

Author Biographies

Peggy Boyer Long

- ◆ Recently retired Executive Editor of *Illinois Issues* magazine, the state's leading public affairs magazine, and Director of Center Publications, Center for State Policy and Leadership, University of Illinois at Springfield
- ◆ Editor of *Illinois Issues* magazine 1994-2007
- ◆ Editor of The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent
- ◆ Contributing author for the second edition, Mostly Good and Competent Men
- ◆ Statehouse bureau chief for what is now WUIS public radio and the Illinois Public Radio Network 1975-1978 and 1989-1991
- ◆ Wrote about state government and politics for *Chicago* magazine and the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*
- ◆ Taught graduate courses in the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston and at Columbia College Chicago

Memberships

- ◆ Member of the board of directors for the Illinois Center for the Book
- ◆ Founding member of Capitolbeat, the national association of capitol reporters and editors

Education

- ◆ Master's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a second master's in public history from what is now the University of Illinois at Springfield, bachelor's in English, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Awards

- ◆ 2007 Paul Simon Public Service Award given by the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform

Taylor Pensoneau

- ◆ Author of five books:
 - Power House: Arrington from Illinois, published in 2006 by American Literary Press
 - The Summer of '50 (fiction), published in 2003 by Downstate Publications
 - Brothers Notorious: The Sheltons, published in 2001 by Downstate Publications
 - Governor Richard Ogilvie: In the Interest of the State, published in 1997 by SIU Press
 - Dan Walker: The Glory and the Tragedy, published in 1993 by Smith-Collins

- ◆ Co-author of The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent

- ◆ Executive, Illinois Coal Association, 1978-2003.

- ◆ Reporter, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1962-1978 (Springfield-based political correspondent from 1965-1978)

Memberships

- ◆ Member of the board of directors for the Illinois Center for the Book (former president)
- ◆ Member of the advisory board for *Illinois Issues* magazine
- ◆ Former president of the Sangamon County Historical Society

Education

- ◆ Bachelor's degree in journalism, University of Missouri-Columbia

Awards

- ◆ *Chicago Sun-Times* called the Ogilvie Book one of the ten most notable political books of 1997
- ◆ Both Ogilvie and Walker books were awarded the Illinois State Historical Society's Certificate of Excellence