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Quick Facts

- One new board member was elected in April by the General Assembly and will join the board this year, Sue Smith-Rex of Winnsboro, S.C.
- In July, Smith-Rex will replace retiring member Bob Thompson of Rock Hill and will serve a six-year term.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop Board of Trustee** members elected **Florence attorney Karl Folkens** today to a one-year term as board chair during their quarterly meeting. Two other board officers also were elected, **Harold "Skip" Tuttle** of Rock Hill, S.C., as vice chair and **Glenda Pittman Owens** of Charleston, S.C., as secretary.

One new board member was elected in April by the **General Assembly** and will join the board this year. **Sue Smith-Rex** of Winnsboro, a retired professor of special education from **Winthrop's Richard W. Riley College of Education**, was introduced at the meeting. In July, she will replace retiring member **Bob Thompson** of Rock Hill and will serve a six-year term.

Smith-Rex retired from Winthrop in 2002 after working 23 years in curriculum and instruction. When she left, she held the title of director of **Winthrop's Program for At-Risk Initiatives**, including a PhoneFriend project to reach out to latchkey children and tips on how to stop kids from bullying. Smith-Rex was selected in 1986 as Winthrop's Outstanding Junior Professor.

In the last few years, **Smith-Rex** has worked with various schools as an educational consultant on at-risk issues and recently finished a second book with her husband, **Jim Rex**, a retired educator. The book "Pursuit of Happiness" is aimed at middle school students and uses art from Northwestern High School students. Their first book was "101 Creative Strategies For Reaching Unmotivated Student Learners."

She also is the owner and manager of the jewelry company TaSu.

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