

**James W. Baumann**

*Newly Appointed Member of the Illinois State Board of Education*

**Experience:**

- President & CEO, American Recreation Products Inc. (2008-2009)
- President & CEO, American College of Education (2006-2007)
- Founder, RENTEXT.com (2004-2006)
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Golden Apple Foundation (1995-2003)
- President & CEO Follett Higher Education Group (1996-2001)

**Organization Membership:**

- Board of Advisors, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago (2004-Present)
- President, Board of Directors, Mothers Trust Foundation (2004-Present)
- Board of Directors, Golden Apple Foundation (1992-Present)
- Advisory Board, International Peace Forum and Festival (1999-2002)
- Board of Directors, Follett Corporation (1989-2001)
- Board of Trustees, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities Foundation (1995-2000)
- Vice President, Lake Bluff School District 65 Board of Education (1995-1999)
- Board of Trustees, Follett Education Foundation (1990-1996)
- President, Board of Directors, Lake Bluff School District 65 Education Foundation, (1989-1992)

**Education:**

- Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, B.A. Politics and Government 1976
- Graduate Courses taken at the University of Chicago (1) and Fairfield University (2)