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## **Warner to Chair National Higher Education Organization**

PIERRE, S.D. – Jack R. Warner, executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents, will become chair of the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) October 1. He has served for the past year as the group's chair-elect.

SHEEO is a professional association of higher education chief executives for 28 statewide governing boards and 29 coordinating boards. As a national organization, SHEEO promotes effective state higher education policymaking and strategic planning and serves as a liaison between states and the federal government in the education policy arena.

“I am honored to have this opportunity to lead such an important organization,” Warner said. “In the coming year and beyond, it will be a major priority to strengthen our connection to the K-12 education community through the Council of Chief State School Officers. It is in our mutual interest to ensure that high school graduates are prepared for the rigors of postsecondary study and the expectations of the modern workplace.”

Warner became the South Dakota higher education system's executive officer in 2009. Prior to that, he was commissioner of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education for seven years. His higher education system experience also includes nearly five years as vice chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

His professional portfolio includes time as associate chancellor at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and dean of student affairs at Bristol Community College. He is a past president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and also taught in the Boston College Graduate School of Education for 18 years.

Warner holds a doctor of education degree in educational administration from Boston College, as well as a master of education from Springfield College and a B.A. degree from the University of Vermont.

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*(Broadcasters: The acronym SHEEO is pronounced SHEE'-oh.)*