



State of Wisconsin Investment Board

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James Senty reappointed chair of Investment Board

Madison, WI (*February 6, 2007*) – Governor Jim Doyle has reappointed James Senty of La Crosse Board chair for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Senty has served as chair since April 2003 and has been a SWIB Trustee for six years.

He is president and chairman of Midwest Gas Inc. in La Crosse and serves as chairman of the board of Park Bank in Madison. He also serves as chairman of Western Gas Resources, Inc., a Denver-based gas and oil company, and Deerfield Financial, a bank holding company in Deerfield, Wisconsin.

He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

During Senty's tenure as chair, assets under management by the State of Wisconsin Investment Board have grown from \$57 billion to \$90 billion. This includes the nearly \$84 billion in trust funds of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), which provides benefits to over 533,000 current or former employees of state agencies, the university system, school districts and most local governments. The WRS is the 9th largest US public pension fund and the 24th largest public or private pension fund in the world.

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