

**ITEM 147-2701-R0510**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Art: John W. Pollock; Montana State University – Billings**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor John W. Pollock from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for his 36 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Art, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

John Pollock earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education in 1969 from Eastern Montana College, Billings; graduated from the US Army Southeastern Signal School in 1970 as a Communication Center Specialist; and earned his Master of Applied Arts degree in Printmaking in 1973 from Montana State University, Bozeman.

After the completion of his graduate studies, John was hired as an Instructor of Art at Montana State University Billings (then Eastern Montana College). In 1978, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Art, and in 1982, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Art. In 1986, John was promoted to Professor of Art, and from 1996 to 1998 he served as the Department of Art Chairperson.

During his tenure at Montana State University Billings, John served the Department of Art as a teacher of drawing, watercolor, and printmaking at all levels; as Advisor to the Art Students' League; as an Advisor to art student majors; as a member of the Art Scholarship Committee; as a Curator of Northcutt Steele Gallery exhibits; as a chair and member of Department Search Committees, Unit Rank and Tenure Committees and other ad hoc task forces; as a developer of department curricula, and many other activities within the department.

Beyond the campus, John has served his profession of art in a variety of leadership roles at the international, national, state and local levels. He represented the United States at the Dieppe International Kite Festival in Dieppe, France (2008); has served on various committees of the American Kitefliers Association; and has been invited to display his painted kites in various local, national and international settings. He has also received sixteen awards for his painted kites from the American International Kitefliers Association, including the Grand National Championship and the Lee Toy Memorial Kite Artist of the Year Award; and was awarded First Place in Bowed Kite at the first Smithsonian Kite Festival.

John has directed and printed four Lithograph Print Edition Commissions out of his Artisan Press; has given numerous lectures and workshops on painted kites and printmaking at the local, state and national levels; has participated in over ninety art exhibitions with painted kites, watercolor paintings, lithographs and drawings in solo and group shows; and has artworks in ten collections at the local, state and national locations.

John has served the community and country with membership in The Yellowstone Art Museum (1971-2010), Stillwater Society of Montana (1991-2010), Print Arts Northwest-Portland, Oregon (1988-2010), American Kitefliers Association (1993-2010), Maryland Kite Society (2003-2010), and the Montana Watercolor Society

(1987-2010), including service on the Board of Directors (1990-1998) and as Vice President (1991-1993) and President (1993-1995).

In the area of service, John has also donated many artworks to campus, local and area charitable art auctions throughout the years, served as a juror for many local and area art auctions and competitions, served as an artist advisor and/or consultant for campus, local, area and state art centers and groups, and traveled to numerous art museums/galleries/centers/studios throughout the country to staying current on art activities for classroom dissemination.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Department of Art is pleased to nominate Professor John W. Pollock for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Art at Montana State University Billings.