



November 20, 2016

WVRHA Membership

Dear WVRHA Members,

From WVRHA BYLAWS*

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4 Election/Appointment/Term

- A.** The Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership of the Association and shall take office at the beginning of the next calendar year. To be eligible to run for a seat on the Board, an individual must be a member in good standing prior to the beginning of the term of office. The mechanism of nominations and elections shall be determined by policy of the Board and shall be circulated to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of an election.

- B.** All members of the Board shall serve staggered two year terms. Election shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership.

- C.** Any director may succeed him/herself but may not serve more than three two year terms in succession.

*Full copy of the WVRHA Bylaws are available on the WVRHA website at www.wvrha.org

This year WVRHA has nine Board of Director Positions open and we are very happy to have four exceptional candidates running for the positions. Below are the candidate's own words regarding their involvement with WVRHA and their rural health experiences. After reviewing the candidate information, please make your candidate selections on the attached ballot pages and don't forget to sign the ballot. Please e-mail to debrinwvrha@gmail.com or mail by December 18, 2016 to our new address at WVRHA, P.O. Box 2073, Shady Spring, WV 25918.

David E. Brown:

WVRHA Involvement: Member for 10 years. Past Board Member, served on the Executive Committee as Treasurer.

Experience: My job at WVSOM includes assisting graduates to become rural primary care providers in WV. In this capacity I meet with first year medical students thru residents continuously and help them link up with providers and others in the state and federal loan assistance programs. I also recruit for clinical faculty at statewide and national meetings throughout the year.

Janet Hinton:

WVRHA Involvement: I have been a member of the WV Rural Health Association since 2011 as part of the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine RHI Program. I have encouraged my students to be an active participant by becoming a member of the WVRHA. It is great to know that we have such strong support to face the health issues throughout WV. I look forward to becoming more active in the future.

Experience: Janet Hinton, MS is the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicines Rural Health Initiative Program Coordinator and is the lead resource over the day-to-day operations including the planning and implementation of the program to be delivered to students, from high-school to undergraduate at each of the Statewide Campus locations. She provides support and leadership of the RHI mission statement to enhance the rural primary care curriculum at WVSOM in order to produce graduates uniquely qualified to practice medicine in underserved communities in WV. She served as the Assistant Professor of Medical Assisting/Allied Health and also developed the first online clinical classes for Mountain State University 10 years prior to WVSOM. She has 22 years' experience in allied health including EMT, Phlebotomy, Medical Assisting, Medical Coding and Medical Office Management as well as working with her hometown fire and EMS departments. She is also a CPR, First Aid and BLS instructor for the American Heart Association. Recently the WVSOM students, RHI students and Janet have been visiting local high schools throughout WV to train high school students in hands-only CPR skills to help educators meet the state mandate of all high school students having CPR training before the graduate from a WV high school.

Alyson Leo:

WVRHA Involvement: Volunteered to sit on the 2017 WV Conference Planning Committee.

Experience: I am a Rural Track Jama 4th year medical student at WVU School of Medicine. I am a Rural Track Student and a Family Medicine Rural Scholar. I have completed rural rotations in Randolph, Upshur, and Lewis Counties. I grew up in Elkins, WV and plan to return to the area in the future. I am a 3 year recipient of the WV Institute of Community and Rural Health Scholarship.

Drema Mace:

WVRHA Involvement: As the former director of the state office of rural health policy. I reprised the Rural Health Conference in 2003 and more than doubled conference attendance in that first year. Later, as the Associate Director of the Office of Community Health Systems and Health Promotion, I was very instrumental in moving the Rural Health Conference out of the Bureau for Public Health and under the jurisdiction of the Rural Health Association. In 2003, as the former director of the state office of rural health policy, I partnered with the Rural Health Association so that conference attendance build membership in the Association by offering discount rates on conference registration if you became a member of the Association. This helped to build membership in the Association.

Experience: I worked 22 years for the WV Bureau for Public Health in the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health and the Division of Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology. I have conducted quality assurance monitoring of all local health departments, FQHC's, Free Clinics, Community Health Centers, School Based Health Centers, and Critical Access Hospitals. I understand the parts of the rural health systems in WV and how they fit together. Currently, I am the Executive Director of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Local Health Department which encompasses 6 counties- 1 urban and 5 rural.

Aaron Spurlock:

WVRHA Involvement: I am a new member to the WV Rural Health Association.

Experience: I have been involved in many rural health related activities over the past 9 years both through my employer WVMI and through serving on the Board of Directors of The Center for Rural Development and The WVHIMSS Chapter.

Martha Wooten:

WVRHA Involvement: I have been a member of the WV Rural Health Association since 2015. I attended both the 2015 and 2016 conference, as an attendee in 2015 and as an exhibitor in 2016.

Experience: I started my career in 1976 at the Little Meadow health Center in Helvetia, WV. I have been actively involved with Rural Health from then until now and in several states including West Virginia, Maine, New Mexico and Virginia. I was an active member of the national Rural Health Association early in my career but became less active during my time in Virginia. I have renewed that active status since returning to West Virginia both with the National rural Health Association and with 3R Net. Having grown up in rural Randolph count, West Virginia I have a passion for rural. During my 40 year career with community and Rural Health Centers I have developed a deep understanding of the opportunities, challenges and complexity of Rural Health Care Delivery.

The West Virginia Rural Health Association Board of Directors thank you for reviewing the candidate profiles. You may vote for three candidates to fill the three available board positions. The ballot is the final page of this attachment. Please indicate your selection, sign, date and e-mail to debrinwvrha@gmail.com or mail to our new address:

WVRHA
PO Box 2073
Shady Spring, WV
25918

Sincerely,

Debrin Jenkins

Debrin Jenkins
WVRHA Executive Director

**WVRHA OFFICIAL BALLOT
2016 ELECTIONS**

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Please use this ballot to vote for members to serve on the WVRHA Board of Directors for the 2-year term January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018.

Attached is a document with brief biographical information about each candidate. If you would like to view the original Bylaws please visit www.wvrha.org

Ballots must be completed, signed and e-mailed to debrinwvrha@gmail.com or mailed to PO Box 2073, Shady Spring, WV 25918

All Ballots must be received by Friday, December 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm

If you have any questions please feel free to contact WVRHA at 304-890-7017.
Please print Name of 2016 WVRHA Health or Health-Related Professional, Supporting Member or Student Member: _____

Please print Name of 2016 Organizational Member: _____
(only if you are voting as an organizational representative)

Member Signature _____
Date

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please mark no more than 3 names for term of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018.

- _____ David E. Brown
- _____ Janet Hinton
- _____ Alyson Leo
- _____ Drema Mace
- _____ Aaron Spurlock
- _____ Martha Wooten