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## **EDUCATION**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, IN  
B.Sc. Public & Environmental Affairs, 1985 – Major in policy and  
administration

Certificate in Business Management & Administration, 1979

JERSEY WILDLIFE PRESERVATION TRUST, CHANNEL ISLANDS, GREAT BRITAIN  
Certificate in Wildlife Conservation & Captive Mgt. & Propagation, 1983

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

LINCOLN CHILDREN'S ZOO, LINCOLN, NE  
President Emeritus – January 1,2022 – current  
President/CEO – April 1986 – 12-31-2021

POTAWATOMI ZOO, SOUTH BEND, IN  
Director – May 1984 – May 1985  
Assistant Director – March 1982 – May 1984  
Head Zookeeper – July 1979 – March 1982  
Zookeeper II & III – May 1975 – 1979  
Volunteer & Concessions – September 1972 – May 1975

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

### **American Zoo & Aquarium Association**

Government Affairs Committee – 2020 -2023  
Membership Committee, Chair – 2011-2015  
Membership Committee – 2009-2015  
Diversity Committee – 2015-present  
Honors & Awards Committee, Chair, 1998-2001  
Honors & Awards Committee, 1995-2001, 2015-present  
Nominating Committee - 2015  
Public Relations Committee  
Annual Program Committee, 2001-2004  
Site Selection Committee 2005-2008  
Accreditation Commission – Site inspector, 1994-Present

### **Nebraska Tourism Advisory Council**

Board Member – 2011-2012

### **Nebraska Tourism Commission**

Commissioner - Governor's appointment began July 1, 2012 - 2024

Chair – 2014-2016

Vice-Chair (Chair elect) 2013-2014

Treasurer - 2012-2013

### **Visitor's Promotions Committee**

Board Member – 2005-2011

### **Institute of Museums and Library Services**

Museums for America, Panel Reviewer – 2008, 2009, 2010

### **Association of Non-Profit Executives**

**Non-Profit Executive of the Year Award – 2000**

Vice-President & President – 2001-2002

Member – 1996-Present

### **Nebraska Museums Association**

Founding Board Member – 1992

Board of Directors – 1992-2003

Vice-President/President Elect – 1996-1998

President – 1998-1999

Immediate Past President – 1999

Treasurer – 2001-2003

### **Community Services Fund**

Board of Directors – 1995-Present

Secretary – 2014-2016

Vice-President – 1996 & 1997

President – 1998 & 1999

Immediate Past President – 2000-2001

Treasurer – 2001-2002

Nominating & Governance Committee – 2012

### **Human Services Federation**

Board of Directors – 2003-2009, 2013-Present

President Elect 2004-2006

President – 2007-2008

Immediate-Past President 2009

Secretary – 2015-2016

### **Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force**

Member – 2004-2006

**Groundwater Foundation**

Board Member – 2010-2011

**Non-Profit Board Development Task Force**

Member – 2005-Present

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis**

Board Member - 2007-2010

Foundation Board – 2013-2016

**Past Board & Committee Service**

Capital Humane Society – Board of Directors

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church – Vestry

Leadership Lincoln – Alumni & various committees

Lincoln Attractions & Museums Association – Chair & member

Mayor's Community Cabinet

Lincoln Municipal Band – Board of Directors

Lincoln Center Kiwanis – Board of Directors