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PRESENT

PRINCIPAL, PLANTING GROUND LLC

CREATOR, GO2CARD MEDICAL EMERGENCY ID, AND MED 1 CARD

AUTHOR, SHARED VALUES BETWEEN INTERDEPENDENT CORPORATIONS (2012)

AUTHOR, VADA WILLIAMS IN THREE LAKES...HER STORIES (2016)

AUTHOR, BREATHING IN THREE LAKES. A POEM (2017)

AUTHOR, CY WILLIAMS. BASEBALL'S MOST UNIQUE SLUGGER. (2023)

AUTHOR, THE HIKE (2023). A SHORT STORY AND TUTORIAL

AUTHOR, A CY WILLIAMS PLACE. HIS ARCHITECTURE, ART AND CONSTRUCTION.
(coming)

DIRECTOR AND PAST FOUNDING CHAIR, THREE LAKES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LEADER, THREE LAKES "THINK TANK" FOR ECONOMIC VIABILITY

FORWARD THREE LAKES LEADERSHIP FOCUS GROUP

REGIONAL AQUATIC , EXERCISE AND HEALTH FACILITY EXPLORATORY GROUP

PAST

WISCONSIN AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK DEALERS ASSOCIATION (WATDA)

PRESIDENT EMERITUS FROM 2010

EMPLOYED FROM 1971-2009

PRESIDENT 1972-2009

PRESIDENT OF WATDA SERVICES INC.

PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION OF WATDA, INC.

TRUSTEE, WATDA INSURANCE TRUST, INC.

SECRETARY, WATDA INSURANCE CORPORATION

NOTE: WATDA IS A TRADE ASSOCIATION OF AUTOMOBILE DEALERS AND HEAVY TRUCK DEALERS, WHOSE COMBINED EMPLOYMENT TYPICALLY EXCEEDS 25,000.

AUTOMOTIVE TRADE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES (ATAE)

(NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CEO'S OF ALL DEALER MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS—NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL).

BOARD CHAIR, 2001-2002

NUMEROUS COMMITTEE CHAIRS WITH EMPHASIS ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LEGAL AFFAIRS, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND NADA INTERFACE.

LIAISON TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF STATE REGULATORS

HONORARY MEMBER STATUS RETAINED.

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION (NADA)

APPOINTED TO NEARLY 50 COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF NADA AND RELATED CORPORATIONS. EMPHASIS ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, MANUFACTURER RELATIONS, REGULATORY AFFAIRS, HEAVY DUTY TRUCK DEALER INTERESTS, FINANCE AND INSURANCE, ERISA TRUSTS BOARDS, CHARITABLE FOUNDATION BOARD.

HONORED WITH THE THIRD EVER CAPITOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY THE NADA BOARD.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES (ASAE)

CERTIFIED ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE (CAE, RET), A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION.

ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY EVALUATION TEAM LEADER

WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES (WSAE)

BOARD CHAIR

“HALL OF FAME AWARD” FOR LIFETIME LEADERSHIP. THIRD GIVEN IN 60 YEAR HISTORY.

ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN LOBBYISTS (AWL)

BOARD CHAIR

FOUNDING DIRECTOR

COUNCIL OF RETAIL ASSOCIATIONS (CORA)

BOARD CHAIR

FOUNDING DIRECTOR

RAWHIDE BOYS RANCH

(FOR TEENS WITH SEVERE WAYWARD TENDENCIES)

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

LEADER IN CREATION OF CAR DONATION PROGRAM FOR CASH FLOW

AUTOMOTIVE YOUTH EDUCATION SYSTEM (AYES)

NATIONAL FOUNDATION CREATED TO CERTIFY HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR STUDENT AUTOMOTIVE TECH CAREERS, WHICH INCLUDES TEACHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, AND GRADUATION CERTIFICATION. ALL OEM CEOs WERE BOARD MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THE NADA PRESIDENT AND ONE ATAE.

BOARD DIRECTOR THREE YEARS

CHAIR, NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, THREE YEARS

FOUNDATION OF WATDA

PRESIDENT

MAINTAINED 200 STUDENTS UNDER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN DEGREES FROM TWO YEAR TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY

AWARD FOR LIFETIME LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION

GUEST LECTURER

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON

BASCOM HILL SOCIETY

THREE LAKES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DIRECTOR

FOUNDING BOARD CHAIR

MILITARY

U.S. ARMY RESERVES, SIX YEARS. SERVICE AT CAMP POLK, FORT LEWIS, FORT ORD, FORT LEONARD WOOD, FORT McCOY. TRAINED FOR DRILL SERGEANT.

EDUCATION

B.A. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT (AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND ENGLISH)

GRADUATE SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, TWO YEARS. (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS)

DISCLOSURES

TWO ITEMS DESERVE CLARIFICATION:

A. WILLIAMS IS NOT A LAWYER. SOME SOURCES HAVE INCORRECTLY STATED THAT HE IS A LAWYER. HE MANAGED IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS, AND HE ENGAGED NUMEROUS LAW FIRMS FOR COVERAGE OF A BROAD RANGE OF LEGAL ISSUES AND LITIGATION. HE ALSO HAS LONG EXPERIENCE NEGOTIATING THE CREATION, MODIFICATION, OR REMOVAL OF STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY CODES.

B. WILLIAMS IS AN ALUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON GRADUATE SCHOOL, WHERE HE ATTENDED FROM 1969 TO 1971, IN THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS. DURING THIS TIME HE WORKED ALSO IN AN ADJUNCT POSITION TO THE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE AT A TIME WHEN THE CAMPUS WAS EMBROILED IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT OF THE VIETNAM PROTESTS, RIOTS, BOMBING; AND STRIKE OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS. DURING THIS TIME, HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MAJOR SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENTS, INCLUDING A NOBEL PRIZE IN SCIENCE.

ALTHOUGH ALL COURSEWORK WAS COMPLETED, WILLIAMS WAS HIRED BEFORE THE REQUIRED THESIS WAS COMPLETED. THUS HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE DEGREE DESIGNATION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MASTER OF ARTS. SOME SOURCES HAVE INCORRECTLY STATED THAT HE EARNED A M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

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