

GOP renominates veterans to state educational boards

Two suburban men had no trouble being renominated to state educational boards by the Republican State Convention in Detroit last weekend, but there were fights for two other posts.

"Uncle Norm" — Norman O. Stockmeyer Sr., 73, of Westland — was nominated by acclamation for a full eight-year term on the State Board of Education.

The realist, director of two banks and long-time party official was appointed to the post by Gov. William C. Milliken in 1975. Stockmeyer had served 10 years (through appointment and election) on the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Richard C. Van Dusen, 56, of Birmingham, got the same easy treatment as he was nominated for a full term on the WSU board.

A former state representative and under secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Van Dusen was appointed to the WSU post in 1979 to fill a vacancy.

THE GOP's biggest cheers went to Mary S. Coleman, chief justice of the State Supreme court, who was nominated for a second eight-year term.

After nominating her, the Republican state delegates stuck with white males for all other statewide posts that will be open in the Nov. 4 general election.

Her running mate on a nonpartisan ticket will be Michael Hegarty, 47, a former Livingston County commissioner, member of the state employment security appeals board and of the Mackinac Island park commission.

No Democrats were elected to statewide office in 1972, when Coleman won her seat, but voters tapped Charles L. Levin, 54, of Detroit, when he ran with a third-party nomination. Levin is expected to seek re-election, possibly with a nomination from the Democratic Party this weekend.

Asked where he disagreed with any of Levin's court opinions, Hegarty replied, "I won't criticize any of Justice Levin's decisions because they may come under review by the court when I replace him after November."

IN THE ONLY big change, Republicans dumped Dr. Aubrey Radcliffe, an educator in the Lansing School District, from the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. Radcliffe is black.

The decision made many Republicans uncomfortable, admitted delegate Florence (Jo) Saltzman of Birmingham, who has twice run for state board posts. But Mrs. Saltzman said she feared Radcliffe's too-free use of his expense account would soon come under public and press criticism.

She said Radcliffe's spending was second only to that of Michael Snyder, a Democrat who was forced to resign from the MSU board earlier this year.



Richard VanDusen (right), Birmingham attorney, was renominated by the Republican State Convention for a full term on the Wayne State University Board of Governors. He shares a laugh with Edmund Vandette of Houghton, president of the state Board of Education who was nominated for a second term. (Staff photo)

To replace Radcliffe, Republicans picked Paul V. Gadola, a conservative Reagan-leaning attorney from Flint.

Suburban delegations voted: 67-33 for Gadola in the 2nd District; 90-16 for Gadola in the 12th; 50-21 for Gadola in the 15th; 55-21 in the 17th; 70-34 in the 18th; and 163-2 in the 1st and 13th — gave 8-5 and 12-0 majorities to Gadola.

The other MSU board seat went to Tom Reed, a graduate of MSU (animal husbandry), former agricultural extension agent, DeWitt area farmer and active party worker.

THE REST of the GOP state ticket:

State Board of Education — Stockmeyer's running mate will be Edmund F. Vandette, 48, an incumbent and political science instructor and president of the faculty unit at Michigan Technological University, Houghton. Dr. Vandette had only taken office this year.

University of Michigan Board of Regents — Incumbents Deane Baker, 55, a commercial builder from Ann Arbor, and David Laro, 38, a Flint lawyer, were renominated. Baker was elected in the Republican, vintage year of 1972, and Laro was appointed by Gov. Milliken in 1975 to fill a vacancy.

WSU Board — Van Dusen's running mate will be incumbent Kurt R. Keydel, 75, active in Detroit German community affairs and member of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan (parks) Authority.

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