

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 133

**Relating to Certain Changes to the Office of State Poet Laureate
and the Governor's Poet Laureate Commission**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is a recognized leader in culture and arts;
and

WHEREAS, it is important that Wisconsin maintain its strong tradition of
excellence in the arts; and

WHEREAS, poetry serves as a tool for the enrichment of all people and serves
as a herald for the deep emotions and pride felt by the citizens of this great state; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need to have an individual who promotes and
develops an interest in poetry; and

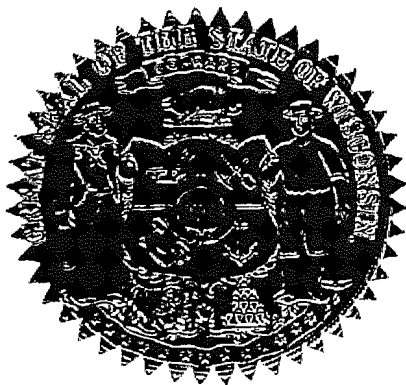
WHEREAS, in Executive Order # 404, Governor Tommy Thompson created the
Office of State Poet Laureate and the Governor's Poet Laureate Nomination
Commission; and

WHEREAS, certain changes to the Office of State Poet Laureate and the
Governor's Poet Laureate Nomination Commission are now appropriate;

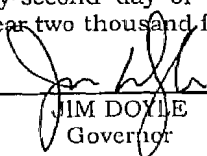
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin by the
authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of this State, and specifically
by Wis. Stat. § 14.019, do hereby:

1. Direct that the Governor's Poet Laureate Nomination Commission shall
hereafter be named the Governor's Poet Laureate Commission (the
"Commission"); and
2. Provide that the Commission shall continue to be composed of seven (7)
members appointed by the Governor to serve a term of four (4) years; and
3. Provide that the terms of the members of the Commission shall be staggered;
and
4. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member on the Commission
as its chair to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
5. Provide that the following organizations shall each recommend to the Governor
one (1) individual for membership on the Commission:
 - a. The Council for Wisconsin Writers; and
 - b. The Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets; and
 - c. The Wisconsin Regional Writer's Association, Inc.; and
 - d. The Wisconsin Humanities Council; and
 - e. The Wisconsin Arts Board; and

6. Provide that the Poet Laureate shall be appointed by the Governor to serve a two (2) year term, although the term of the current Poet Laureate shall remain at four (4) years and shall continue through August 2008; and
7. Provide that the Poet Laureate shall have the following purpose and mission:
 - a. Contribute to the growth of poetry in the State; and
 - b. Lead or participate in at least four (4) literary events around the State per year; and
 - c. Perform in at least four (4) government, state and civil events as requested by the Governor's Office, school systems, and/or non-profit organizations; and
8. Provide that the Commission shall have the following purpose and mission:
 - a. Recommend three (3) Poet Laureate candidates to the Governor, one as Poet Laureate and two as Commended Poets; and
 - b. Define responsibilities of the Poet Laureate; and
 - c. Advise and assist the Poet Laureate; and
9. Provide that the Commission shall nominate a Poet Laureate based on the following:
 - a. That the Poet Laureate be 18 years of age or older; and
 - b. That the Poet Laureate have demonstrated excellence in promoting awareness and enjoyment of poetry in Wisconsin; and
 - c. That the Poet Laureate have an admirable and proven history of having published individual poems and/or books; and
 - d. That the Poet Laureate be a resident of Wisconsin for at least one year prior to the nomination deadline; and
10. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Commission and Poet Laureate with administrative and support services and with such sums of money that are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with section 20.505(4)(ba); and
11. Direct the Commission to make an annual report to the Governor on the activities of the Poet Laureate.

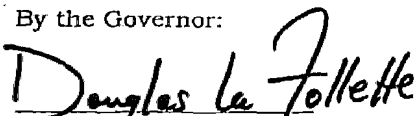


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of November in the year two thousand five.



JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State