



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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MWRD Acting President McGowan to swear in three Commissioners during inauguration ceremony

Who: MWRD President Barbara McGowan will preside over the Annual Meeting and Inauguration

When: Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Where: MWRD Board Room, 100 E. Erie, Chicago, IL

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Acting President Barbara McGowan will swear in one returning Commissioner and two new Commissioners during tomorrow's annual meeting to be held in the MWRD Boardroom, 100 E. Erie, Chicago, at 2 p.m.

Commissioner Debra Shore was re-elected to her second six year term, and Commissioner-Elects Kari Steele and Patrick Daley Thompson will be installed for their first terms.

Commissioner Shore was a Phi Beta Kappa and received her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Visual Arts from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland in 1974. She earned her Master of Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1976 and her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Columbia College in Chicago in 1995. She also earned a certificate in Executive Education from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 2008.

Before taking office in December 2006, Commissioner Shore served as founding editor of Chicago Wilderness magazine. She has been an active volunteer in habitat restoration in the Cook County forest preserves and has served on the board of Friends of the Forest Preserves, the Illinois Environmental Council, and the women's board of the University of Chicago. She is currently board chair of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute and serves on the board of Congregation Sukkat Shalom, in Wilmette, and the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

Commissioner-Elect Steele graduated with her Bachelors of Science in Chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, in August 1997. Her career as a chemist started at the MWRD in 1998, which was followed by seven years of service to the City of Chicago Department of Water as a water chemist from 1998 to 2004. She joined L'Oreal USA as a formulating chemist in 2004.

Commissioner-Elect Thompson received his Juris Doctor degree from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago and his Bachelor of Arts in business from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn. He works as a real estate attorney and lives in the Bridgeport neighborhood with his wife Katie and their three children, Nora, Grace and Patrick.

Welcome to the MWRD Commissioners and congratulations!

*Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. **Our water environment, take it personally.***