

29 file to replace Scott Moore

BY GEORGE GREEN

The quest for a new secretary of state has begun.

When Monday's deadline to apply for the job expired, 29 people had tossed their names into the basket of potential candidates.

Now, the governor's office will begin sifting through applicants to choose a candidate, said Chris Peterson, a spokesman for the governor.

Secretary of State Scott Moore will step down from his post on Dec. 15 to work for the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha.

Each of the 29 applicants will be interviewed over the telephone this week by a three-member panel composed of the governor's staff, Peterson said.

Gov. Mike Johanns will then narrow the list and chose a new secretary of state, Peterson said.

"Moore steps down on Dec. 15, and the governor plans to have someone in place by then," he said.

The candidates are as follows:

■ Dale Baker, 44, Republican, Grand Island, owner and business manager of Baker Development, Inc.

■ Sanine Beck, 37, Republican, Lincoln, owner of Nebraska Gifts

■ Norma Bradley, 42, Republican, Aurora, UNK student

■ Jon Brunning, 31, Republican, Sarpy County, state senator, general counsel for Tagge-Rutherford Financial Group

■ Joni Craighead, 46, Republican, Omaha, business consultant

■ Gary Devall, 57, Republican, O'Neill, Holt County Clerk

■ John Gale, 60, Republican, North Platte, attorney

■ Geoffrey Heinicke, 25, Republican, Lincoln, district

executive of the Cornhusker Council of the Boy Scouts of America

■ David Heineman, 52, Republican, Fremont, State Treasurer

■ Wayne Hohndorf, 39, Republican, Omaha, assistant manager of Big Lots Store

■ Richard Janney, 59, Republican, Omaha, attorney

■ Julie Johnson, 38, Republican, Omaha, manager at First Data Resources

■ Jeff Kringle, 35, Democrat, Lincoln, owner of Kringle Construction and The Car Hauler

■ Greg Lemon, 39, Republican, Lincoln, deputy secretary of state

■ Lormong Lo, 41, Republican, Omaha, member of the Omaha City Council

■ Terry Loschen, 57, Republican, Grand Island, director of Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home

■ Gail McMurtrey, 48, Republican, Alliance, teacher in the Alliance Public Schools

■ Neal Nelson, 39, Republican, Lincoln, legal counsel in the Legislature's Revisor of Statutes Office

■ Doug Patton, 52, Republican, Bellevue, employed by Journal Broadcast Group

■ Carol Peters, 56, Republican, Pierce, Pierce County Clerk

■ Edward Poore, 50, Republican, Omaha

■ Herb Sampson, 50, Republican, Omaha, president of The Sampson Firm

■ Barry Scheinost, 49, Republican, Waterloo, civil engineer with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

■ Adrian Smith, 29, Republican, Gering, state senator

■ Ruffin Stirling, 37, Republican, Valley, project coordinator for Shaver Decorating Inc.

■ David Tagart, 42, Democrat, Lincoln, V.P. Farmers & Merchants Bank

■ Bob Twiss, 57, Republican, Gretna, owner of sign business

■ Bob VanValkenburg, 65, Republican, Lincoln, consultant

■ Kerry Winterer, 50, Republican, Omaha, vice president and general counsel for the Benefit Group Inc.



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