

Richard D. Legon
President
Association of Governing Boards (AGB)

Rick Legon was selected as the Association of Governing Board's fourth president in January, 2006. He previously served as AGB's executive vice president and has been with the association since 1983.

Rick has, with the AGB board of directors, developed a new and aggressive strategic plan for the association that emphasizes and supports the new work of boards – highlighted by the association's focus on original research, expanded services and serving as the voice for higher education governance with policymakers.

Rick has an extensive background as a student of and practitioner in not-for-profit governance. He has consulted broadly with higher education institutions and their boards, and other not-for-profit organizations. He has overseen the development of AGB's portfolio of services for institution-related foundations and their boards, and has written widely on matters of governance. His most recent publication is "The Margin of Excellence: The New Work of Public Higher Education's Foundations."

He has served as a board member of the University of Charleston in West Virginia, and currently serves on the board of visitors of Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

Rick holds a Masters in Public Administration from George Washington University. Prior to joining AGB, Rick served on the U.S. Postal Commission, worked with former Mayor Daley in Chicago, and was director of development at Spertus College, in Chicago, Illinois.