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Experience

The Kokomo (IN) Tribune. Held executive positions with this 34,000 daily newspaper over a period of 20 years including those of CFO, Production Manager and Publisher/CEO. The newspaper had 185 employees and over 300 newspaper carriers.

Vice Chancellor of External Relations, Indiana University Kokomo.

Adjunct Faculty member – Indiana University Kokomo and Grand Valley State University, Vincennes University, and Ivy Tech State College. Taught biology and environmental science.

Real Estate Appraiser - Indiana Certified Residential Appraiser with FHA & VA qualification and an Indiana Real Estate Broker. Over 25 years of residential real estate appraiser experience.

Education

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Doctor of Philosophy – Genetics

Master of Science - Aquatic Toxicology and Fish Biology

Master of Science - Conservation of Natural Resources and Resource Policy

Bachelor of Science - Industrial Management with Engineering Option - Krannert

Studies included major coursework in land use planning, surveying, aerial photography, soil types and use, technical and biological environmental issues, and engineering fields including both mechanical and electrical engineering. Graduate work in aquatic toxicology centered on research involving synthetic fuels and environmental matters. Graduate work in genetics centered on cytogenetics and animal genetics. Undergraduate studies in management, finance, accounting, and long-term corporate planning.

Selected Service and Activities

Inland Daily Press Assn. Cost and Revenue Committee

Served multiple terms on this committee. The purpose of the committee was to assist member newspapers with methods of cost containment and profit improvement.

Institute of Newspaper Controllers and Finance Officers

Member for over a decade. Served on various committees. The organization focused on standard and cost accounting practices in the newspaper industry.

Board of Directors, Kokomo Opalescent Glass Co.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Company, Kokomo, Indiana, for over 30 years.

Director, Kokomo-Howard Co. Chamber of Commerce

Served as a member of the Board of Directors of this organization which promotes the economic development of the Kokomo and Howard County, Indiana, area.