

Life after CWI board

Outgoing College of Western Idaho trustee Browning talks about what's next

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NAMPA — The makeup of the College of Western Idaho Board of Trustees shifted on Tuesday with the addition of new Trustee Emily Walton, a farewell to former trustee Gordon Browning and new leadership appointments.

Walton was sworn in at the beginning of the board meeting at the Hampton Inn near the Idaho Center. She replaces Browning after winning the seat in the Nov. 4 election against Browning and former Canyon County legislator Darrell Bolz.

Walton has lived in Boise since 2001. She graduated with honors from Boise State University in 2012 and has been active in the community for several years. Boise Young Professionals named her Young Professional of the Year this year, and Idaho Business Review named her "Woman of the Year" in 2013. Walton also founded the Idaho Civic Engagement Project, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that involves younger voters in civic issues and encourages them to become the next leaders of democracy.

Browning, who retired as a senior engineering manager for Pacific Bell in 1988 after 26 years with the company, said he and his wife will head out on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sometime after March, though he's not sure where it will be yet. The two had planned to take that mission trip several years ago, but she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and Browning said he decided to run for the seat in 2010 because they would be staying put.



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Now that she's in remission, the two are taking the plunge.

Those plans are exciting, but Browning said he is sad to leave during a time of more growth and change at CWI.

"Our needs for buildings and facilities to meet our enrollment has become really large. There's almost \$2 million a year going out for leases," Browning said. "And probably the most disappointing thing about not serving the next four years is we're at the point where we're going to have to start building some build-

ings that belong to us, and I wanted to be part of that."

Browning said a community college started him on his career path many years ago, and it was the most rewarding to be able to give back to a community college as a trustee. As for CWI's future, he sees more growth and success for the school.

"It's been a great asset to the community, and I think it will continue to be a great asset. It was something that was desperately needed, which is obvious by the rapid enrollment, and I think soon we'll see some buildings that belong to us that are able to provide better opportunities for students," Browning said.

The board also shifted its leadership roles, with Trust-

ee Mary Niland becoming chairwoman, and former chairman Stanley Bastian taking on the role of secretary and treasurer. Trustee Guy Hurlbutt became vice chairman.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

■ Eide Bailly auditors gave CWI a mostly clean audit report, with only one finding pertaining to the wrong dates on financial aid forms, something President Bert Glandon said many colleges have discovered. The error has been remedied, according to Glandon.



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