



Productivity Board says goodbye to two members and hello to newcomer



Kathleen Brockman accepting a certificate of gratitude from Secretary of State Sam Reed

During its November 6th meeting, the Productivity Board said goodbye to two of its members, and welcomed in an enthusiastic newcomer.

Secretary of State Sam Reed was on hand to congratulate Kathleen Brockman on her impending retirement and celebrate her accomplishments. During her six-year tenure with the Productivity Board, she was able to help usher in over \$8 million in total money saved for Washington State government agencies.

Secretary Reed also thanked Terry Teale for her tireless efforts, celebrating a body of work that started with the Productivity Board in 1988, spanning two decades and millions of dollars in first-year savings.

Replacing Brockman will be Richard Tomsinski, a Deputy Project Director with the Employment Security Department. Tomsinski brings with him an extensive resume, including degrees at both Washington State University and The Evergreen State College, as well as numerous awards for customer service and quality.

During his time with the Employment Security Department, Tomsinski was put in charge of many projects that he successfully led to completion.

As a board director, he also was instrumental in reestablishing the South Sound Cougar Club - an exclusive association that Secretary Reed is very proud to be a part of.

“It’s always nice to have a fellow Washington State Cougar on the Productivity Board.” Reed merrily said.



Richard Tomsinski participated in his first board meeting on November 6th

Tomsinski inquired about board membership in 2008, and when a position opened, Governor Gregoire and Commissioner Karen Lee gave him glowing recommendations.

“Working with the Productivity Board has always been consistent with my interests in improving organizational performance through employee engagement,” Tomsinski said. “I believe that every organization can do more to engage employees to help us do our jobs and meet our public service missions.”

Tomsinski will serve a three-year term with the Productivity Board and can be reappointed to additional terms.

“My plan is to listen and learn,” he said. “I’m hoping to find an opportunity to help make a difference.”

As the Productivity Board begins its twenty-seventh year, there are high hopes that its members can continue the tradition of encouraging our state employees to save money and get recognized for their suggestions.

A replacement for Terry Teale has not yet been named.