

**EXHIBIT: III.A.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** March 10, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Composition of Committee to Review Application for Additional Degree Granting Authorization as Submitted by the University of New England to Award the Master of Public Health Degree

**BACKGROUND:** 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education.

Officials of the University of New England School, located in Biddeford, Maine, have submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Master of Public Health.

As a first step in obtaining additional degree authorization the rules require that a Review Committee be constituted to assess the application materials to determine whether the applicant has the necessary resources to make the offerings leading to the degree. This committee will submit a report and recommendation to the Commissioner and Board on the appropriateness of the request. The rules further require that the membership of this committee be approved by the Board. The names of individuals being recommended for committee membership are attached. A program approval visit to the University of New England is being scheduled for April 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education approve the individuals presented to serve as members of the Review Committee to assist in processing the degree-granting request from the University of New England.

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## Recommended Review Team Membership

for the

## University of New England

The University of New England has applied for authorization to confer an additional degree, Master of Public Health.

The Department will conduct a review of this application in April 2004. The following, for your approval, is the proposed list of individuals to serve on the review team.

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