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## **AOHP Elects Key Leaders to Executive Board Positions**

Warrendale, PA – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) is pleased to announce the election of key leaders to the AOHP Executive Board of Directors for two-year terms ending in September 2023. The officers were announced at the association's Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon, held in San Diego, CA, during the AOHP Annual National Conference.

AOHP's new Executive President, Stacy L. Smirl, MSM, BSN, RN, COEE, COHN-S, has served as both a chapter and national leader for AOHP for more than a decade and most recently held the position of Executive Vice President. "I continue to be inspired and motivated by AOHP's members, including fellow Executive Board colleagues, by the caring, compassion, innovation, resiliency, and passion they demonstrate daily for and with fellow healthcare personnel," she explains. "Our mission is to maintain, enhance, and protect their health and safety while they care for others." She is employed by Saint Luke's Health System, MO, as Director of Occupational Health & Wellness.

Cynthia Hall, RN, MSN, BSN, COHN-S/CM, Executive Secretary, has 10 years' experience in AOHP leadership, most recently serving four years as Region 5 Director. She is the Director, Leave and Accommodation Office, for Emory Healthcare, Inc., GA. "I strongly believe in the support provided by AOHP and have witnessed its value on both state and national levels," she describes. "I look forward to continued collaboration with other members of the Executive Board in setting and achieving goals that promote healthcare personnel safety, health, and well-being."

Two of AOHP's five Region Directors are new to the Executive Board. These leaders, tasked to provide support and promote sustainability at the chapter level, include: Region 2 Director Tina Harvey, RN, COHN, CEAS, Employee Health Coordinator for North Kansas City Hospital, MO; and Region 4 Director Michelle Chester, DNP, MSN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA, FNP-BC, who administered the first COVID-19 vaccine in the United States. She is the Northwell Health, NY, Senior Director of Employee Health Services.

Also new to the AOHP Board is Daniel McBride, BSEd, RN, CIC, Infection Prevention and Occupational Health Director at Upson Regional Medical Center, GA. "I appreciate the honor of being asked to serve on the Executive Board of AOHP, and I will do my best to help fulfill its mission of providing essential tools that empower members to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of healthcare personnel." He was appointed to serve the remaining year of Stacy Smirl's term as Executive Vice President.

Other AOHP Board Members are: Executive Treasurer Denise Knoblauch, MSN, RN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN; Executive *Journal* Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; Region 1 Director Nancy J. Verhaar, RN, COHN-S; Region 3 Director Sarah (Sally) M. Parris, RN, MSN, COHN; Region 5 Director Mary Giovannetti, DNP, APRN, BC-FNP; and Community Liaison Bobbi Jo Hurst, MBA, BSN, RN, COHN-S, SGE. Former Executive President Lydia Crutchfield, MA, BSN, RN, CLC, will serve as President Emeritus.

AOHP is a national association whose vision is to be recognized as the leading authority for occupational health in healthcare. Led by an experienced and dedicated group of occupational health professionals, AOHP promotes health, safety, and well-being for healthcare personnel through: advocating for employee health and safety; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies, and related associations. For more information, contact AOHP Headquarters at 800-362-4347, or e-mail [info@aohp.org](mailto:info@aohp.org).

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