

UCAR Trustee-At-Large Candidate Frank M. Cushing

The Members Nominating Committee is pleased to present Frank Cushing as a candidate for the UCAR Board of Trustees. Frank has a long history of support to the NSF, NASA, and EPA in the very real terms of providing House of Representatives appropriations for the science needs of the nation. During his tenure on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, NSF received record increases in their funding. In addition to Frank's obvious and real interest in serving on the Board, he will provide the political insight that we have, with much appreciation, had with David Skaggs, whose term is ending. Frank's nomination was unanimously approved by the Members Nominating Committee. His commitment and knowledge will serve UCAR and our member universities with distinction.



PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and appreciate the opportunity to present the following brief statement describing my work experience.

Nearly 23 of my 28 years in Washington, D.C. have been spent working on Capitol Hill, some 14 years in the United States Senate and eight-plus years in the House of Representatives. Most of those years were served in senior staff director positions on the Senate Appropriations and Energy and Natural Resources Committees and the House Appropriations Committee where I was responsible for numerous matters related to science and research. Among these were areas of fossil, conservation, nuclear, solar, hydro and other energy related resources as well as work conducted through the Bureau of Mines, the Minerals Management Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey. Most recently I focused on the science and research conducted by and for EPA, NASA, NIEHS, ATSDR, and the National Science Foundation, including the construction and purchase of the buildings and tools necessary to better support that research.

The experience gained from both the Congressional authorizing and appropriations processes has provided a broad perspective on policies through seven Presidential administrations. Though priorities and issues change with the times, the importance of well-funded, well-developed, independent science and research programs proves its value time and again in bettering ourselves, our society, and our world. I am grateful for the opportunity to use my experience and knowledge to better promote and secure results relative to this worthy endeavor on behalf of UCAR and its supporting institutions.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Frank Cushing joined Cornerstone Government Affairs in March 2003 after nearly 23 years of legislative experience working in both the United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. He handles a variety of appropriations and legislative policy matters with a particular emphasis on issues related to science, the environment, natural resources, energy, water, space, homeland security and emergency management.

From January 1995 until March 2003 Mr. Cushing served as clerk and staff director of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies. The Subcommittee's jurisdiction, amounting to nearly \$130 billion in annual appropriations, includes the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and 17 other independent agencies, offices, and corporations. In addition to general oversight and management of the Subcommittee, Mr. Cushing was specifically responsible for the Committee's oversight of the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, and numerous other of the independent agencies within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction.

Prior to his House service Mr. Cushing was Vice President of Federal Affairs for The Coastal Corporation, a Houston-based "Fortune 50" energy concern with interests in natural gas production and transmission, oil production, refining and distribution, coal production and sales, transportation and international trading. Beginning with Coastal in May, 1991, he had served as a consultant and as Director of Federal Affairs before heading the company's Washington, D.C. office.

Before moving to the private sector Mr. Cushing spent nearly 15 years as a staff member of the United States Senate. While employed in the Senate, he served as staff director, both majority and minority, of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (1984-1991), as clerk and staff director of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee (1981-1984), and as a legislative assistant to former Senator James A. McClure (R-ID)(1976-1981).

Mr. Cushing is a 1974 graduate of the University of Idaho and has done graduate level study at the University of Idaho and Boise State University.