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AOHP Elects Key Leaders to Executive Board Positions

PITTSBURGH – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) is pleased to announce the results of its recent election of key leaders to the AOHP Executive Board of Directors. Lydia F. Crutchfield, MA, BSN, RN, has been elected to serve as Executive Vice President of AOHP for the 2016-2018 term, which began September 9, 2016. Other newly elected officers include: Executive Treasurer Dana Jennings, BSN, RN, CCM; Region 1 Director Jill Peralta-Cuellar, RN; Region 3 Director Peggy Anderson, RN, COHN/CM; and Region 5 Director Cynthia Hall, MSN, RN, COHN-S/CM.

Lydia Crutchfield has been actively involved with AOHP for 15 years and has been an association leader on both the chapter level and the national level. She has also served as Chair of the 2012 AOHP Annual National Conference and Lead Editor of both the 2010 and 2012 editions of AOHP's renowned *Getting Started Manual*. As Executive Vice President, Crutchfield's primary goals are to be involved in domestic and international events, initiatives and projects that will help support AOHP's goal to be a leading authority in occupational health in healthcare.

"I am in total agreement with and proud to support the mission and vision of AOHP," she says. "Being elected to this role is an honor and a privilege; I do not take it lightly. And I believe while serving in this role, alongside our amazing members, together we will forward the organization's altruistic cause to impact occupational health."

Dana Jennings Tucker most recently served two terms as Executive Vice President and has also served in a variety of leadership positions with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of AOHP, as well as AOHP Annual National Conference Chair in 2008 and 2011. She is also Chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee. Her goals during her tenure as Executive Treasurer are to manage AOHP's finances in a fiscally responsible manner, working within established legal and regulatory requirements, and to communicate closely with chapter treasurers.

"During my years in the association's leadership, I have gained considerable knowledge about the strengths and attributes of AOHP," describes Tucker, who has more than 20 years of occupational health experience. "I am confident in my ability to provide financial direction and leadership to the Board in ways that will best support both proven practices and innovative new ideas."

AOHP's five Regional Directors are tasked to develop relationships with the chapters in their region. They provide support and promote sustainability locally at the chapter level, which helps to advance the visibility of AOHP regionally and nationally.

Region 1 Director Jill Peralta-Cuellar has significant Board experience at the chapter level, including President, Interim President, Vice President and Secretary. In her new position, she plans to connect local chapters to share ideas and exchange resources, encouraging professional growth and advancing the profession of occupational health.

Peggy Anderson, re-elected Region 3 Director, was a leader of AOHP's Michigan Chapter for seven years, serving as Secretary, Vice President and President prior to being elected Region 3 Director in 2014. An occupational health nurse since 1996, Anderson was motivated to run for a second term because of her desire to take a lead role in promoting AOHP's growth and success, and her belief that active involvement by the membership helps AOHP to grow and thrive.

Region 5 Director Cynthia Hall formerly served as President and Vice President of the Georgia Chapter of AOHP. With more than 25 years of experience in occupational health, Hall is prepared to continue her work with best practices and policies that impact the profession and the association. By providing support to and encouraging the growth of local chapters, she will strive to strengthen AOHP on the national level.

Additional Board members currently serving are: Executive President Mary Bliss, RN, COHN; Executive Secretary Stacy Stromgren, MSM, BSN, RN, COHN-S; Region 2 Director Debra Quirarte, RN, COHN; Region 4 Director Bobbi Jo Hurst, RN, BSN, COHN-S; Executive Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; and Community Liaison MaryAnn Gruden, MSN, CRNP, NP-C, COHN-S/CM.

AOHP is a national association representing tens of thousands of healthcare workers whose vision is to be the defining resource and leading advocate 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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