



STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM  
of FLORIDA  
Board of Governors

Application Form  
University Board of Trustees Position  
State University System of Florida

Name: Skestos George Arthur Date Completed: 8-6-12  
Last First Middle and/or Maiden

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The information submitted will be used by the Board of Governors in considering action on your application. If appointed, please be advised that your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and you will be required to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Please type or print clearly. Please do not leave any questions blank - answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate.

All applications must be signed and witnessed by a Notary. Submit the original completed application via mail, email, or facsimile by the posted deadline to:

State University System of Florida, Board of Governors  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400  
Fax 850.245.9685 [Chancellor@flbog.edu](mailto:Chancellor@flbog.edu)

**PLEASE NOTE:** any application submitted by facsimile or email must be received by the posted deadline and followed by the original signed application to above address.

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**EXCLUSIONS**

The following conditions exclude eligibility for appointment as a University Board of Trustee member.

Registered Lobbyist: No  Yes  Dual Office Holding: No  Yes

Authority:

Section 112.313(17), Florida Statutes, prohibits any citizen member of a university board of trustees from having any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration under section 11.045, Florida Statutes.

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.)

## EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

AS A GENERAL MATTER, APPLICATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT ARE PUBLIC RECORDS THAT MAY BE VIEWED UPON REQUEST. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES, ETC. IF YOU BELIEVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW APPLIES TO YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX.

Yes, I assert that identifying information provided in this application should be excluded from inspection under the Public Records Law.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AS TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY PUBLIC RECORDS LAW EXEMPTION TO YOUR SITUATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Vikki R. Shirley  
General Counsel  
State University System of Florida, Board of Governors  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400  
(850) 245-0466

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: Skestos George Arthur Date Completed: 8-6-12  
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1. University Board of Interest: Are you applying for reappointment? Yes [x] No [ ]  
FAMU [ ] FAU [ ] FGCU [ ] FIU [ ] FPU [ ] FSU [ ] NCF [x] UCF [ ] UF [ ] UNF [ ] USF [ ] UWF [ ]

2. Residence Address: [Redacted] Longboat Key, FL (Sarasota) 34228  
Street City State County Zip Code  
941-383-5444  
Area Code/Phone Cell Phone

3. Current Employer or Occupation: Retired 614-783-8383

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Office City State  
Post Office Box Suite Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number  
homewoodgs@aol.com  
E-mail Address

4. Specify the preferred mailing address: Business [ ] Home [x] Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

5. List all places of residence for the past five (5) years.  
Address City and State From To  
[Redacted] Longboat Key, FL 34228 2000-present

6. List all former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.  
Address City and State From To  
31 S. Columbia Ave, Columbus, OH 43209 1978 2012

7. Date of Birth: [Redacted] \* Place of Birth: Owosso, Michigan \*

8. Social Security No.: [Redacted] \*

9. Driver License No: [Redacted] \* Issuing State: Ohio \*

\*ALL INFORMATION MARKED WITH AN ASTERIK IS REQUIRED FOR CONDUCTING BACKGROUND SCREENING AND WILL BE REDACTED PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TRUSTEE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. REFER TO ATTACHED NOTICE ON USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

10. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes  No  If "Yes" explain.

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11. Are you a United States citizen? Yes  No  If "No" explain.

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12. If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes  No

15. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes  No  If "Yes" give details:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Nature</u> | <u>Disposition</u>       |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1970s       | Columbus, OH | assault       | Dismissed with prejudice |
|             |              |               |                          |
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16. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees? Yes  No  If "Yes", give details:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Nature of Violation</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
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17. Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida?

Yes  No  If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: Reinstated  Removed  Resigned

18. Are there any pending lawsuits against you or are you a party to a lawsuit in any court in which you are the plaintiff or defendant? Yes  No  If "yes", what type and where?

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19. Have any judgments been entered against you as a result of any civil or administrative proceeding(s)? Yes  No  If "yes", identify the proceeding(s) that resulted in the judgment and the date the judgment was entered.

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20. Are you now engaged in activities, or have you engaged in activities in the past, that will reflect unfavorably on the board to which you seek appointment? Yes  No  If "yes", explain.

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21. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes  No  If "Yes", explain.

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**EDUCATION, LICENSURE, MEMBERSHIPS**

22. Education:

A. High School: Owosso High School, Owosso, Michigan Year Graduated: 1944  
(Name and Location)

B. List all postsecondary educational institutions attended:

| <u>Name and Location</u> | <u>Date Attended</u> | <u>Certificates/Degrees Received</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| University of Michigan   | 1944-1952            | Bachelor of Arts                     |
| " "                      | " "                  | MBA                                  |
| " "                      | " "                  | JD                                   |

23. Have you received any degree(s) or professional certification(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment? Yes  No  If "Yes", list:

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24. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the State of Florida? Yes  No  If "Yes", provide the title and number, original issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action (fine, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or disbarment) has ever been taken against you by the issuing authority, state the type and date of the action taken:

| <u>License/Certificate Title &amp; Number</u> | <u>Original Issue Date</u> | <u>Issuing Authority</u> | <u>Disciplinary Action/Date</u> |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
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30. Have you ever been responsible or played a role in managing a business or other corporate entity? Yes  No  "Yes", state the name of the business, the dates of your involvement, and provide a brief description of your involvement.

