with the Edmonton Downtown Development Corporation, Capital City Savings and Credit Union Central of Alberta.

Gordon has three children. He enjoys music and theatre and playing golf and tennis.