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BILLINGS – After conducting a nationwide search, the Rocky Mountain College Board of Trustees has named Dr. Robert Wilmouth as president, the 10th in the college’s history.

“We’re delighted with our choice and hopeful for a promising future under his leadership,” said Carl A. Hansen, Chair, RMC Board of Trustees.

Hansen credited AGB Search, the independent consulting firm retained by the board and led by Dr. Loren Anderson, for its assistance with a search that began last fall after the retirement of then-RMC President Michael R. Mace.

“This concludes a thorough search with more than 50 candidates from across the United States considered,” Hansen said. “There was definitely a lot of interest in Rocky Mountain College and narrowing the field took months.”

Candidates were thoroughly researched with five invited for interviews by the RMC Search Committee, chaired by Barb Skelton, a past RMC Chair and a current RMC Trustee. The field was then narrowed to two finalists – Wilmouth and Dr. David R. Evans, an academic vice president at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa – who met with trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community.

“The Board reached its decision in a thoughtful and deliberate process,” Hansen said. “There was discussion and debate, but, after the first vote favoring Wilmouth, the Board then voted to make its choice unanimous.”

Wilmouth said he “appreciated the board’s confidence,” adding, “Now it’s time to go to work.”
“This is the place I want to be doing the good work of the College. I am mindful of the challenges and eager to begin,” said Wilmouth.

For the previous four years, Wilmouth was the program director of the Masters of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program and an RMC faculty member. He was an adjunct professor with the MPAS program for the previous 17 years.

Wilmouth moved to Billings in 1991 and started a career as a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon at the Billings Clinic. He served in numerous leadership positions including chief of cardiac services and medical director. Wilmouth stopped practicing due to an illness in 2004. Subsequently he served as a board member for Institute for Healthcare Improvement. He traveled the country as a consultant for the Saving 5 Million Lives campaign working with hospital trustees on board engagement. He has served on numerous community boards in Billings.

Wilmouth is married to Liz, who has a masters of science in nursing and is the current senior development director at the Billings Clinic Foundation. They have two daughters: Katie, who is finishing a degree at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., and will be going to Notre Dame Law School this fall; and Maggie, who is in her second undergraduate year at Notre Dame.

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