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## **Leadership Changes at URA**



The URA Board of Trustees, in its meeting on April 12, elected Dr. Steven Beering to the newly created position of Executive Chair of the Board of Trustees, succeeding long-time Chair Joe Wyatt. Dr. John H. Marburger, III, Vice President for Research at Stony Brook University, and formerly Adviser to the President for Science and Technology and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), was elected Vice Chair of the Board, and Dr. Marta Cehelsky was appointed URA Executive Director.

Dr. Beering, a member of the URA Board of Trustees since 1997, is President Emeritus of Purdue University. As URA Board Executive Chairman he will also serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermi Research Alliance, LLC (FRA), under which URA and the University of Chicago jointly manage and operate Fermilab under the current Department of Energy contract. In his new position, Dr. Beering succeeds Fred Bernthal, former President of URA, as Vice Chair of the FRA Board.

Dr. Beering brings with him a long and distinguished record of service in academe, government, and the private sector. He served for 18 years as President of Purdue University. Until recently he was a member National Science Board, which he chaired for four years, and he has chaired the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of American Universities. He is a member of the National Library of Medicine, the Royal Society of Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He serves on numerous national and corporate boards, and is a Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh.



The URA Trustees also appointed Dr. Cehelsky to be a member of the FRA Board of Directors, to succeed Dr. Jill Wittels, a member of the Fermilab Board of Overseers since 1995, and of the FRA Board since 2007. Dr. Cehelsky was named Vice President of URA in 2008. She has worked with several national science policy groups, including 10 years as executive officer of the National Science Board, as executive secretary for the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Science under OSTP, and as the senior science official of the InterAmerican Development Bank. She also served on US Senate staff, at NASA, and earlier as a university professor.

Changes to the URA corporate leadership structure had been earlier approved unanimously by the URA Council of Presidents at their annual meeting in January. The new structure eliminates the positions of URA President and Vice President and establishes a new position of Executive Director.

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