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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The Illinois Wesleyan University Board of Trustees elected four new trustees at its May 9 meeting. Newly-elected trustees include Judith Elbert Favell '66, chief executive officer of AdvoServ, Inc.; David G. Wilkins '74, general counsel of Union Carbide Corporation and assistant general counsel of Dow Affiliated Companies; John S. Horton '82, a self-employed investor, advisor and venture capitalist; and J. William Roberts '64, managing partner of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Retiring from the Board with emeritus status are Parker Kemp, president and director of Kemp Farms, Inc. and director of Commerce Bank, and John E. Jordan '57, retired executive director of the YMCA at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Favell, a native of St. Louis, Mo., received the University's Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 1979 and the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2004, and will join the Board for a three-year term. Besides her work as CEO of AdvoServ, Inc., a multi-state network of treatment programs for children and adults with developmental and emotional challenges, Favell has worked as a clinician, researcher, lecturer and administrator. She has served as an expert witness and authored numerous articles, books and journals. Favell received her bachelor's degree in psychology from IWU in 1966 and earned her Ph.D. in developmental and child psychology from the University of Kansas in 1970. She has been president of multiple organizations, including the Celeste Foundation, the American Psychological Association's Division on Developmental Disabilities, and the International Association for Behavior Analysis.

Joining Favell for a three-year term is David G. Wilkins, a native of Evanston, Ill., who served as an IWU Alumni Association trustee from 1983 to 1989. He worked with Dow Affiliated Companies as director of global diversity before joining the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., as vice president of diversity. Wilkins privately practiced law for 10 years in the Chicago area. He received his bachelor's degree in American Studies and history from IWU in 1974 and the juris doctor degree from the University of Illinois School of Law in 1977. He and wife Lois '75 are partners in a real estate development company.

John S. Horton will join the Board for a two-year term. He was previously CFO of Omega Holdings, Inc., CEO of Allied Signal Engines, and president of GE Financial Management Program, and has held executive positions with Allied Signal Inc. and GE Aircraft Engines. Horton, a native of Kewanee, Ill., received the University's Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 1997 and has served on the Executive Board of the IWU Alumni Association and chaired the Alumni Annual Fund. Horton completed a double major in business administration and political science in three years, receiving his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan in 1982.

J. William Roberts, a native of Jacksonville, Ill., also will join the board for a two-year term. Roberts previously served as chief legal counsel for Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois and adjunct professor of medical humanities at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He was a junior high English teacher and track coach, as well as president of IWU's Springfield Alumni Chapter, Homecoming reunion chair and host for many IWU Connection events in Springfield and Chicago. Roberts, who was awarded Illinois Wesleyan's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003, received his bachelor's degree in political science from IWU in 1964 and the juris doctor degree from the Washington University School of Law in 1967.

Retiring from the Board of Trustees with emeritus status is John E. Jordan, who received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Illinois Wesleyan in 1957. Since joining the Board and the Academic Affairs Committee in 1992, he has helped advance the academic excellence of Illinois Wesleyan. Jordan later accepted appointment as Chair of Academic Affairs in 1996 and took his position on the Executive Committee of the Board. He was a trustee representative on IWU's Strategic Planning Committee. Jordan also played a key role as a member of the steering committee for the North Central re-accreditation, a three-year long self-study and scrutiny of every aspect of the University. He served on the 2003-2004 presidential search committee and helped formalize criteria for the Honorary Degrees Subcommittee. Jordan has mentored students preparing for Rhodes Scholarship interviews and has helped the Alumni Association at numerous events.

Parker Kemp, who has been affiliated with Kemp Farms and Kemp Grain Company of Lexington, Ill., since 1958, is also retiring from the Board with emeritus status. Kemp received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering and accounting from the University of Colorado and was also a pilot in the Air National Guard. He has a 34-year career in banking at the People's Bank of Lexington, which is now a part of Commerce Bank, where he is director.



Judith Favell



William Roberts



John E. Jordan