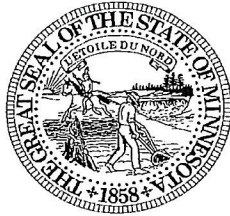


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr.

127 East Main
P.O. Box 746
Luverne, MN 56156
County of Rock
Congressional District 1

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

MEMBER

PERPICH CENTER FOR THE ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective: July 20, 2016
Term Expires: January 6, 2020

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Veterans Service Building in the City of Saint Paul, July 15, 2016.



Mark Dayton

Governor

Steve Simon

Secretary of State

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Replacing: Eunice Biel

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**OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON MINNESOTA
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS OR TASK FORCES**

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.
By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.)



Part I: Position Sought

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Perpich Center for the Arts
Name of board, council, commission or task force

Position: Board of Directors – 1st Cong. District
Membership position sought or enter "member"

Part II: Applicant Information

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Name: Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr.
First Last

Phone: (507) 283-9546

Mailing Address: 127 E, Main, P.O. Box 746
Luverne MN 56156
City State ZIP Code

Email: lawkooi@gmail.com

County: Rock

MN House of Rep Dist: 22A US House of Rep Dist: 1st
Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:
Yes _____ No X

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your
application? Yes X No _____

Attach a cover letter, resume or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: Optional Statistical Information

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.).
Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

Gender: Female _____
Male X

Age: 63

Disability: Yes _____
No X

Political Party:
X Democratic-Farmer-Labor
_____ Independence
_____ Republican
_____ No Party Preference
_____ Other _____

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
origin: _____ Yes
X No

Race: _____ African American or Black
(Check as many as apply) _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
_____ Asian or Pacific Islander

X White or Caucasian
_____ Other Race _____

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Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

Applicant Signature

May 27, 2016
(Date)

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Mail or Submit In Person:
Office of Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther
King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

FOR OFFICE USE:

Governor
06/01/2016

BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI, JR.
Resume' as of May 27, 2016

PERSONAL HISTORY

Born: March 3, 1953
Married: Debrah K. Ver Hoeven on June 20, 1975
Children: William James Vander Kooi (38), born August 12, 1977
 Katrina Mae Vander Kooi Wallmeyer (34), born August 5, 1981
Residence: 1275 141st Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156
Office: 127 E. Main, P.O. Box 746, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 Work: (507) 283-9546
 E-mail: lawkooi@gmail.com FAX: (507) 283-9629
 Cell: (507) 920-8703

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Law School: Received J.D. from University of Minnesota Law School in June 1978;
 Minnesota Law Review staff, edited *Law Alumni News*.

College: Received B.A. from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in June 1975; Editor of
 Calvin College Chimes; 1974 Intern for Sen. Walter F. Mondale.

High School: Graduated from Luverne High School in June 1971; co-valedictorian, speech and debate
 awards; edited school newspaper, *LHS Echo*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Profession: Attorney-at-Law licensed since September 1978 to practice in the State of Minnesota and
 Federal Courts, including District of Minnesota, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Tax Court
 Attorney Registration No. 0112124

1978 to Date: Practicing law as Vander Kooi Law Offices, P.A., 127 East Main, P.O. Box 746,
 Luverne, Minnesota 56156

1977 to 1978: Law Clerk for Smith, Juster, Feikema, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota.; firm has since
 merged with Lommen, Nelson, Cole & Stageberg, P.A.; and now Lommen Abdo

Professional Service:

City Attorney, Luverne Minnesota (2003 to date)
City Attorney, Edgerton, Minnesota (1983 to date)
Attorney, Southwest Regional Development Commission (2003 to date)
Past President and Secretary, 13th District Bar Association
Attorney-Coach: MSBA Mock Trial Program (1990 to 2000)
Conference of Chief Judges Juvenile Law Focus Group (1996)
Member, Judicial Merit Advisory Committee (Governor Perpich)
Permanent: March 1989 to March 1990
Ad Hoc: May 1987 -- Fifth Judicial District
Past Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
Committee for the Bicentennial of the Constitution
Volunteer Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
Member, Rock County Courthouse Planning Committee
Co-Chair, Rock County Courthouse Centennial Celebration (July 4, 1987)

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1. **Arts Activities**
Past Chair, Minnesota State Arts Board (Chair 2001 to 2003, Member 1999 to 2003)
Life Trustee and Past President, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts
(1980 to 1984, 1988 to 1999; President 1995 to 1997; 2007 to date)
Past Director, Minnesota Presenters Network
Past President, Blue Mound Area Theatre, Inc. (non-profit corporation restoring the historic Palace Theater located in Luverne, Minnesota)
Past Director, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors (2003-2006)
Prairie Disciple Award from Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC) -1998
Past President, and Member, Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County (1992-2009)
Past President, Green Earth Players, Inc. (Community Theater)
2. **Historic Preservation Activities**
Advisor, National Trust for Historic Preservation (2010 to date)
Trustee, Minnesota Historical Society Executive Council (2014 to date)
Past Member, Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)
(advises the Minnesota Historical Society on Legacy Fund Grants)
3. **Education Activities**
Past Chair and Member, MnSCU Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (Chair 2000 to 2004)
Past Trustee, Luverne "Dollars for Scholars"
Past Trustee, Southwest State University Foundation
Friend of Education, Luverne Education Association
4. **Political Activities**
Chair, Rock County DFL (1980 to 2012)
Past Member, DFL Education Foundation
Delegate to Congressional District and State DFL, and National Democratic Conventions
5. **Economic Development Activities**
Past President and Director, Rock County Development Corporation
Past Chair and Founder, Luverne Veterans Home Task Force
Past President and Founder, Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation
Past Chair, Luverne Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Past Advisor, Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund (now SW Minnesota Foundation)
6. **Health-Related Activities**
Past Member, University of Minnesota Health System Board of Governors (1994 to 1996)
Past President, Bethesda Christian Counseling Midwest, Inc.
Past President, Bethesda PsychHealth Ventures, a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of the non-profit Bethesda PsychHealth System in Denver, Colorado
Past Trustee, Bethesda Hospital Association (Denver, Colorado 1985-1987)
7. **Other Activities**
Member and Founder, Brandenburg Prairie Foundation, Inc.
Member, First Farmers and Merchants National Bank Advisory Board
Past Member, Luverne Area Community Foundation
Former President and Founder, Blue Mounds State Park Partners, Inc.
President and Founder, Selection Committee, Rock County Hall of Fame
Past President and Member, Luverne Rotary Club
Member and Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Luverne
Past Chair, Luverne Red Arrow (Community Fund)

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