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 re-election of Executive Vice President Dana Jennings Tucker, BSN, RN, CCM and Executive Treasurer Elaine Dawson, RN, COHN, other newly elected officers to two-year terms include: Region 1 Director Nancy Johnson, BSN, RN, COHN-S; Region 3 Director Peggy Anderson, RN, COHN/CM; and Region 5 Director Cecelia Baroni Granahan, BS, RN, ONC, COHN-S.

Dana Jennings Tucker has been re-elected to serve a second two-year term as Executive Vice President of the AOHP Board of Directors. Prior to her first election to this position in 2012, Tucker also served in a variety of leadership positions with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of AOHP, as well as AOHP National Conference Chair in 2008 and 2011. She also serves as Chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee. Her goals during this term in office are to promote AOHP as the defining resource for occupational health and safety in healthcare by guiding the work of the Strategic Initiatives Committee and supporting the work of the Executive President and other members of the Board of Directors.

"AOHP keeps its members up to date with changing government regulations, advances in service delivery for employees, continuing education and networking to share best practices and innovative ideas," describes Tucker, who has more than 20 years of occupational health experience. "I am a strong advocate for promoting health for employees and volunteers, and proactive in preventing work injuries and introducing necessary tools to remain safe in the workplace. AOHP is a wonderful resource that supports my work in many significant ways."

Elaine Dawson brings 22 years of experience in occupational health nursing to the position of AOHP Executive Treasurer. She also has both national and chapter-level leadership experience with the organization. "AOHP is a growing, thriving organization, and we currently have some exciting initiatives in progress," says Dawson. "I look forward to seeing those strategic initiatives come to fruition during my second term as I continue to provide accurate financial records and maintain quality fiscal responsibility with the funds entrusted to us by our members."

AOHP's new Regional Directors all bring a wealth of experience to the Board of Directors. Each Director is 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 Nancy Johnson has served as President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter and as a member of the AOHP National Conference Committee. Her goal in serving as a leader for AOHP is to provide education and mentoring to help all healthcare workers become better and safer at their jobs. Region 3 Director Peggy Anderson has been a leader of AOHP's Michigan Chapter since 2007, serving as Secretary, Vice President and President. An occupational health nurse since 1996, Anderson was motivated to run for national office because of her desire to take a lead role in promoting AOHP's growth and success and her belief that AOHP is the most valuable resource.
available for occupational health professionals working in healthcare. Region 5 Director Cecelia Baroni Granahan previously served as the Georgia Chapter President, Vice President and Secretary. A nurse manager for more than 20 years, she has a passion for education and the care, treatment and well-being of fellow healthcare personnel, and she aspires to make a positive impact on the profession of occupational health.

Other AOHP Board Members are: Executive President Dee Tyler, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN; Executive Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; Region 2 Director Debi Quirarte, RN, COHN; Region 4 Director Bobbi Jo Hurst, BSN, RN, COHN-S, SG; President Emeritus Sandra Domeracki, RN, FNP, COHN-S; and Association Community Liaison MaryAnn Gruden, MSN, CRNP, NP-C, COHN-S/CM. In addition, Mary Bliss, RN, COHN was appointed to the position of Executive Secretary to fill the remainder of an unexpired term.

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, safety and well-being 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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