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Kimberly McNally to Chair AHA’s Committee on Governance
Katherine Keene Named Chair Elect

WASHINGTON (January 5, 2012) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Kimberly McNally will be chair and Katherine Keene, will be chair-elect for the AHA’s 2012 Committee on Governance (COG).

The COG is a specialty committee of the AHA Board of Trustees. The committee is responsible for providing input into AHA’s policy development, leading effective involvement of the nation's hospital trustees in grassroots advocacy, providing advice on AHA’s trustee initiatives, and enhancing communication with and involvement of trustees in the AHA.

McNally joined the COG in 2008, and serves as a member of the National Board of Advisors of the Center for Healthcare Governance and participated on its Blue Ribbon Panel on Trustee Competencies. As a current trustee and past president of the Harborview Medical Center/UW Medicine in Seattle, Wash., McNally serves on the Executive, Governance, and Quality Committees. Harborview Medical Center is a county-owned Level 1 trauma and burn center for four states, and serves as a teaching and research facility for the University of Washington.

McNally serves on the Washington State Hospital Association Board Executive committee and is
past-chair of the Governing Board committee. She also serves on the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance Board and she served on the boards of Seattle Mental Health and Washington Homecare Association.

McNally is president of McNally & Associates, a firm that provides executive coaching, team development and retreat facilitation to health care organizations across the country. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Saint Anselm College (Manchester, N.H.) and a master’s in nursing from the University of Washington.

Katherine Keene, the 2012 chair-elect joined the COG in 2009. She is a trustee at Salem Hospital in Salem, Ore., one of the state’s largest acute care facilities. Keene began her board service in 1996, serving as board chair of Salem Health. She currently chairs the Governance Committee and serves on the Planning Committee.

Additionally, Keene is the past chair of Easter Seals Oregon. Keene was CEO of Oregon’s largest workers’ compensation insurance companies for 15 years. She served as a director of UMPQUA Holdings, a banking and financial services company, and was vice chair of the audit committee. Recently, Keene retired as executive director of Capital Manor, a continuing care retirement community. She earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master’s degree from the University of Oregon.

About AHA
The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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