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**COOPER FOUNDATION ELECTS
LINDA CRUMP AND KIM ROBAK TO ITS BOARD**

The Cooper Foundation has elected Linda Crump and Kim Robak to its Board of Trustees. Jack Campbell, Chair of the Cooper Foundation, said, "Our founder, Joseph H. Cooper, always sought the most respected community leaders to serve as trustees. Linda and Kim follow in that tradition of accomplishment, leadership, and commitment to Lincoln and Nebraska." The Cooper Foundation, founded in 1934, has granted nearly \$18 million in support of education, human services, the arts, the humanities, and the environment.

Linda Crump, Assistant to the Chancellor for Equity, Access and Diversity Programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, advises on equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, campus diversity programming, and accommodations for employees with disabilities. An attorney, Crump has served the Nebraska State Bar Association in a number of capacities including being the first African American to serve as its chair and later as president. She is on the board of West Gate Bank, and has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Nebraska and Council Bluffs, the Lincoln Community Foundation, Homestead Girl Scout Council, Senior Center Foundation, Legal Services of Southeast Nebraska, Harris Laboratories Institutional Review Board, and the Nebraska Public Radio's Community Advisory Board.

Crump, a native of New York City, attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from City College of New York and taught biology, general science, physical science and physics at Lincoln High School. She earned her Juris Doctorate in 1990 from UNL's College of Law and clerked for Federal District Judge Warren K. Urbom before joining the University.

Kim Robak is a member of Ruth Mueller Robak LLC, a government relations firm. Previously she served as Vice President for External Affairs and Corporation Secretary for the University of Nebraska, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Nebraska, and Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to then-Governor and now United States Senator E. Benjamin Nelson, partner with Rembolt Ludtke Parker and Berger law firm, and teacher at Irving Junior High School in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Robak received her Juris Doctorate with highest distinction from the University of Nebraska. She graduated Order of the Coif, was on the National Moot Court and Trial Advocacy teams and was Symposium Editor on the Nebraska Law Review. She also received her Bachelor of Science degree with distinction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Robak is on the corporate boards of Fiserv, Inc., FBL Financial Group, Inc., First Ameritas Life Insurance Company of New York, and Union Bank & Trust Co. She is on the boards of Doane College, The Nebraska Humanities Foundation, and TeamMates and is past chair of the United Way Fund Drive and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. Previously she was moderator of First

Plymouth Congregational Church and on the boards of the Lincoln Community Foundation, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development, and the Nebraska Medical Center.

For more information visit the Cooper Foundation website at: www.cooperfoundation.org.



Linda Crump



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