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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College Board of Trustees Member Larry Hoekstra Awarded the 2013 John P. Kibbe Award**

Larry Hoekstra, Northwest Iowa Community College Board of Trustees Member, was recently presented the John P. Kibbie Award for 2013. The award is given to an Iowa community college board member who shows great service and dedication to his school and board, and is given by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT), the state organization for Iowa community colleges. Hoekstra received his award at the IACCT annual conference, which was held July 24-26 in Burlington, Iowa.

Larry Hoekstra has served on the Board of Trustees of Northwest Iowa Community College since 2001. During his tenure, he has taken significant leadership responsibilities, supporting systematic and unprecedented growth of the College. Hoekstra served as Vice President of the Board, IACCT Board Member, and was President of the IACCT Board 2012-2013.

Larry has shown commitment to the college mission in supporting facility enhancement evidenced by the Building C renovation, Biotechnology addition, and Allied Health additions; and improving student life through the construction of residence halls (Lyon and O'Brien), and the Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center.

Larry Hoekstra has also been actively involved in the Northwest Iowa community since moving to Hull in 1977. He has served as a deacon and elder in his church and is currently serving as church council chair. Hoekstra has also served on the local K-8 private school (Hull Christian School) board and served as a chair.

Northwest Iowa Community College Board President, Leroy Van Kekerix, said, "Larry has a strong commitment to Iowa's Community Colleges. He maintains a proactive position toward the growth and quality of programming offered at Northwest Iowa Community College to serve students and provide a skilled workforce. Larry's passion is that board members become educated and remain engaged in the process of leading their community colleges."

President Alethea Stubbe said, "Larry is an exemplary board member and an inspiration to other board members across the state."

The John P. Kibbie Award is named for Iowa State Senator Jack Kibbie, an early and strong supporter of two-year colleges in the state. Kibbie served in the Iowa House from 1961-1964 and the Senate from 1964 – 1968. In 1965, Senator Kibbie sponsored the bill to create Iowa's Community Colleges. He was re-elected in 1988 to the Senate where he served as Senate

President until retiring from the legislature in 2012. Kibbie also served on the Iowa Lakes Community College Board for 17 years, 10 of those years as president.

**Photo:** (L-R): Moudy Nabulsi – Chairman of the Awards Committee, Southeastern Community College, Larry Hoekstra, Jerry Smith – 2013-2014 IACCT Board Chair, from Southwestern Community College