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Iowa City Residents Elected President/Vice President of Hoover Presidential Foundation Board of Trustees

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – Jan. 13, 2016 – The Board of Trustees of the Hoover Presidential Foundation has elected Iowa City attorney Robert Downer as president of the board and University of Iowa executive vice president and provost, P. Barry Butler, vice president of the board following a unanimous vote at the annual board meeting held in October. Their terms began Jan. 1.

Downer is a named partner at Meardon, Sueppel and Downer law firm in Iowa City. He has served 12 years on Iowa's Board of Regents. He has been a member of the Hoover Presidential Foundation for over 18 years and has served on the board for 13 years. "I am honored to be assuming the leadership of the foundation," Downer said. "My predecessor, Charlie Becker, concluded with two of the most successful events in the foundation's history - the Celebration Banquet, featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin, and the "Making of a Great Humanitarian" exhibit at the Library-Museum. I am looking forward to building on this momentum with exciting and engaging programs and continuing to inform the public about Herbert Hoover's extraordinary public service."

Butler has been a member of the Hoover Presidential Foundation board of trustees since 2009, and has served on the Uncommon Student Award, education and human resource committees. As provost at the University of Iowa, Butler is responsible for over 100 academic programs in the university's eleven colleges, oversees the Division of Continuing Education, the Library and Art Museum and is responsible for a general education fund budget in excess of \$700 million.

The Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that supports the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch.

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Photo: Robert Downer, president, Hoover Presidential Foundation board of trustees

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The Foundation fosters the collection, interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas and values of Herbert Hoover, thirty-first President of the United States. We promote public education about and appreciation for Herbert Hoover, support the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and the National Historic Site at West Branch, Iowa, effectively garner and prudently manage Foundation resources, and serve Foundation members.
