

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

DR. RICHARD UNDERBAKKE

Dr. Richard Underbakke (Rick) began as President at Black Hawk College on January 4, 2010. Prior to coming to BHC, he served as president at Cloud County Community College since 2005. At CCCC, he led the college in faculty development, facility improvement, creating success strategies for students in and seeking private and public funding for new and existing programming. Under his leadership student enrollment has reached its highest level in history. He served as a Board Member for Kansas Dept. of Commerce—Rural Apprenticeship Works program and the local economic development board. Under his guidance CCCC has established a community on campus campaign to create a greater connection between the community and their college.

Dr. Underbakke joined Cloud County Community College after serving as Chief Academic Officer of Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa. Accomplishments during his tenure at Iowa Lakes included: the creation and start-up of numerous programs including unique community college programs such as Wind Energy and Turbine Technology, and Computer Forensics; expansion of the Nursing programs to multiple campuses; and a 300 percent increase in students registering for distance education classes; the transition to a new information system for the college; and the transition to the AQIP accreditation system from the Higher Learning Commission.

Prior to serving as Iowa Lakes' Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Underbakke was Dean of Agriculture, Business, Computers, Industrial Technology, Math, and Science at Northeast Iowa Community College and instructor in Business, Social Sciences and Automotive Technology at Des Moines Area Community College. Dr. Underbakke began his educational career following employment in the auto industry as a technician and service manager, and was self-employed in agriculture.

Dr. Underbakke's education began at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa where he attended an Automotive Technology program. He completed the remainder of his education as a non-traditional student, working full-time while earning his associate's degree in liberal arts from Des Moines Area Community College; a Baccalaureate degree in Business and Economics from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa; an MBA from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; and a Doctorate in Organizational Behavior from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Underbakke is married to Joan, they have 4 grown children.

SHARON YALOWITZ

Sharon is President/CEO of Alliance Consulting (Huntsville, Alabama). She has 27 years experience working in Government Contracting with universities, large business, and small businesses. Her career in contracting includes having served as Director of Contracts, Accounting, and HR, and later as Chief Financial Officer for a small 8(a) business. Additionally, she held the position of President for a shared services firm specializing in providing Human Resources, Accounting, and Contract Administration services. The company provided services to 12 companies owned by Bristol Bay Native Corporation, as well as servicing other small and start-up businesses in the Huntsville community. Sharon's proposal and contract administration experience covers multiple DOD agencies, along with, NASA, DOE, USDA, and the FAA. Her interface with DCAA covers proposal audits, financial capability audits, timesheet audits, forward pricing audits, incurred cost audits, and billing system audits. Sharon has a master's degree in contracts and acquisition management from Florida Institute of Technology. She started Alliance Consulting in 2008 to provide contract management services to small government contractors needing professional contracts and proposal support.

In Sharon's experience dealing with DCAA, she has found that it pays to be prepared - and it's a philosophy that she now actively shares with clients and other small business and start-up government contractors.

JIM OAKES

Jim Oakes is the Director of Human Resources at Business Resource Solutions, located in Huntsville Alabama. Business Resources Solutions is a subsidiary of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation. Business Resource Solutions provides shared services to its 18 sister companies both in Alaska and the lower 48. Jim joined BRS in April 2009. Prior to joining BRS Jim worked in the automotive segment for Honda Manufacturing of Alabama and most recently Zanini Auto Grup. Jim has over 20 years experience in high volume electronic contract manufacturing, automotive warehousing and distribution, plastic injection molding, painting and decorative assembly.

JOEL HIMSL

Mr. Joel G. Himsl became the Garrison Manager for the US Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal following a 30 year military career in the U.S. Army. In his role as Garrison Manager he is responsible for leading base operations activities including; public works, logistics, moral welfare and recreation, safety, resource management, and force protection information along

with a host of community support functions.

He has extensive installation management experience including assignments as Commander, US Army Garrison Fort Monmouth, NJ; Commander USAG Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Executive Officer for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management; and most recently as Deputy Director, Northwest Region, Installation Management Command.

His broad military experience includes three assignments to the Pentagon where he served on the Army staff as a Congressional Activities Officer and Assistant to the Director of Army Staff; speechwriter for the Chief of Staff of the Army and Executive Officer to the ACSIM. He also served as the chief of an Antiterrorism-Force Protection Team for the US Central Command in Saudi Arabia; Chief of the Antiterrorism-Force Protection cell for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq; battalion and brigade operations officer, and various other significant Military Police Corps assignments.

Himsl earned numerous awards and decorations during his military career including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

A native of Minnesota, he attended St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, where he earned a bachelor of arts in History. Mr. Himsl attended numerous professional military schools and is a graduate of both the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

RHONDA FLYNN

Rhonda L. Flynn is currently a Contracting Officer for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5, Chicago, IL. As a Contracting Officer, Mrs. Flynn is responsible for the contract placement and administration of Emergency and Rapid Response Services contracts. She volunteers as an EPA Response Support Corp. member to provide critical support to the Agency during an EPA emergency response

She has represented Region 5 EPA at several small business events in support of the socio-economic programs carried out through the Region's acquisition programs.

The programs includes, but are not limited to, the Small Business Set-Aside program, the Small Disadvantaged Business program, the Historically Underutilized Business (HUBZone) program, the Women-Owned Business program, the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program, and the Service Disabled Veterans program. She has been recognized for her superior efforts to foster good business relations and widen the small business pool for the EPA and was a key member of the placement team which earned Region 5 the Administrator's Award for Outstanding Direct Procurement Program Achievements.

Mrs. Flynn is a veteran who served two terms in the United States Air Force. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Policy and Administration at Northwestern University.

BEVERLY COLEY

Beverly Coley has worked with the federal government for 31 years. She is employed as the Lead Regional Services Representative for GSA's Office of Small Business Utilization where she provides assistance to small businesses that are looking for contracting opportunities with the federal government. Ms. Coley has made significant contributions to the small business community. She serves on the Minority Enterprise Development Committee in Chicago representing the government in promoting contracting opportunities to the small business community and has been active on the Minority Business Opportunity Committee. She has coordinated conferences, seminars and workshops in support of small, minority and woman-owned businesses.

In recognition of her achievements and contributions, Ms. Coley has received numerous honors, including one of her agencies most prestigious awards, The Meritorious Service award. Throughout her career, Ms. Coley has received numerous letters highlighting her exceptional customer service and continuously demonstrates a willingness to share her knowledge and skills with others.