

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

<b>ACTION</b>
<b>ONE-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP</b>

**BACKGROUND**

Board Chair Tom Renier asked Trustee Alex Cirillo, the chair of the Human Resources Committee, to obtain information and proposals for a training workshop on governance for the Board of Trustees. Trustee Cirillo contacted the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and John Stout, an attorney in Minnesota and an expert on corporate governance. At the Executive Committee meeting on May 5, 2015, Trustee Cirillo reviewed the consulting services offered by AGB and Mr. Stout. Following a discussion, the Executive Committee approved a motion to retain Mr. Stout for the one-day training workshop.

In preparation for the workshop, Mr. Stout will be briefed on the interviews of the trustees that were conducted in April of this year by the Association of Governing Boards. In addition, Mr. Stout will interview the chancellor, the vice chancellors and chief of staff, and others as directed by the chair of the board. The date for a workshop will be determined after Mr. Stout has concluded the interviews.

**RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION**

The Board of Trustees ratifies the Executive Committee's motion of May 5, 2015 authorizing the board chair to enter into negotiations with John Stout for a one-day training workshop not to exceed \$15,000.

*Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: May 20, 2015*