

## Sokol's position promotes spirit of Horatio Alger

**M**idAmerican Energy's David Sokol has begun a two-year term as president and chief executive of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

Sokol, 51, steps down as MidAmerican's chief executive this month but will continue

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as chairman of the Des Moines-based utility that's owned by Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway. It was reported last month that Sokol, who lives in Omaha, is one of four Berkshire managers mentioned as candidates to succeed Warren Buffett, 77, as

Berkshire's chief executive.

Buffett, for a reason that escapes Buzz, is not a member of the Horatio Alger Association. The Virginia-based group comprises distinguished Americans who overcame adversity. Earning \$62 billion, which Buffett did, apparently was not sufficient.

Six Iowans, including the late Roy Carver of Muscatine, are Horatio Alger members.

The other Iowa Algers are: Des Moines businessmen **Marvin Pomerantz**, **John Pappajohn** and **Barry Griswell**, along with retired utility executive **Lee Liu** of Cedar Rapids and **John Colloton**, retired director of the University of Iowa Hospitals.

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