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Indiana Commissioner to chair national higher education association

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. – Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will serve as the Chair of the State Higher Education Executive Offices Association (SHEEO) through 2015. As chair of SHEEO, Lubbers leads policy discussions with state higher education and K-12 leaders, education association executives and federal officials on a wide range of policies and initiatives.

“It is an honor and a privilege to serve as SHEEO’s Chair and work hand-in-hand with higher education leaders across the country to increase educational attainment and student success,” said Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education. “SHEEO is widely recognized as a leading voice in advancing post-secondary progress and higher education reform.”

Lubbers has served as a SHEEO member since 2009 and on the Executive Committee since 2012.

Founded in 1954, SHEEO is the national association of state higher education leaders. They serve statewide coordinating and governing boards and other state policy agencies for higher education. With representatives from 48 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, SHEEO serves its members as an advocate for state policy leadership, as a liaison between states and the federal government, as a vehicle for learning from and collaborating with peers, and as a source of information and analysis on educational and public policy issues.

“Teresa knows the real issues, charts the correct course and follows through to make sure that student success is at the center not just of Indiana’s agenda but that of other states and the nation as a whole,” said Dr. George Pernsteiner, SHEEO President. “She always keeps in mind the unique needs, requirements and circumstances of Indiana and its students, noting that each state must chart its own course for success, while stressing politely but firmly, that each state must take responsibility for doing so.”

Indiana is widely recognized as a national leader in promoting policy reform in higher education. Under Lubbers’ leadership, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education has worked to promote and enhance college affordability for students, to improve retention and degree completion, to address achievement gaps and meet the needs of Indiana’s workforce.

Read more about SHEEO and the Commissioner’s involvement online at www.sheeo.org