

## **Seth Bate, IOM**

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### **Professional Experience**

- Project facilitator, Self-Help Network Center for Community Support and Research at Wichita State University, 2006 – present. Cooperatively design and facilitate strategic planning and capacity building activities with non-profits, coalitions and community groups. Serve as lead facilitator for the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative and staff to the Wichita Visioneering Strategic Alliance on Birth-K Children's Issues.
- President and CEO, Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 2001 – 2006. Administrator for 500-member not-for-profit corporation with \$180,000 budget. Responsible for leading strategic planning at organization and committee levels; design and facilitation of community-based leadership development program; close collaboration with economic development partners; and project management. Chaired design team for Cowley First Vision 20/20 countywide visioning project.
- Director of development and public relations, Creative Community Living, 1999 – 2001. Wrote grants for \$120,000 in funding and tax credits; shaped image of guardian-governed non-profit that supports people with developmental disabilities.
- Regional editor, *Winfield Daily Courier*, 1997-1999. Reported on city and rural news. Recognized by Kansas State Nurses Association and Kansas Press Association for outstanding achievement.

### **Related Experience**

- Facilitation. In both professional and volunteer capacities, have facilitated strategic planning and group processes in a variety of settings. Projects include Self-Help Network One Kansas; Governor's Rural Life Task Force; Cowley County NAACP; REAP Economic Development Summit; Leadership Emporia; Dickinson Arts Council; and Cowley First Vision 20/20.
- Writing. Have published articles, reviews and columns in local and national settings. Weekly columnist in *Winfield Daily Courier* from 2001-2005. Arts reporter and critic for KMUW radio and New York-based *This Month ON STAGE* from 1993 to 1998. Won Kennedy Center's national award for critical writing in 1993.
- Ministry. In both professional and volunteer capacities, have served in congregational and state-level leadership roles; continue to be a popular guest preacher and music presenter.

### **Volunteer Leadership**

Over the past 15 years, have been continually involved in community service at the community and state levels, often in key leadership positions. Focus areas have included community leadership (Kansas Leadership Forum, Leadership Cowley County); economic and community development (Winfield Main Street, Legacy Community Foundation); advocacy (The Alliance for People With Developmental Disabilities); the arts (CornerBank Concerts); and community events (Walnut Valley Farmers' Market, KANZA Days). Recognized as a Winfield First Citizen in 1999.

## **Training and Education**

Trustee Leadership Development  
Preparing Leaders and Nurturing Trustees Certification  
Completed July 2006

HomeTown Competitiveness Organizer Certification  
Completed January 2006

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management  
Colorado College      Completed July 2004

Kansas Master Facilitator  
Kansas Health Foundation      Completed January 2004

National Critics Institute  
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center      Completed July 1993

B. A., Music and Theatre; Minor in English  
Southwestern College      1993      Magna cum laude