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### **UNM Foundation Board of Trustees Elects Anne Yegge Chair**

The UNM Foundation Board of Trustees has elected Anne Yegge (photo attached) chair until fiscal year end, June 30, 2009, replacing Thelma Domenici, who resigned after serving nine years on the board. The trustees confirmed the vote at its Feb. 27, 2009, board meeting.

Yegge retired from the City of Albuquerque as director of community services after serving as the city's budget director and several other positions. Since retiring she has worked as a consultant on strategic planning and budgeting with governmental entities and nonprofits. Yegge also has served on a number of local and national boards and commissions. She is a New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award recipient, and she and her husband, Vince, are members of the UNM Foundation's Popejoy Society and charter members of the UNM President's Club.

In her seventh year on the UNMF Board, Yegge will continue serving as secretary, finance/budget chair and a member of the audit committee. In April, the board will vote on officers to begin July 1, 2009, including chair and vice chair for two-year terms, and other officers for one-year terms. UNMF President John R. Stropp is happy to be working with Yegge in her new capacity as chair, and grateful for Yegge's strong leadership and passion for moving the Foundation forward.

Domenici was chair during the vote to reorganize the UNM Foundation as an entity separate from UNM. She appointed a policy oversight task force and a compensation committee for the UNMF's reorganization process. Stropp praised her commitment and efforts as chair, noting that she was instrumental in moving the Foundation forward. Domenici was appointed to the UNMF Board in 2000. "Ms. Domenici has provided this Foundation great leadership, support and direction during the past nine years," said Stropp. "She has served as a grand champion for the Foundation. Her spirit and great enthusiasm will be missed."

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