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Mr. Jones has more than 40 years of experience in research, development, technical assistance, and administration in the field of higher education management and policy-making. A member of the NCHEMS staff since 1969, he assumed increasing levels of responsibility within that organization, becoming president in 1986. Under his leadership, and in collaboration with an extraordinarily talented staff, NCHEMS has achieved a position of preeminence as a leader in the development and promulgation of information-based approaches to policy-making in higher education.

Mr. Jones is widely recognized for his work in such areas as:

- Developing “public agendas” to guide state higher education policy-making.
- Financing, budgeting, and resource allocation methodologies for use at both state and institutional levels.
- Linking higher education with states’ workforce and economic development needs.
- Developing and using information to inform policy-making.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and served as an administrator (in business and institutional planning) there for eight years prior to his joining the NCHEMS staff. He has served as an advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the Lumina Foundation for Education, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education and to numerous other associations, policy organizations, and state agencies.