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Governor Makes EAB Appointments

Madison – Governor Jim Doyle announced recently the appointment of John Scocos of Madison and Joe Heim, Ph.D., of La Crosse to the state's Educational Approval Board (EAB). The two appointments follow five others recently made by the Governor.

The EAB is an independent state agency responsible for protecting Wisconsin's consumers by regulating for-profit postsecondary schools; out-of-state, non-profit colleges and universities; and in-state, non-profit institutions incorporated after 1991. The EAB currently oversees 122 schools serving more than 30,000 adults in degree and non-degree programs.

"With seven new members, this is an exciting time for the board," said David C. Dies, EAB Executive Secretary. "Governor Doyle's latest appointments to the EAB bring a broad range of experience and knowledge to the board and I look forward to working with them."

Mr. Scocos is a decorated veteran with more than 24 years of active and reserve military service with the U.S. Army. He is currently the Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). He has previously served as Deputy Secretary and Executive Assistant of the DVA. Mr. Scocos has also worked for the state Legislature as the Sergeant-at-Arms and Chief Clerk for the Assembly. Mr. Scocos holds a BS from Mankato State University, a teacher's certification from UW-Madison, and an MBA from Touro University in New York.

Dr. Heim is a highly respected professor of political science and public administration at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. He is a political science commentator and directs the university's public opinion surveys for local government and media. Dr. Heim has extensive administrative experience and involvement on state and local committees and boards. He earned his BA in history and MA in political science from Marquette University and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

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