

The Eisenhower Foundation, Abilene, Kansas, has been appointed to the U.S. Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Lynda Scheele, Executive Director, will represent the foundation on the 100-member commission.

In support of the United States' reentry into the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the U.S. Department of State re-established the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO on October 20, 2004.

The National Commission will function as a Federal Advisory Committee, providing expert advice to the U.S. Government on matters relating to UNESCO. It will also function as a liaison with organizations, institutions, and individuals in the United States interested in the work of UNESCO.

The National Commission, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is comprised of representatives from various non-governmental organizations interested in matters of education, science, culture, and communications. The Commission also includes at-large and state, local, and federal government representatives. The Secretary of State appoints members of the Commission.

The Eisenhower Foundation is a public non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and honoring the legacy of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Founded in 1945 in Abilene, Kansas, the foundation was instrumental in the preservation of the Eisenhower Boyhood Home and the construction of both the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum buildings. The Eisenhower Foundation continues to support non-federally funded programs and functions of the Eisenhower Library and Museum (Eisenhower Center). The federal government does not provide direct appropriated funding for outreach programming, exhibits, education outreach and special events. To accomplish this lofty mission, the Foundation continues to play a vital and active role in the Eisenhower Center's many programs and activities.

Lynda Scheele is the Executive Director of the Eisenhower Foundation. She lives in Abilene, Kansas, where she has a long record of public service, having served three terms as Mayor and 16 years on the City Commission. She is a past President of the Kansas Museum's Association and a Governor's appointee to the Historical Records Commission. Scheele and her husband, Ed, own ESA Design, a museum exhibits design firm, and the Courtyard Home Store.

"The Eisenhower Foundation is very pleased to have been chosen as a representative to the U.S. National Commission to UNESCO. The organization certainly embodies the spirit and core beliefs of President Eisenhower, who believed the road to world peace was through international understanding and cooperation among nations for the greater good," says Scheele.