

The chief executives of the signatory members to the Joint Agreement comprise the voting membership of the Board of Directors. The Board is the governing body for establishing policies for programs, operations, and fiscal affairs. Stated meetings of the Board are the fourth Tuesdays of January, March, May, and October.

A Regional Education Council of professionals representing educational institutions and others selected from agencies having direct relationships with RESA meets on the fourth Thursdays of February, April, September, and November. This is the program coordinating body for the Agency and a forum for discussing educational issues facing the members and the region. The Council annually elects a chairperson who also serves as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

RESA fosters cooperation among all educational institutions and organizations concerned with the needs of the people in the region; establishes goals, policies, and procedures for regional education projects; and plans, coordinates, and conducts regional educational projects. It promotes the improvement of educational, scientific, and literary facilities and programs at and among participating institutions; and organizes and supports an operational office governed by a Board of Directors responsible to public authorities.

One of the responsibilities of this Agency is to provide technical assistance and recommendations to the Governor, as Chief Executive and as a member of the Appalachian Regional Commission, concerning plans, programs, and activities directed toward education's role in the development of the region according to state and local education and development policies and the Appalachian Regional Development Act. These recommendations are the basis for funding programs for education by the Appalachian Regional Commission through the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Agency provides a basic staff to assist member institutions in identifying needs that might be met through regional programs or services. Based on Board policy, the staff provides direct support and leadership for interagency/institutional liaison, project development and implementation, and project review and evaluation.

Operations and programs of the Agency are funded through budget allocations of the signatory members and from grants and contracts with local, State, and federal agencies, including the Appalachian Regional Commission.

## MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY

J. Paul Melanson, *Chairperson*, 1985

Anna A. Curry, *Vice-Chairperson*, 1983

Gerald H. Spivey, *Treasurer*, 1984

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Leslie L. Lewis, Jr., 1983; C. Thomas McMillen, 1983; Alonia C. Sharps, 1984; Rhoda Dorsey, Ph.D., 1985; T. Albert Farmer, M.D., 1985.

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The Maryland Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority was created in 1982 (Chapter 488, Acts of 1982). The Authority has the power to issue tax exempt revenue bonds on behalf of participating colleges and universities which will use the proceeds for student loans. This self-supporting program requires no appropriation of State funds.

The Authority consists of eleven members. The Governor appoints nine of them. The State Treasurer and the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their designees, serve ex officio. Of the appointed members, two are trustees, directors, officers, or employees of institutions of higher education, at least one of whom is from an institution not owned or operated by the State or any of its political subdivisions. Two members are experienced in State and municipal finance, one in higher education finance, and two in student financial aid. Two members are appointed from the public at large. All are State residents. Initially, three members serve one-year terms, three serve two-year terms, and three serve for three years. Thereafter, members serve three-year terms. The Authority elects its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, and appoints the Executive Director.

## MARYLAND STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

*Chairperson*: Norma C. Day, 1985

*Vice-Chairperson*: Peter J. Lombardi, 1983

James E. Callahan, 1983; Helen L. Dawson,