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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 results of its September 7, 2018 election of key leaders to the AOHP Executive Board of Directors. Board members re-elected for a second term of office include: Executive Vice President Lydia F. Crutchfield, MA, BSN, RN; Executive Treasurer Dana Jennings, BSN, RN, CCM; and Region 5 Director Cynthia Hall, MSN, RN, COHN-S/CM. Newly elected officers are Region 1 Director Patrick Lastowski, RN, BSN, MBA; and Region 3 Director Sarah (Sally) M. Parris, RN, MSN, COHN. All terms run two years and end in early September 2020.

Lydia Crutchfield has been actively involved with AOHP for 17 years and has been an association leader on both the chapter level and the national level. She has also served as Chair of the AOHP Annual National Conference and Lead Editor of both the 2010 and 2012 editions of AOHP's renowned *Getting Started Manual*. In her second term as Executive Vice President, Crutchfield's primary goals are to lead projects and activities to achieve the association's strategic initiatives and support AOHP's goal to be a leading authority in occupational health in healthcare.

"I strongly support AOHP's endeavors to enhance practice, safety, and research in the occupational health industry," she says.

Executive Treasurer Dana Jennings served two terms as Executive Vice President before first assuming her current role in 2016. She 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, 2011, and 2017. 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 with the organization, I have gained considerable knowledge about the strengths and attributes of AOHP," describes Jennings. "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 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.

Patrick Lastowski, AOHP's new Region 1 Director, previously participated on the association's Government Affairs (GA) Committee and served as the GA representative for Region 1. As a Board officer, Lastowski plans to connect with members by developing current and new ways of engagement, identifying opportunities to work with other like-minded organizations, and cultivating methods to recruit new members.

Newly elected Region 3 Director Sally Parris has been active in the AOHP Virginia Chapter since 2006. She served most recently as Chapter President, after serving five years as Chapter Vice President. She also participated on the National Conference Committee in 2017 and 2018. Her priorities while in office are to encourage and support members throughout Region 3 to maintain active membership, to promote education programs, and to actively participate on current initiatives of the AOHP Executive Board.

Returning Region 5 Director Cynthia Hall formerly served as President and Vice President of the Georgia Chapter of AOHP before first being elected Region 5 Director in 2016. With more than 27 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.

Other AOHP Board Members are: Executive President Mary Bliss, RN, COHN; Executive Secretary Stacy L. Smirl, MSM, BSN, RN, COHN-S; Region 2 Director Cory Worden, PhD Candidate, MS, CSHM, CSP, CHSP, ARM, REM, CESCO; Region 4 Director Alfred Carbuto, MS, RN, FNP-BC, COHN-S; Executive Editor Kimberly Stanchfield, RN, COHN-S; 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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