

Richard A. Olsen, CCE
Executive Vice President and Secretary
Greater Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce & Convention Bureau

Mr. Richard Olsen has been in his present position since 1997. He is one of approximately 500 **Certified Chamber of Commerce Executives (CCE)** in the nation.

He is a professional Chamber executive and has served Chambers of Commerce in **Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Minnesota** as well as his native state of **South Dakota**. He has been in the profession since 1969. The local chamber has been accredited by the US Chamber of Commerce since 1979 and adheres to the professional standards of the profession.

Olsen is married and lives with his wife Marie in Brookings.

Al Heuton, CBRE
Executive Director
Brookings Area Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Al Heuton was named to his present position in July, 2005. He is a *Certified Business Retention and Expansion Specialist*. He graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Community & Regional Planning. Until his recent relocation to Brookings, he served for 14 years as Executive Director of the **Panhandle Area Development District** in Scottsbluff, Nebraska—a regional economic development district covering 11 counties and 32 communities in western Nebraska. Prior to that he served 5 ½ years as Executive Director of the **Area XV Regional Planning Commission** in Ottumwa, Iowa—a regional entity covering 10 counties and 75 communities.

Heuton has over 22 years experience in writing, servicing and administering both federal and state grants and is a specialist in housing rehabilitation programs. He lives in Brookings with his wife Sue.

Doris A. Roden, CMSM
Program Manager
Downtown Brookings, Inc.

Ms. Doris Roden has been Program Manager of Brookings' Main Street Program since 2001. She is a former member of the City Council and is a graduate of South Dakota State University. She attained *Certified Main Street Manager* status in 2003 (one of less than 100 in the nation) and has professionally facilitated community planning meetings for other **National Trust Main Street Programs**. Brookings received recognition as a National Main Street Community in 2003.

As a former business owner—and past president of the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau—she understands the difficulties facing small business and the importance of economic development for the region. She is an active member of the marketing committee of the Brookings Economic Development Corporation and the e-Commerce committee of the Chamber. She has received numerous awards for community service and business innovation.

Roden has lived in Brookings since 1964. Her husband, Jim, and their son and daughter are lifelong residents of Brookings.