



2016 WVRHA BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome New 2016 WVRHA Board Members!

David E. Brown, PhD., West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Professor and Drema G. Mace, PhD., Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department Executive Director were recently selected by WVRHA's Nominating Committee to fill two board of director vacancies through December 31, 2016. This was due to the resignations of Adam Baus, PhD. and Jason M. Roush, DDS. WVRHA sincerely thanks Adam and Jason for all of their support and hard work. We wish them the very best with their new endeavors!

David Brown has been a member of WVRHA for over ten years. He served on the WVRHA Board of Directors and held the position of Treasurer. Dave is Professor of Cardiovascular Physiology at WVSOM and has taught over 3200 DO's. He also assists WVSOM graduates to become rural primary care providers in WV. He meets with first year medical students thru residency continuously and helps them link up with providers and others in the state and federal loan assistance programs. Dave also recruits for clinical faculty at statewide and national meetings throughout the year.

Drema Mace is Executive Director of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Local Health Department and the former director of the WV State Office of Rural Health Policy. She 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, she was very instrumental in moving the WV Rural Health Conference out of the Bureau for Public Health and under the jurisdiction of WVRHA.

Drema has 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. She has conducted quality assurance monitoring of all local health departments, FQHC's, Free Clinics, Community Health Centers, School Based Health Centers, and Critical Access Hospitals. Drema is very familiar with the parts of the rural health system and how they fit together.