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President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Katherine Wangberg

9896 Clearline Road Northwest Shevlin, MN 56676 County of Beltrami Congressional District 7

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:

DEAF COMMUNITY MEMBER

BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Effective: July 2, 2019 Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, June 27, 2019.



Replacing: Sonny Wasilowski

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Governor

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Katherine J. Wangberg 9896 Clearline Rd NW Shevlin, MN 56676 mekiakoo@gmail.com 651-964-1528

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March 5, 2019

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my interest in the Board of the Minnesota State Academies as a Deaf Community Member.

I am Deaf and a native user of American Sign Language. I have a M.S. in Education/Special Education and a B.S. in Child Psychology, I am currently an American Sign Language Teacher at Bemidji High School. I am also a Deaf American Sign Language Interpreter. I have also taught American Sign Language at Bemidji State University and for the Bemidji Community Education program. I also worked as a Family Deaf Mentor. I have worked with families & children for over ten years. I graduated from the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in 2005. Over the years I have been able to build my network of parents of deaf children, interpreters, educators, and people who have the means to reach deaf people in the Greater Minnesota. I have started incorporating technology in my lessons and have been able to develop new ways to get in touch with people and to gather information from them. My educational background and work/personal experiences have prepared me for this position.

I am very interested in this position because I enjoy being able to help people gain accessibility. I love getting and staying in touch with people. I am originally from the Twin Cities; when I moved to Bemidji, the first thing I noticed was that Bemidji has a very small Deaf Community. I was able to figure out how to reach out to people outside of the Deaf community through several social media networks, e-mails, workshops, and people. I've participated in a lot of workshops and have been able to stay in touch with people who have wonderful resources. I also learned how to advocate for my rights as a deaf person and for my students' rights which requires more determination compared to the cities where accessibility isn't as sparse. Having grown up in both the Deaf and Hearing worlds, I am very comfortable with interacting with hearing people who do not know how to sign. I am also able to work with interpreters with ease. I enjoy sharing things about myself and teaching people to advocate for themselves. I enjoy meeting new people and am an extrovert person. I am comfortable meeting all types of people and sharing information. I feel that my skills, knowledge, and experience would be an important contribution to the students and staff of the Minnesota States as well as to the community. More information about my experience is on the attached resume.

I would be glad to provide you with any additional information needed. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely, Katherine Jean Wangberg

KATHERINE J. WANGBERG

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EDUCATION

ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY CATIE CENTER

Graduation to Certificate (Interpreter)

January 2019

Saint Paul, MN

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

K-12 American Sign Language Teaching License via Portfolio

June 2012

Roseville, MN

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

Master in Education/Special Education

December 2010

Bemidji, MN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Bachelor of Science, Child Psychology

May 2009

Twin Cities, MN

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES

June 2018 - Present

Deaf Interpreter

American Sign Language Interpreter

Minnesota

BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL

American Sign Language Teacher

August 2010 - Present

Bemidji, MN

Teacher for grades 9-12 levels I & II American Sign Language & Deaf Culture.

BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL

August 2010 - June 2014

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher

Bemidji, MN

Worked with Deaf/Hard of Hearing students individually. Taught math, reading, and social studies.

PARTNERSHIP IN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Family Deaf Mentor

February 2010 - September 2013

Bemidji Area

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

American Sign Language Level II Instructor

January 2010 - May 2010

Bemidji, MN

BEMIDJI INTERDISTRICT REGION COUNCIL

Deaf Mentor/Language Facilitator

October 2009 – June 2010

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BEMIDJI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

American Sign Language Level I Instructor

November 2009

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Bemidji, MN

METRO DEAF SCHOOL

Paraprofessional and Battle of the Books Coach

June 2005 - July 2009

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St. Paul, MN

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Worked 1:1 with a stroke victim

Presidential Campaign Volunteer

Intervener (1:1 with pre-school student)

Assisted Volleyball Camp (Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf)

Winter 2009

September 2008

May – July 2008

August 2005

QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Fluent in American Sign Language and English – Extensive experience teaching deaf/hearing people – Experience in working with children with special needs – Comfortable with people and animals – At ease working with ASL interpreters – Facilitated creation of Deaf Club at the University of Minnesota and Adult COED softball league – Graduated with 4.0 at Bemidji State University – University of Minnesota Dean's List – Involved in sports and outdoor activities – Finished several marathons - Enjoy traveling, reading, staying active.