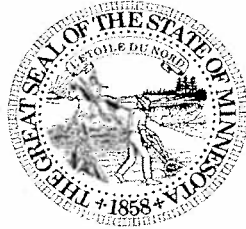


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Gary Lazarz

928 3rd Street Northeast
Faribault, MN 55021
County of Rice
Congressional District 2

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 office of:

**MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH BUSINESS,
ADMINISTRATIVE, OR FINANCIAL EXPERTISE**

BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Effective: June 29, 2012

Term Expires: January 4, 2016

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, June 20, 2012.



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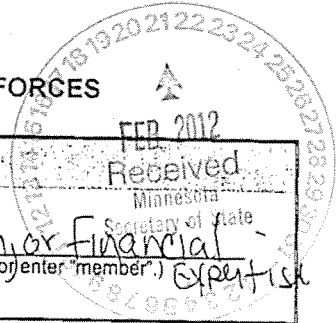
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Secretary of State

Replacing: Walter Kramer

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.



Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: The Board of the Mn State Academics Position Sought: Business Admin or Financial Expertise
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.) (Membership position sought or enter "member".)

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: GARY LAZARZ Preferred Phone: (507) 332-4625
(First Name) (Last Name)
Preferred Mailing Address: 928 370 ST N.E. E-MAIL: GARYL@T&BF.COM
(Preferred Mailing Address) County: RICE
FARIBAULT MN 55041 MN House of Rep Dist: _____ US House of Rep Dist: _____
(City) (State) (Zip) Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes _____ No X
Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes X No _____

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)
Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female _____ Male X Age: 58 Disability: Yes _____ No X Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor _____ Independence _____ Republican _____ X No Party Preference _____ Other _____ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes _____ No X
Race: _____ African American or Black _____ American Indian or Alaska Native _____ Asian or Pacific Islander X White or Caucasian _____ Other Race _____ JUN 20 2012



Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

President of the Senate

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

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

2-17-2012

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

Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

FOR OFFICE USE:
Governor _____
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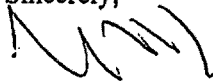
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as my "letter of interest" in applying for the vacant position on The Board of the Minnesota State Academies which is posted on the Open Appointments website of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The position for which I am applying is: Public Member- Business, Administration, or Financial background.

Included with this letter of interest is a brief biography as well as the completed application form. If you should have questions or would like additional information, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Lazarz,
State Bank of Faribault
507-332-4625

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**Brief Biography
Of
Gary Lazarz**

President of the Senate

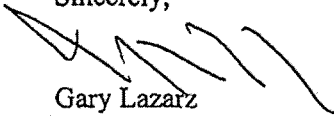
My name is Gary L. Lazarz and I am a life-long resident of Faribault, Minnesota. I was born and raised here, attended the Faribault Public Schools and began working at the men's clothing business known as "Jim and Joe's" while I was in high school. Years later I purchased the business and operated it for 21 years before closing it in 2006. I am now a Business Banker for the State Bank of Faribault. I believe that my experience and background in the business community would allow me to use that knowledge in dealing with the "business" of operating the state agency known as the Minnesota State Academies.

Throughout my life I have been an active community member, serving on a number of boards and committees. I have served on the River Bend Nature Center Board, the Hope Center Board, am a member of the local Sertoma Club and have been an officer in that organization. As a Sertoma member, we have raised funds to support projects for both the Deaf and the Blind. I am a member of the Faribault Chamber of Commerce and am an Ambassador for the Chamber. As a board member I have a track record of regular attendance, commitment to cause, and supporting rhetoric with action.

Why am I interested in serving on the Board of the Minnesota State Academies? My wife and I have raised our two children in this community and have a vested interest in seeing Faribault thrive. Being a CODA (child of deaf adults) gives me a unique insight into the needs of Deaf people. Both of my parents attended the Minnesota School for the Deaf (now called the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf) and graduated in 1947. I grew up in a world where Deafness was a way of life. My parents taught me the meaning of hard work, perseverance and determination, all necessary skills needed to be successful in life. I not only have significant experience with the disability of Deafness, but have also served on the Christ Through Hands Ministry Board which is a non-denominational Christian organization that serves both the Deaf and the Blind of the Minnesota State Academies. I have come to understand the challenges faced by Blind people and am an advocate for services that educate and support them.

I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to be of assistance serving on the Board of the Minnesota State Academies. I respectfully ask your thoughtful consideration to this appointment.

Sincerely,



Gary Lazarz