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## Bill Newbold to Chair AHA's Committee on Volunteers

WASHINGTON (January 10, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Bill Newbold will chair the AHA's 2014 Committee on Volunteers.

The Committee on Volunteers, a specialty committee of the board, is concerned with the roles, responsibilities, and services of organized volunteers and auxilians, as well as the community perspective they provide for the health care field. The committee supports the AHA mission and policy agenda by its activities in public policy development; participating in AHA grassroots advocacy; providing the association with the benefit of its community perspective on issues related to the health care field; and serving as the selection committee for the AHA's Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE Awards).

A resident of Chatsworth, Calif., Newbold joined the Committee on Volunteers in 2012, and has been active in the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (CAHHS) Volunteer Division, having served as a region advisor and as chair. Newbold is currently a member of the Northridge Hospital Foundation Board, a member of the Northridge Hospital Auxiliary and a hospital volunteer.

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As a volunteer, Newbold frequently greets visitors at the information desk and assists customers in the gift shop. He also edits the Auxiliary newsletter, a job he's had for the past 18 years. In addition to his roles with Northridge Hospital, Newbold is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Born in Indianapolis, Newbold graduated from Arsenal Technical High School and Purdue University with a bachelor's of science in Aerospace and Engineering Sciences. During his professional career Newbold worked as a private consultant to the Canadian Government and as an employee for both profit and non-profit companies. He specialized in systems engineering for satellites, launch vehicles and military payloads, many on NASA's Space Shuttle program.

## **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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