

## TRANSITIONS

### New Leaders at Fitchburg, Framingham Chapters

This summer brings changes in the leadership of two MSCA chapters, as well as the presidency of one state college.

#### **Ann Mrvica, president, and Michael Turk, vice president, Fitchburg State chapter**

“This is a big step,” says new Fitchburg State chapter President **Ann Mrvica**.

“The president of the chapter has a lot to do. I am very thankful that I have officers and an Executive Committee who are engaged, and a secretary at the chapter office who knows what’s going on. The union is its membership. I depend on them to articulate concerns and goals. Their participation is critical.

“This past year,” she adds, “the chapter was able to have the entire Executive Committee meet with the president of the college, along with the vice president for academic affairs, on a regular basis. This was a boost for clearer communications. All have agreed to continue that practice. I hope to bring closure to the items that have been on the chapter agenda for a long time: administrative evaluations, and changes to the chapter constitution. I have not come up with any grand, new initiatives, but I have seen the faculty dining room at Framingham and I am jealous.”



*Mike Turk*

New Fitchburg State chapter Vice President **Mike Turk** was out of the country and so unavailable for comment, but Mrvica described him this way:

“Mike teaches economics. He has been at the college a long time and has chaired the social sciences department.” Among the courses Turk has taught are



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*Principles of and Intermediate Macro- and Microeconomics; Urban and International Economics; History of Economic Thought; and Man, Technology and Society.*

Mrvica says Turk “has a reputation for being level-headed and reasonable,” qualities that will no doubt come in handy when dealing with management.

#### **Susan Dargan, vice president, Framingham State chapter**

Coming on board at the Framingham State chapter is Vice President **Sue Dargan**.

“I want to work to increase faculty involvement in our chapter and our state-wide association,” she says. “I would like to work on educating junior faculty members about the chapter and association, as well.”

Dargan first became involved with MSCA when she served on the bargaining team for the DGCE contract approved in February.

“I enjoyed this process—for the most part—and came to understand the importance of active participation by faculty members in the bargaining process,” she says. In addition to her vice presidential duties, Dargan currently serves as a member of the day bargaining team, which has been in negotiations with management since March.

#### **Management**

**Patricia Maguire Meserve** was named the new president of Salem State College, and will take office July 1. Meserve most recently served as provost and academic vice president at Suffolk University. She replaces **Nancy Harrington**, who presided at Salem State for 17 years.

—*Brett M. Rhyne*



*Sue Dargan*