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**Gross installed as OHA board chairman; Leopard named chair-elect**

The Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA) installed a new board chairman and elected new board members during its annual business meeting on Nov. 20. **Kevin Gross**, president, Hillcrest HealthCare System, Tulsa, was installed as 2014-15 chairman of the OHA board of trustees. Installing Gross were **Chuck Skillings**, immediate past chairman and president and CEO, St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital; and **Craig W. Jones**, OHA president.

**Jimmy Leopard**, CEO, Wagoner Community Hospital, was elected to serve as chairman-elect of the OHA board. He will serve as the Association’s board chairman in 2016-17.

**Jim Berry**, CEO, Purcell Municipal Hospital; and **Stan Tatum**, CEO, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, Enid, were re-elected to at-large positions on the OHA board for a three-year term.

In addition, several hospital administrators were recently elected by their regions to serve as regional representatives to the OHA board. **Shelly Dunham**, CEO, Okeene Municipal Hospital, was reelected as northwest region chairman; **Chris Hammes**, vice president and chief operating officer, INTEGRIS Health, Oklahoma City, was elected as Oklahoma City region chairman; **Corey Lively**, CEO, Elkview General Hospital, Hobart, was elected as southwest region chairman; and **Jeff Nowlin**, president/COO, St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, was elected as Tulsa region chairman.
Others continuing to serve on the OHA board of trustees in 2014 are: Darin Farrell, CEO, Arbuckle Memorial Hospital, Sulphur, southeast region chairman; Jim Gebhart, president, Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, at-large member; Steve Hyde, CEO, Southwestern Medical Center, Lawton, at-large member; James Moore, president, INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City, at-large member; David Phillips, CEO, St. John Broken Arrow, St. John Owasso, and St. John Sapulpa, at-large member; and Kersey Winfree, MD, chief medical officer, SSM HealthCare System of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, physician member.

Continuing to serve as American Hospital Association (AHA) delegates are David Whitaker, president/CEO, Norman Regional Health System; and Brian Woodliff, CEO, Tahlequah City Hospital. Serving as AHA alternate delegates are Jay Johnson, president/CEO, Duncan Regional Hospital; and Chuck Skillings, president/CEO, St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital.

Established in 1919, the Oklahoma Hospital Association represents more than 130 hospitals and health care entities across the state of Oklahoma.