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Bina Eggensperger to Chair AHA's Committee on Governance *Fred P. Gattas, Jr. Named Chair Elect*

WASHINGTON (January 7, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Bina Eggensperger will be chair and Fred P. Gattas, Jr. will be chair-elect for the AHA's 2014 Committee on Governance (COG).

The COG is a specialty committee of the AHA Board of Trustees. The committee is responsible for providing input for 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.

Bina Eggensperger, the 2014 chair, joined the COG in 2010. She currently serves as a trustee of Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, Mont. Eggensperger chaired the board of this 16-bed critical access facility for several terms, and now serves as the chair of the board development committee. An active member of the Healthcare Trustee Association of Montana, she previously served as president. Eggensperger also serves on the Montana Hospital Association Board, and was named Montana Trustee of the Year in 2010.

Eggensperger serves as the Montana representative to the Western Regional Trustee Symposium, and is currently planning that group's annual trustee education event. In past years, she served on

the Montana State 4-H Council for four years — three of which she was president — and served on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board. Along with her husband, Eggenesperger publishes a community newspaper in Thompson Falls. She manages several other businesses including a promotional marketing company. Eggenesperger is a graduate of Montana State University.

Fred P. Gattas, Jr. is a trustee at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a pediatric treatment and research hospital. He began his board service 25 years ago and is currently the board secretary and chair of the audit committee. In the past, Gattas was a member of the St. Jude long-range planning, and building and investment committees. He also represented St. Jude's on the Tennessee Hospital Association Trustee Council.

Gattas formerly served on the American Hospital Association's regional policy board governance and leadership development committees. Additionally, he was a member of the board of directors for the Memphis Chamber of Commerce. Self-employed, Gattas is the president of Gattas Company, a management consulting company specializing in strategic planning and business development. His alma mater is the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

New members elected to serve beginning January 1, 2014, are:

- **Matthew Gross**, Trustee, Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Norwalk, Ohio
- **Fred P. Gattas, Jr.**, Trustee, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.
- **Joseph J. Fennessy**, Chair, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Oceanside, N.Y.
- **James A. Hartley**, Board Chair, Carilion Health System, Roanoke, Va.
- **Edward L. Hatcher**, Immediate Past-Chair, Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, Iowa
- **David B. Hyman**, DDS, Vice-Chair, Hartford HealthCare, Hartford, Conn.
- **Brenda Ireland**, Board Chair, Woman's Christian Association Hospital, Jamestown, N.Y.
- **Donna J. King**, Trustee, SCL Health System, Denver
- **Anthony G. Wagner**, Director, Sutter Health West Bay Region Hospitals, San Francisco

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 nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and 43,000 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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