Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, will share with the commission the lessons that he and his colleagues have learned through the National Collaborative for Postsecondary Education Policy, a joint Pew Charitable Trusts–funded effort of the Education Commission of the States, the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, and the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. The collaborative is working to assist a select group of states in better understanding the findings of *Measuring Up* and to devise effective ways to act positively on this information. Through this work Jones and his collaborative partners have gained valuable insights into how states can devise strategies to develop policies and practices that will improve their performance on these indices of higher education performance.

**Biographical Information on the Speaker**

**Dennis Jones** is president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a research and development center founded to improve the management effectiveness of colleges and universities. A member of the staff since 1969, Jones is widely recognized for his work in such areas as state and institutional approaches to budgeting and resource allocation; strategic planning; educational needs assessment; faculty workload and productivity; and information for strategic decision making and the development of educational indicators. Jones has written many monographs and articles on these topics, has presented his work at many regional, national, and international conferences, and has consulted with hundreds of institutions and state higher education agencies on management issues of all kinds. Prior to joining NCHEMS, Jones served as an administrator (in business and in institutional planning) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He received his graduate and undergraduate degree from that institution in the field of engineering management.