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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. In addition to the September 8, 2017 re-election of Executive President Mary Bliss, RN, COHN, and Executive Secretary Stacy L. Stromgren, MSM, BSN, RN, COHN-S, other officers elected to two-year terms include: Region 2 Director Cory Worden, MS, CSHM, CSP, CHSP, ARM, REM, CESCO; and Region 4 Director Alfred Carbuto, MS, RN, FNP-BC, COHN-S.

Continuing AOHP Executive President Mary Bliss has served on the AOHP Executive Board for the past seven years, first as Region 3 Director and then as Executive Secretary, before being elected to her first term as Executive President in September 2015. She also has AOHP chapter leadership experience. Her goals are: to support the initiatives documented in the association's strategic plan; to ensure AOHP continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of occupational health professionals in healthcare, and to promote the recognition of AOHP as a leading authority nationwide in occupational health.

"To be able to continue to serve as Executive President is a great honor," she explains. "I have actively participated in various changes, improvements and challenges AOHP has faced over the years to support the work of occupational health professionals in an ever-changing healthcare landscape. These experiences have provided me with the knowledge and the passion to advance our profession for the benefit of all healthcare workers and ultimately, the patients they serve."

Stacy Stromgren was a leader for the AOHP Heart of America Chapter prior to joining the AOHP Executive Board in 2015. She has also been active on the national level as a member of both the Human Resources Committee and the AOHP *Journal* Editorial Board. "As AOHP's Executive Secretary, my priority objective continues to be enhancing communication among the chapter secretaries to ensure that chapter requirements are being met, and to position AOHP for continued success nationally by strengthening local and regional initiatives."

AOHP's five Regional Directors are also 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.

Cory Worden, AOHP's new Region 2 Director, is a columnist for the association's quarterly peer-reviewed *Journal*. He most recently served on the Board of the Houston Area Chapter. "My goals are to find innovative ways to engage with current members, develop and implement regularly scheduled events and new engagements, create new opportunities for collaboration with other like-minded organizations, and recruit new members."

Newly elected Region 4 Director Alfred Carbuto has been an active member of AOHP for more than 20 years, served as President of the Nassau-Suffolk NY Chapter in the late 1990s and again from 2011 to September 2017. He stepped in to serve as Vice President of the Executive Board from 2009 to 2010. He also served nationally on the Strategic Initiatives and Government Affairs committees. "AOHP has been formative for my professional career, shaping my practice as an occupational health practitioner. I look forward to supporting the members and local chapter leaders in furthering the mission of AOHP and representing Region 4 on the Executive Board."

Other AOHP Board Members are: Executive Vice President Lydia F. Crutchfield, MA, BSN, RN; Executive Treasurer Dana Jennings Tucker, BSN, RN, CCM; Executive *Journal* Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; Region 1 Director Jill Peralta-Cuellar, RN; Region 3 Director Peggy Anderson, RN, COHN/CM; Region 5 Director Cynthia Hall, MSN, RN, COHN-S/CM; and Community Liaison Bobbi Jo Hurst, MBA, BSN, RN, COHN-S, SGE.

AOHP is a national association representing thousands of healthcare workers whose vision is to be internationally recognized as the leading resource provider for occupational health professionals 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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