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American Dental Hygienists' Association Announces New Leadership for 2018-19

CHICAGO (June 25, 2018) – Today, the American Dental Hygienists' Association installed Michele Braerman, RDH, BSDH, of Fallston, Maryland, as the organization's 2018-19 president, along with ADHA's new slate of officers for the upcoming year.

"With a rapidly changing oral care environment, there is no better time for ADHA to be united and to foster growth and change for our profession," said Braerman. "I am privileged to collaborate with this great leadership team to move the organization and profession forward."

A member of ADHA since her graduation in 1992, Braerman has served the Association in a wide range of positions, including most recently as president-elect of ADHA, District III trustee, a member of the executive and finance committee, a 2-year board coach, chair of Council on Public Relations, a MDHA delegate and reference committee chair. She also served her constituent and component in numerous leadership roles which include: secretary, vice president and president. MDHA honored her with the Symbol of Excellence Award in 2010.

Braerman holds a BS degree in dental hygiene from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in Baltimore. She currently works as a clinician in a private practice and previously as clinical faculty at the Community College of Baltimore County.

Braerman succeeds Tammy Filipiak, RDH, MS, of Mosinee, Wisconsin, as president. Filipiak will remain on the Board of Trustees serving both as ADHA immediate past-president as well as the 2018-19 chair of the ADHA Institute for Oral Health.

Additional ADHA officers newly installed at the ADHA's House of Delegates Meeting include:

- Matt Crespin, RDH, MPH, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as president-elect;
- Lisa Moravec, RDH, MS, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, as vice president;
- Donnella Miller, RDH, BS, MPS, of Des Moines, Iowa, as treasurer; and
- Christina Emmert, RDH, PRP of Rockford, Illinois as speaker of the house.

The newly installed district trustees for 2018-2019 are:

- Becky Smith, CRDH, EdD, of Miami, District IV (Fla., Ga., N.C., S.C.)
- Erin Haley-Hitz, RDH, MS, PhRDH, Om, of Lincoln, Nebraska, District VIII (Ill., Iowa, Kan., Mo., Neb.);
- Crystal Spring, RDH, BS, of Bozeman, Montana, District X (Colo. Mont., Utah, Wyo.);

District trustees returning in 2018-2019 include:

- Peter Gangi, RDH, BS Ed, of Methuen, Massachusetts, District I (Maine, Mass., N.H., R.I., Vt.);
- Donna Lee Hickey, RDH, of Bethpage, New York, District II (Conn., N.J., N.Y., Pa.);
- Dawn Ann Dean, RDH, MSDH, of Wheeling, West Virginia, District III (Del., District of Columbia., Md., Va., W.Va.);
- Sharlee Burch, BSDH, MPH, EdD, of Lexington, Kentucky, District V (Ind., Ky., Mich., Ohio);
- Danielle Victoriano, RDH, BS, MHS, of Slidell, Louisiana, District VI (Ala., Ark., La., Miss., Tenn.);
- Rachelle Gustafson, RDH, of Thompson, North Dakota, District VII (Minn., N.D., S.D., Wis.);
- Cynthia Baty, RDH, BS, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, District IX (N.M., Okla., Texas);
- Trinity Cleveland, RDH, of Chandler, Arizona, District XI (Ariz., Calif.);
- Annette Lincicome, RDH, MSDH, of Las Vegas, Nevada, District XII (Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Nev., Ore., Wash.)

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About the American Dental Hygienists' Association

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 185,000

dental hygienists across the country. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services that support total health through the promotion of optimal oral health. For more information about ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit ADHA at www.adha.org.