

## **EIGHT APPOINTED TO NTID ADVISORY BOARD**

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Eight new people have been appointed to the National Advisory Group for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

The 16-member group concerned with education and technical training advises Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, vice president of RIT and CEO/dean for NTID, on carrying out policies that govern the operation of the institute. Those appointed include:

Scot Atkins is senior vice president-Human Resources for CSD, Inc., in Sioux Falls, S. D. He previously was director of the Lubbock, Texas, Relay Center; and training supervisor and human resources administrator for Sprint-Relay Texas.

He received a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Human Resources Development, both from RIT.

Steven Bock is an advisory software engineer at IBM Corporation in Seattle, Wash., where he designs and develops advanced technologies, working remotely in Seattle for IBM's San Jose-based Silicon Valley Laboratory. He has also been a software engineer and technical consultant for IBM at various customer sites in the United States, Canada, France, and China. From 1983-1996, he worked for IBM in San Jose as a staff software engineer, a senior associate engineer, and an associate software engineer.

He has a bachelor of science degree in Accounting Practices and Theory from California State University, Northridge.

Timothy McCarty is president of Quest: Arts for Everyone, a non-profit company committed to using the arts to promote understanding among all people.

He has worked at Gallaudet University's Model Secondary School for the Deaf for the past 21 years, and was artistic director of the school's internationally acclaimed performing arts program from 1988-97.

McCarty has a bachelor of arts degree in English from Washington and Jefferson College and a master's degree in Speech Arts—Drama (Directing) from American University.

Jennifer Parks Olson, Esq. is director of Human Services for the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD), where she directs advocacy, employment and housing services efforts as well as designs and implements education, training and resource development. Previously, she was associate director, 3R (Roles, Rights and Responsibilities for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students; administrator, Resource Development and Business Relations at the National Center on Deafness at California State University, Northridge.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Northridge and a juris doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Ronnie Mae Tyson-Jones has been a senior vocational rehabilitation counselor since 1996 for the Florida Department of Education, and also teaches American Sign Language at Florida Community College. Previously, she was an ASL interpreter/substitute teacher for Florida's Duval County school district and a director of Student Personnel Services for the Georgia School for the Deaf.

She has a bachelor's degree in Retailing and a master's degree in Career and Human Resource Development, both from RIT.

Jeff Hutchins is chairman of the Accessible Media Industry Coalition, a trade coalition of companies that provides services such as captioning and video description that make media programs accessible to people with hearing and/or vision impairments.

Previously, he was an owner and the executive vice president, Planning and Development, of VITAC, a company providing complete captioning services in the Pittsburgh area.

He has a bachelor of science degree in Broadcasting and Film from Boston University.

Mark Milliron is executive director of the Education Practice for the SAS Institute Inc., a software company serving K-20 educational arenas. Previously, he served as president and CEO of the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international consortium based in Phoenix, Ariz.

He earned his bachelor of science degree and master's degree in Organizational Communication, both from Arizona State University, and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a Kellogg Senior Research Fellow.

Marilyn Smith is executive director and founder of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services in Seattle, Wash., a non-profit organization serving deaf and deaf-blind victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Previously, she served as clinical coordinator of rehabilitation for the Hearing Speech and Deafness Center in Seattle. She has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Counseling, both from Gallaudet University.

The first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, NTID, one of eight colleges of RIT, offers educational programs and access and support services to the 1,100 deaf and hard-of-hearing students from around the world who study, live, and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

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