

## IOWA STATE FAIR BOARD

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment</i>
Jerry Parkin, President .....	Earlham.....	December 2008
Randy Brown.....	Osceola .....	December 2007
Don Greiman .....	Garnet .....	December 2007
David Huinker.....	Decorah.....	December 2007
Gary McConnell.....	Bloomfield.....	December 2008
Bill Neubrand.....	Le Mars.....	December 2007
Jeanne Partlow.....	Ankeny.....	December 2008
James Romer .....	Ames.....	December 2008
Robert Schlutz.....	Columbus Junction.....	December 2007
C. W. Thomas.....	Guthrie Center.....	December 2007
Paul Vaassen .....	Dubuque.....	December 2008
Gary VanAernam.....	Exira.....	December 2008
Chester J. Culver, Governor.....		Statutory
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture.....		Statutory
Gregory L. Geoffroy, President, Iowa State University.....		Statutory
	<i>Nonvoting member:</i>	
Gary D. Slater, Secretary .....		Serves at Pleasure of Board

Every August, over a million people from all over the Midwest flock to the Iowa State Fair, the state's great celebration, a salute to Iowa's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment, and achievement.

The fair is the home of a 20-acre farm machinery show and the largest arts show in the state. More than 600 exhibitors and concessionaires offer modern merchandise and quality foods.

Large 4-H and FFA shows provide excellent educational opportunities for youngsters. More than \$350,000 worth of entertainment is offered free with gate admission. The grandstand offers superstar stage shows and track events. History comes alive in Heritage Village, a tribute to Iowa's hardy pioneers. The 10-acre midway offers 100 rides, shows, and games.

The Iowa State Fair is one of the oldest agricultural and industrial expositions in the nation. The first was held in Fairfield in 1854 on a six-acre tract. The next year's fair was also held in Fairfield. From 1856 to 1879, the fair moved from city to city: Muscatine, 1856-1857; Oskaloosa, 1858-1859; Iowa City, 1860-1861; Dubuque, 1862-1863; Burlington, 1864-1866; Clinton, 1867-1868; Keokuk, 1869-1870 and 1874-1875; and Cedar Rapids, 1871-1873 and 1876-1878.

In 1879, the fair moved to Des Moines to stay. In 1884, the General Assembly appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of grounds in Des Moines on the condition that the city raise an equal sum for site improvements. The 270-acre site was dedicated two years later. It continued to grow to its present size of 400 acres. The Iowa State Fair was the inspiration for the original novel, three motion pictures, and the Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, all titled *State Fair*.

A separate State Fair Board was created in 1923, consisting of the Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture, the president of Iowa State University, one director from each congressional district, and three directors at-large. Reflecting redistricting, makeup of the board was changed to two directors from each of five congressional districts, plus the three ex officio members, in 1992. Official delegates, representing Iowa's 103 county fairs and other agricultural associations, elect these directors at the annual State Agricultural Convention in December. The president and vice president of the State Fair Board are elected by the board from elected directors. The board also selects the secretary and the treasurer.

The General Assembly may appropriate funds for major capital improvements and repairs; all other operating expenses are paid from revenue generated by the fair. The fairgrounds are used year-round as a meeting and exposition center, featuring such events as large trade and machinery

shows; sports events; national livestock, horse, and dog shows; arts and crafts exhibitions; private gatherings; auto races; concerts; and a wide variety of other activities.

**STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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2836 One Hundred Fourth Street, Des Moines 50322; (515)254-9200

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date</i>
Judy Bradshaw, Chair .....	Des Moines .....	April 30, 2009
Mary Bilden.....	Boone.....	April 30, 2010
June Anne Gaeta.....	Muscatine.....	April 30, 2010
Robert Hamilton.....	Sioux City.....	April 30, 2008
Cindy Kendall .....	Marshalltown.....	April 30, 2009
Allen McKinley.....	Des Moines.....	April 30, 2011
Duane Pitcher.....	Ames.....	April 30, 2010
Marty Potebaum.....	Sioux City.....	April 30, 2011
Jody E. Smith .....	West Des Moines.....	April 30, 2008

*Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly:*

*Senate*

Wally Horn.....	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2008
Mary Lundby.....	Marion.....	April 30, 2008

*House*

Paul Bell.....	Newton.....	April 30, 2008
Walter Tomenga.....	Johnston.....	April 30, 2008

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