

Richard Bruner and Shannon Cofield appointed to the state telecommunications board

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Richard Bruner and Shannon Cofield are the newest members of the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission.

The six-member commission is the governing body of the Iowa Communications Network.

In a statement Tuesday, Gov. Terry Branstad said: “Both individuals have exceptional qualifications, and will be great additions to the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission. Richard brings many years of telecommunications expertise, while Shannon brings guidance and management from the non-profit sector.”

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate.

The posts were open because of the resignations of Michael Mahaffey and Pamela Duffy in December 2010.

The commission, an executive branch agency, was established by statute in 1994 as the sole authority to supervise the management, development, and operation of the ICN.

The ICN, a state agency, owns and operates the country’s premier fiber-optic network, committed to continued enhancement of distance learning and providing Iowans with equal access to education, health care, and government through Internet, data, voice, and video conferencing services.

Lori Larsen, spokeswoman for the Iowa Communications Network, provided the following biographies:

RICHARD BRUNER



Richard Bruner (Courtesy Iowa Communications Network)

“Bruner is a telecommunications professional with over 40 years experience in public policy, regulatory affairs, marketing, sales and operations. His corporate experience includes working for AT&T, Northwestern Bell and USWEST.

“Most recently, Bruner was a telecommunications consultant with Kiesling Associates – CPAs and consultants who serve the independent telecommunications providers in Iowa and the Midwest. Bruner is a graduate of Iowa State University where he earned his bachelor’s degree in industrial administration. Bruner lives in Ventura, Iowa.”

Shannon Cofield



Shannon Cofield (Courtesy Iowa Communications Network)

“Cofield has served as president of United Way of Central Iowa since June 2004. She provides overall management and guidance in the development and implementation of United Way’s strategic direction in the areas of education, income and health.

“Before joining United Way of Central Iowa, she spent over 16 years in the United Way system, most recently as vice president of resource development for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

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located in Georgia. Cofield is a graduate of Georgia State University, and earned her MBA from the University of Iowa. “Cofield lives in Des Moines, Iowa.”