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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 2025. The officers were announced at the association’s Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon, held Friday, September 8 in Savannah, GA, during the AOHP Annual National Conference.

Elections were held for the offices of Executive President and Executive Secretary, as well as for two of AOHP’s five Regional Directors. Regional Directors are tasked to provide support and promote sustainability locally at the chapter level, which helps to advance the visibility of AOHP regionally and nationally.

AOHP’s Executive President, Stacy L. Smirl, MSM, BSN, RN, COEE, COHN-S, has been re-elected to a second term. She has served as both a national and a regional leader for AOHP for more than a decade. “I remain inspired and motivated by my fellow employee/occupational health professionals and those we closely collaborate with,” she explains. “I will continue the great advances the Board has accomplished through our strategic initiatives and tactics that includes, but is not limited to, AOHP retaining and adding new members and leadership role participation, ongoing position statement publications, and increased Chapter to Regional level member participation.” She is the Director of Occupational Health & Wellness at Saint Luke's Health System, MO.

Cynthia Hall, RN, MSN, BSN, COHN-S/CM, has been re-elected to the position of AOHP Executive Secretary. She has 12 years’ experience in AOHP leadership and is the Director of Employee Health Services for Emory Healthcare, GA. “I have seen firsthand how serious and dedicated the Board is in providing the AOHP membership with the most current, practice-based, and researched occupational news and practice,” she describes. “I fully believe and support the mission and vision of AOHP and look forward to continuing working with the executive team to provide knowledge and resources to all AOHP members.”

Newly-elected AOHP Region 2 Director Carissa Imrecke, MBA, BS, most recently served as Chapter President for the Southwest Region. Her priority goals for her first term are to increase member engagement and professional development opportunities with member-guided and focused content, and to increase collaboration among regions and national AOHP. She is the Hospital Quality Manager for Memorial Hermann Health Center in Texas.

Lori S. Bechtel, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Director of Employee Health Services for Penn State Health, PA, has been elected AOHP's Region 4 Director. She has been an active member of the MidAtlantic Chapter. A nurse leader for 17 years, with seven years in the specialty practice of occupational health, she is a believer in lifelong learning. Her initial priorities will focus on membership recruitment and engagement.

Other AOHP Board Members include: Executive Vice President Christine Pionk, MS, RN, COHN-S; Executive Treasurer Sally M. Parris, MSN, RN, COHN; Executive *Journal* Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; Region 1 Director Andrea Dayot, RN, BSN; Region 3 Director Elizabeth Bennett, BSN, RN, MA, COHN-S; Region 5 Director Mary Giovannetti, DNP, APRN, BC-FNP; President Emeritus Lydia Crutchfield, MA, BSN, RN, CLC; and Community Liaison Bobbi Jo Hurst, MBA, BSN, RN, COHN-S.

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.

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