John Zumwalt joined the Board of Trustees in December of 1994. He served as Board President from 1996 through 2009. He represents Ward 5, which includes Hanford, Armona, Goshen and the far western portion of Visalia. John has spent the majority of his life in the Hanford area. After attending Hanford schools and COS, he transferred to CSU-Fresno to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He joined the work force with the Kings County Public Works Department before establishing his Hanford civil engineering/land surveying firm, Zumwalt-Hansen and Associates in 1973.

Professional affiliations include: American Council of Engineering Companies, American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers and the California Building Industry Association. His hobbies include golf, travel and competitive long range pistol shooting.

John and his wife, Judy, raised two sons, both of which attended COS.