|                       |         |           |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Homewood Corporation  | Founder | 1963-1988 |
| Trinity Home Builders | Founder | 1993      |
| Franklin Bank         | Founder | 1969      |

31. Are you or have you ever been a member of the United States armed forces? Yes  No   
If "Yes" list:

- A. Dates of service: 1953-1956
- B. Branch or component: Navy
- C. Date and type of discharge: Honorable

32. Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the Federal or any foreign government? Yes  No  If "Yes", please list:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

33. Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate? Yes  No  If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation results: \_\_\_\_\_

34. Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes  No   
If "Yes", state the office title, date of election or appointment, term of office, and level of government (city, county, district or state):

| <u>Office Title</u> | <u>Date of Election or Appointment</u> | <u>Term of Office</u> | <u>Level of Government</u> |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| _____               | _____                                  | _____                 | _____                      |
| _____               | _____                                  | _____                 | _____                      |
| _____               | _____                                  | _____                 | _____                      |

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s) or council(s):

- A. How frequently were meetings scheduled? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings attended, number missed, and the reason(s) for absence(s).

| <u>Meetings Attended</u> | <u>Meetings Missed</u> | <u>Reason for Absence</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____                    | _____                  | _____                     |
| _____                    | _____                  | _____                     |
| _____                    | _____                  | _____                     |

35. Have you ever served on any profit or not-for-profit board? Yes  No  If "Yes", state the title, date of appointment, length of service, and provide a brief description of your involvement.

see attached

36. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five years? Yes  No  If "Yes", please explain:

A. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes  No

B. Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principals you represented:

Agency Lobbied

Principals Represented

37. Describe your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment.

In addition to my business and academic involvements and interests, I have served on the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University for nine (9) years 1992-2001

38. Describe your understanding of the role of a member of a university board of trustees.

To support the institution in development, guide it in interim and long range planning, and enhance financial and academic matters.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

39. Describe any involvement with and/or relationship to the university to which you are applying (other than as a student).

Presently trustee

40. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes  No  If "Yes", identify:

Name of Business

Your Relationship to Business

Business' Relationship to University

41. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes  No  If "Yes", explain:

| <u>Name of Business</u> | <u>Family Member's Relationship to you</u> | <u>Family Member's Relationship to Business</u> | <u>Business' Relationship to University</u> |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|
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42. Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully the duties of the position to which you have been or will be appointed? Yes  No  If "yes", explain:

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**REFERENCES**

43. List three persons who have known you well during the past five (5) years. Include a current, complete address and telephone number. Exclude your relatives and members of the Florida Senate.

| <u>Name</u>               | <u>Mailing Address</u>                  | <u>Zip Code</u> | <u>Area Code/Telephone Number</u> |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Congressman Vern Buchanan | 835 Longboat Club Road Longboat Key, FL | 34228           | 941-356-5000                      |
| John Saputo               | 10 Lighthouse Point DR Longboat Key, FL | 34228           | 941-650-3139                      |
| Edward H. Jennings        | 1007 Riviera Dunes Way Palmetto, FL     | 34221           | 941-722-4355                      |

**George Arthur Skestos - Selective Community and Charitable Service**

Member of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University. 1992-2001

Member of the Board of The Ohio State University Hospital, 1992-present

Chairman of The Ohio State University Hospital East Board, present

Chairman, Task Force to build The Ohio State University's Schottenstein/Value City Arena and to renovate Ohio State's football stadium

Member of the Board of Trustees for CAPA (Columbus Association for the Performing Arts)

Founder, Salem Lutheran Foundation, established in 1968 to provide scholarships to young men studying to become pastors for the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church

Founder, Prince of Peace Foundation, established to assist the homeless and underprivileged

Board of Trustees, Columbus Museum of Art

Member of the Board of Huntington National Bank and Huntington Bancshares, Inc.

Member of the Board of Central Benefits

Member of the Board of Wexner Center for the Arts Foundation

Member of the Board of Directors of Midland Insurance

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF Ohio

COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared George A. Skostas who after being duly sworn, says: 1) that he/she has carefully prepared or read the answers to the foregoing question; 2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; 3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida. Be it further known that in signing this document the undersigned understands that a background check by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be performed on all nominees who are recommended to the Florida Board of Governors and that he/she has received a copy of the Board of Governors' Statement on the Collection, Use or Release of Social Security Numbers.

[Signature]  
Affiant's signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 6th day of August, 2012 by

George A. Skostas

[Signature]  
(signature of notary)

THERESA L. RICE  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
Notary Public  
Commission No.  
My Commission Expires: 3-16-2013

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement on the Collection, Use, or Release of Social Security Numbers  
(Master Document – Revised August 2010)**

Florida law requires that public entities provide individuals with a written statement identifying the state or federal law governing the collection, use, or release of social security numbers for each purpose for which the entity collects an individual's social security number. The collection of social security numbers by the Board of Governors is either specifically authorized by law or imperative for the performance of the Board's responsibilities as prescribed by law and the Florida Constitution. The following list identifies the purposes for which social security numbers may be collected, used, or released, and the pertinent authority.

Applicants for University Board of Trustee Positions

- For Level 1 and level 2 criminal background checks conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for employees and/or Board appointees to university boards of trustees [Required by Fla. Admin. Code 11C-6.003 and Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]
- The disclosure of the social security number is expressly required by federal or state law or a court order [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]
- The individual expressly consents in writing to the disclosure of his or her social security number [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5) (a) 6]