



Northland Foundation Announces Board of Trustees and 2009-2010 Officers

Duluth, MN – The Northland Foundation welcomes three new members to its Board of Trustees and announces its 2009-2010 Officers. The new Trustees are:



Steve Downing

Development Director, Reif Arts Council, Grand Rapids

Steve Downing has worked as an arts administrator at MacRostie Art Center and, currently, at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center. He has served on the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, and has been a Minnesota State Arts Board panelist. His other board experience includes Minnesota Discovery Center, Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation, Itasca GLBTA Alliance, and the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission. He is a published poet and essayist, is a regular commentator on KAXE/91.7, and has been a musician all his life. He and his wife, Katherine Dodge – Executive Director of the Itasca Orchestra & Strings Program – live just north of Grand Rapids on Shoal Lake.



Lynn Goerd

Owner, Lynn Goerd Consulting, Duluth

Lynn Goerd has worked in human services planning for the past 12 years at the community and regional level and teaches as an adjunct faculty for The College of St. Scholastica's Department of Social Work. She currently serves on the board of Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Inc., HealthShare, and the Duluth PTSA Council. Goerd has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) and is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Education program at UMD. She and her partner Eric also own Northern Waters Smokehaus in Duluth.



Nevada Littlewolf

Rural Leadership Field Organizer, The White House Project, Virginia

Nevada Littlewolf currently works with the White House Project to develop and expand leadership opportunities for women in rural Minnesota. She serves on the Virginia City Council, is an advocate for American Indian children and families in the Sixth Judicial District Guardian Ad Litem Program, and is a member of the St. Louis County Racial and Ethnic Oversight Committee. In 1994, she received the Minnesota Governor's Award for Excellence for development of the VISIONS Youth Program. She is a graduate of Mesabi Community and Technical College and attended the University of Minnesota Duluth majoring in Studio Art. She is a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and lives on the Iron Range with her two children.

2009-2010 Officers

Cindy Hanson – Chair, Co-owner of Sawbill Canoe Outfitters, Tofte; **Kenneth A. Johnson – Vice Chair**, Consulting Engineer, Aitkin; **David Clusiau – Secretary/Treasurer**, Co-owner, Hibbing Chrysler Center, Hibbing.

Trustees

Jeff Corey, Executive Director, Northern Communities Land Trust, Duluth; **Steve Downing**, Development Director, Reif Arts Council, Grand Rapids; **Lynn Goerd**, Owner, Lynn Goerd Consulting, Duluth; **Marieta Johnson**, Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial District, Virginia; **Nevada Littlewolf**, Rural Leadership Field Organizer, The White House Project, Virginia; **Nancy Norr**, Manager – Regional Development, Minnesota Power, an ALLETE Company, Duluth; **Claudia Otos**, retired Early Childhood Coordinator for Proctor-Hermantown, Hermantown; **Diane Raushenfels**, Superintendent (retired), Proctor Public Schools, Proctor; **Chuck Walt**, Associate Director – Human Services Division for the Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet; **Ed Zabinski**, Senior Vice President, Grand Rapids State Bank, Grand Rapids.

Outgoing Trustees (The terms of the following two trustees recently expired.)

Ed Crawford, Principal, Denfeld High School, Duluth; and **Barbara Dorry**, Executive Director, KOOTASCA Community Action, Grand Rapids.



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