

Officers Elected for Board of Trustees at STCC

The Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College has elected officers for April 2009 through March 2010.

Ronald A. Copes, retired Vice President for Community Relations at MassMutual, was re-elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has been a director of the Black Men of Greater Springfield, Baystate Health, Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America, Amistad Foundation, Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, United Way of the Capitol Area, Hartford Education Foundation, University of Hartford, and Partners for a Healthier Community. A graduate of Lincoln University, with an MBA from Atlanta University, Copes served in the U.S. Army for 27 years, retiring with the rank of Colonel.



Hector F. Toledo, Vice President and Director of Retail Sales at Hampden Bank, was elected Vice Chair of the Board. He had filled that position on an interim basis following the untimely death of Trustee Michael Niziolek. Toledo is also a board member of the YMCA, the Western Mass Development Corporation, the North End Housing Initiative, Hispanic Resources, Inc., and the Institutional Review Board at Baystate Health. He serves on the Community Investment Committee of the Pioneer Valley United Way, and is a Past President of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center. He is a graduate of STCC, and attended Westfield State College.

David P. Fontaine, President of Fontaine Brothers Inc., was re-elected Secretary of the Board. A graduate of STCC's Civil Engineering Technology program, Fontaine was honored with the STCC Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001, which recognizes outstanding achievement by a graduate of the college. He has been significantly involved in completing well over \$1 billion of construction throughout Western Massachusetts, including the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, several Big Y supermarkets, and numerous area schools and colleges. Fontaine Bros. constructed the biological sciences building at STCC in 1987.



Fontaine has been president of the Construction Industry Association of Western Massachusetts as well as a member of the International Masonry Association. He is a Trustee of Chicopee Savings Bank and The Zoo at Forest Park.