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FEC NAMES MICHAELSON TO ADVISORY PANEL

WASHINGTON--Dr. Ronald D. Michaelson, Executive Director of the State Board of Elections in Illinois, has been appointed to the 16-member Advisory Panel of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

FEC Chairman Joan D. Aikens of Pennsylvania said, "As a member of our Advisory Panel, Dr. Michaelson will counsel the Commission on the best ways to use its resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the Nation."

Members of the Advisory Panel are selected by the Commission from among local and state elections administrators and public officials throughout the United States. The Panel advises the Clearinghouse on Election Administration. The Clearinghouse is a statutory designed to assist state and local jurisdictions in improving the integrity and efficiency of the conduct of elections for federal offices. It sponsors research and provides information to election officials on a variety of problem areas including absentee voting procedures, voting equipment, voter registration procedures, ballot access and the computerization of elections.

Dr. Michaelson will participate in a two-day meeting of the Advisory Panel set for September 21-23 in Washington, D.C.

As the Illinois State Board of Election's first Executive Director, Dr. Michaelson has complete administrative and supervisory responsibility of the agency and reports directly to the members of the Board. He joined the agency in 1974 and became Executive Director in 1976.

During the administration of former Governor Richard B. Ogilvie, Dr. Michaelson served as a top assistant in the Governor's front office. He has been an Assistant Professor at Sangamon State University, served as an Assistant to the school's Academic Vice President, and has a continuing appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Affairs.

An author of numerous published articles on government, Dr. Michaelson was listed in the 1974 Who's Who in Illinois and the 1975 Outstanding Young Men in America.

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