

Leonard Page

Cheboygan County



Leonard Page was appointed to the NEMCSA Board of Directors in 2006 when he was elected to the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners. “It was not really my decision; it was delegated. I was lucky,” says Leonard. When Leonard’s term as Cheboygan County Commissioner expired at the end of 2010, he was invited to remain on the NEMCSA Board as a Private Sector Member. Leonard gladly accepted.

Seeing how the Federal anti-poverty and Head Start programs were administered at the “grassroots level” is what interested Leonard most about becoming a NEMCSA Board member.

Mr. Page’s most rewarding experience as a NEMCSA Board member is when the 2008 stimulus provided additional funding for many programs. Leonard said, “I was very pleased to publicize and work on the home weatherization effort.” Another rewarding experience for Leonard was the search for the new Executive Director. “It was the most important action the board has done in the last decade. I struggled with the process, and made my points about expanding board transparency. I think the current board policies are a significant improvement,” he says.

Treating clients with dignity and respect is vital to the objectives of the various NEMCSA programs. Giving people in need the tools to improve their situation is the primary focus. Leonard says, “The good responses we consistently receive from clients are reassuring. It is also important that NEMCSA employees be similarly treated with dignity and respect.”

For nearly 30 years (1970-1999) Mr. Page served as an Associate General Counsel with the International Union of the UAW (United Auto Workers) in Detroit. He is a Founding Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He has made numerous speeches and published articles on labor law issues in journals and law reviews. He served as Chair of the State Bar Association Labor Law Section (Michigan) and received its Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Mr. Page was nominated by President William Clinton in February 1999 to serve as General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington D.C. As General Counsel, he supervised operations of 21 national offices and almost 2000 federal employees in their handling of elections and the processing of unfair labor practice charges. Leonard left office in 2001 with the change of administration.

Leonard Graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn as its first valedictorian. He received a B.A. in 1965 and an M.B.A. in 1968 from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State Law School) in 1972.

Mr. Page is semi-retired. He lives with his wife Susan in a log home on Twin Lakes in Cheboygan County. His children and six very special grandchildren are his major focus. Leonard likes to hunt, fish and go boating. He also is the “maintenance man” for several family properties. He serves on the Cheboygan County Council on Aging, the 100 Club of Cheboygan and is a trustee on the Twin Lakes Association. Much of Leonard’s time is spent on political causes. Since 2010 he has been the Chair for the Cheboygan Democratic Party. He is an active member of the Straits Area Concerned Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment. He is involved in political organizing and his current focus is the oil pipelines under the Straits of Mackinac.