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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 selection of key leaders to the AOHP Executive Board of Directors. In addition to the September 11, 2015 election of Executive President Mary Bliss, RN, COHN, and Executive Secretary Stacy L. Stromgren, MSM, BSN, RN, COHN-S, other re-elected officers to two-year terms include: Region 2 Director Debra Quirarte, RN, COHN; and Region 4 Director Bobbi Jo Hurst, MBA, BSN, RN, COHN-C, SGE.

Mary Bliss has served on the AOHP Executive Board for the past five years, first as Region 3 Director and then as Executive Secretary. She also has AOHP chapter leadership experience. Her goals are: to develop AOHP's new 2015-2017 Strategic Plan into a clear, workable document with attainable goals; and to hold herself accountable to the Board and AOHP membership at large by being approachable and open to new ideas and processes that will drive AOHP forward as the leading authority for occupational health in healthcare.

"I have been a member of AOHP for many years, actively participating in various changes, improvements and challenges the association has faced to support the work of occupational health nurses in an ever-changing healthcare landscape," she explains. "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 has been a leader for the AOHP Heart of America Chapter since 2009, including service as both Vice President and President. 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 will 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.

Debra Quirarte has been elected to her second term as Region 2 Director. She previously served as President for the AOHP Heart of America - Kansas City Chapter, as well as both Chapter Vice President and a member of the National Conference Committee. "With two years of experience in this office, I am confident in my continuing role of supporting AOHP's success at the community level," Quirarte comments. "I look forward to assisting chapter officers in cultivating successful activities with mentoring and support."

Re-elected Region 4 Director Bobbi Jo Hurst previously served as the AOHP PA Central Chapter President and Chapter Vice President. "My primary goal as Region 4 Director continues to be identifying and implementing innovative methods to increase membership and leadership volunteerism," explains Hurst. "AOHP is a wonderful organization, and it takes qualified, talented individuals to step up as leaders to help AOHP grow."

Other AOHP Board Members are: Executive Vice President Dana Jennings Tucker, BSN, RN, CCM; Executive Treasurer Elaine Dawson, RN, COHN; Executive Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; Region 1 Director Nancy Johnson, BSN, RN, COHN-S; Region 3 Director Peggy Anderson, RN, COHN/CM; Region 5 Director Cecelia Granahan, BS, RN, ONC, COHN-S; President Emeritus Dee Tyler, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN; and Association 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, 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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