

Dennis DeRossett is a career newspaper executive with extensive experience and achievements in both publishing and press association management. He is native of Illinois and his career has taken him throughout the Midwest –in addition to Illinois: Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska (twice).

His first landing in Nebraska was in the '90s as the publisher of the Beatrice Daily Sun. His second venture into Nebraska began at the start of this year – on January 2nd Dennis began the transition to succeed Allen Beermann as Executive Director of the Nebraska Press Association.

In addition to Beatrice, Dennis has served as publisher of daily newspapers in Enid OK, Effingham IL and Carbondale IL. In each of those communities, Dennis was a member of the Rotary Club....approximately 14 years as a former Rotarian.

He has been active on the boards of the chamber of commerce and the local economic development organizations in the communities where he served as publisher. Dennis served as president of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce; he was president of the economic development organizations in St. Marys OH and Carbondale IL. Also, while in Beatrice, he was named a Nebraska Diplomat by then-Gov. Ben Nelson.

In addition to publishing, Dennis's career has included management and consulting services to state and national press associations. He has served as Executive Director of the Illinois Press Association and, also, as COO of the National Newspaper Association.

In the past two years, his consulting services also included work as a senior advisor in the newspaper division of Grimes, McGovern & Associates, a mergers & acquisitions company.

His service also includes volunteering at his church, Springfield First United Methodist, in hospitality areas, with the Missions Council and, most recently, as chairman of the board of trustees.

His wife, Katie, is a registered nurse and a native of Oklahoma. (That made for many interesting game days – until Nebraska joined the Big Ten.) Together, Dennis and Katie have three children and six grandchildren. They hope to complete their move to Nebraska by June.

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