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Merritt N. Warden is new University of Montana Foundation trustee; five others reelected

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Merritt N. Warden, Kalispell attorney, was elected a trustee of the University of Montana Foundation Friday morning, during the Foundation's annual membership meeting on the Missoula campus.

Warden takes over the trustee spot held by D. Gordon Rognlein who helped incorporate the Foundation 16 years ago. Under current Foundation bylaws, a trustee becomes ineligible after holding two consecutive terms.

Warden, a member of the firm of Korn, Warden and Walterskirchen, earned his B.A. and LL.B. degrees from the University in Missoula in 1939. He served as a member of the State Boards of Education and Regents from 1953 to 1961.

He is a past president of the Northwest Montana Bar Association, past Chamber of Commerce director, past Rotary president and past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge.

Warden is a native of Broadview, Montana.

Dr. Darrell J. Inabnit, UM executive vice president and director of the UM Foundation, reported the Foundation membership had passed a resolution commending Rognlein for his long and faithful service to the Foundation.

An original incorporator of the Foundation in 1950, Rognlein has served in many official capacities, including president of the Foundation, 1960-62.

He was cited for consistently and unstintingly devoting "his time, energy and talent to the promotion and betterment of the Foundation and the University which it serves."

Those reelected to three year terms on the board of trustees are William M. Allen of Seattle, president of the Boeing Company; Alva Baird, a Los Angeles attorney with the firm of Baird, Holley, Baird and Galen; John T. Chadwell, a Chicago attorney with the firm of Chadwell, Keck, Kayser, Ruggles and McLaren; Hugh D. Galusha, Jr. of Minneapolis, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; and Robert C. Hendon of New York, vice president for industry affairs of Railway Express Agency.