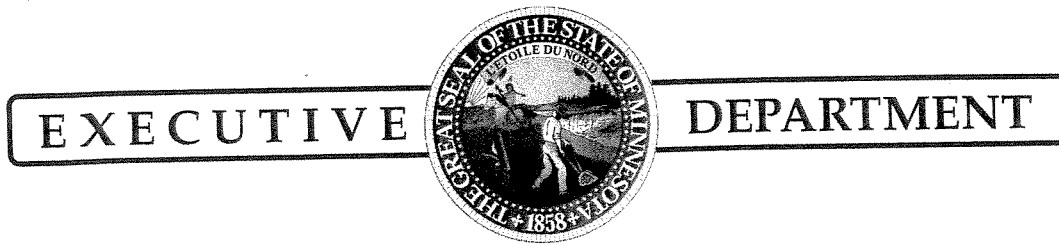


STATE of MINNESOTA



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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

WALTER KRAMER

425 North 39th Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota 55807
County of Saint Louis
Congressional District Eight

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the said office of:

*Member of the General Public with Business,
Administrative or Financial Expertise*

BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Effective: January 5, 2004
Term Expires: January 7, 2008

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, December 16, 2003.




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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Agency Name: * me **Board of the Minnesota State Academies**
(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought: **Member**
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Name: * **Walter** **Kramer**
(First Name) (Last Name)

Applicant Address: * **425 North 39th Avenue West** **Duluth** **MN** **55807** **US**
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Day Phone: * (218) 624-9273 **Evening Phone:** Same

E-MAIL: * **wokwest@charter.net**

County: **St. Louis County** **MN House of Rep District:** 7th **U.S. House of Rep District:** 8th

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? **YES** **NO**

Any other information the Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority:
See attached information.

(Statement may continue on reverse or attached sheets)

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

W Walter Kramer 5/1/03
(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §15.0597.

Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	Political Party: <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic-Farmer-Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Independence <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No party preference	Race*: <input type="checkbox"/> African American / Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other Race _____
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National Origin: _____ (* Select as many as apply)
(Country of Origin or Principle Tribe)

MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO: Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

FAX: (651) 296-9073
Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us



Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired. *By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk).*

FOR OFFICE USE: Sub by AA: _____ AA: _____ **Governor's Office** Trans Date: 5/1/03

President of the Senate

Agency name: Governance Board, Minnesota State Academies

Position sought: Member

Applicant name: Walter Kramer

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State legislative district: Seventh

U.S. Congressional district: Eighth

Statement of qualification: I am a totally blind alumnus of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind at Faribault, having attended when it was known as the Minnesota Braille and Sight Saving School. I began my tenure there as a seventh grader in 1958 and graduated in 1964. Prior to Faribault, I attended public school in Duluth. There, I was integrated into classes with sighted children for part of the day. I spent the remaining time developing Braille-reading and other blindness skills in a resource room for that purpose.

At Faribault, I honed existing skills and received my first formal training in orientation and mobility – the discipline whereby blind people are able to travel from one place to another and know where they are while enroute and once there. Equally as important were extracurricular opportunities afforded me in Faribault that might not have come my way in public junior or senior high school. Most notable among them were these:

- The chance to perform in several plays
- The opportunity to learn Braille music in piano classes
- Four years as a member of the band,
- My terms as a class representative, vice president and president of the Student Council.

My 35+-year career has encompassed work in radio, television and public relations. I worked at several radio stations while attending UMD, and made the transition to television news locally following my 1969 graduation with a B.A. degree in speech with broadcast emphasis. A brief mid-'70s stint as Executive Secretary for the Duluth Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and my subsequent return to UMD to acquire additional business courses bridged the gap between my broadcasting and public relations experience. I began work as a Minnesota Power Staff Writer in April, 1978 and continued in that capacity until my retirement in April, 2003.

During my early pursuit of career goals, my association with the Academy took the rather low-profile form of occasional alumni visits there and keeping in touch with contemporaries.

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In late 1994, however, I accepted an invitation to join the board of a foundation that exists to supplement legislative allocations to the Academy with money for such things as adaptive equipment. I left the foundation board in May 1999 after 4 ½ years as a member to focus on a role I had accepted at the beginning of that year. From January 1999 through 2001, I represented Academy alumni on the MSAB Site Council.

My experience on the Foundation board enlightened me regarding a staff characteristic I may not have been as willing to acknowledge as an adolescent – the consistently caring attitude toward students there by teachers, house parents, administrators and presumably most others.

During and after my years on the Site Council, I served on MSAB's Public Relations Committee. In that capacity I assisted with development of a presentation about MSAB designed to heighten awareness of the Academy throughout Minnesota. I also helped train selected presenters in October, 2002, and have been among those who have made the presentation to groups since then. As one seeking a seat on the board that governs both academics, my purpose is threefold:

- To work in partnership with administrators and staff who have already demonstrated to me their considerable skill and competence in educating students who are blind, deaf and otherwise disabled.
- To help perpetuate the caring atmosphere at both academics so present and future students can gain maximum life skills at Faribault while maintaining their life at home to the fullest extent possible.
- To expand my own boundaries relative to knowledge about disabilities through involvement with the Academy for the Deaf as well as with my alma mater

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