NEW RIVER CTC BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTS OFFICERS, INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

[BECKLEY, WV] The Board of Governors of New River Community and Technical College held its annual meeting in Beckley on Thursday, June 4. Three new board members were inducted and a new slate of officers was elected during the meeting.

Robert Farley of Princeton, chair of the board for the past two years, expressed his desire to step down from the office. Leslie Baker of Beckley, who has served as vice chair during Farley’s tenure, was elected to succeed him. Edward D. Knight, III of Lewisburg was elected vice chair and David Nalker of Lewisburg was re-elected secretary. All were elected to one-year terms.

The three new board members were elected by their peers at New River to represent the various constituent groups of the college. Dr. John Mark Walkup of Summersville, associate professor on the Nicholas County Campus, has been elected to represent the faculty and Donna Feijo, a student recruiter based on the Beckley Campus, representing the classified employees will serve two-year terms. Rondah Lowe, a student on the Beckley campus, is the new student representative, elected for a one-year term.

Walkup is an associate professor of Music and chairman of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences at New River. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Music Education from Glenville State College; his master’s degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Illinois; and his doctorate in Musical Arts from West Virginia University. He has been a faculty member since 1991.
Feijo joined New River in April of 2008. Her bachelor’s degree is in Organizational Leadership. In her position she is helping New River grow its student population through a variety of recruiting efforts.

Lowe is majoring in Social Service Management with a concentration in Psychology. A 12-year veteran of the United States Army, she is the mother of four young men and has five grandchildren. She is a certified nurse assistant and is trained and certified in the Laubauch Literacy method. She is also a graduate of the Women’s Step-Up Program.

Dr. Ted D. Spring, president of New River, also announced that Dr. Lucie Refsland, professor of math on New River’s Greenbrier Valley Campus, has been elected to serve as the faculty representative on the WV Advisory Council of Faculty. Mary Igo, program specialist on the Nicholas County Campus, was re-elected as New River’s representative on the West Virginia Advisory Council of Classified Employees.

Chairman Farley introduced resolutions expressing appreciation for the service of the three outgoing Board of Governors members: Gerald B. Hough, professor of Business on the Nicholas County Campus, faculty representative; Mary Igo, classified staff representative; and Christopher Pennington of Lewisburg, student representative.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southern and south central West Virginia from four campuses: Bluefield/Mercer County, Nicholas County (Summersville), Beckley/Raleigh County and Greenbrier Valley (Lewisburg). Administrative offices are located in Beckley.