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KATRINA HEDBERG, MD, MPH

Candidate for PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Katrina Hedberg is State Epidemiologist and Administrator of the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology at the Oregon Public Health Division, and has worked at the Oregon Public Health Division for the past 21 years.

During that time, she has worked as a medical epidemiologist and manager in a variety of programs, including HIV/AIDS, Acute and Communicable Disease, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Environmental and Occupational Health, Injury Epidemiology, Chronic Disease Prevention, Communicable Disease Preparedness, Tuberculosis, and Health Statistics. She is also an Affiliate Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Dr. Hedberg received her undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1980 and her medical degree from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1985. She completed a year of clinical training at Emory University and then worked for the Centers for Disease Control from 1986-1989, first as an EIS officer assigned to the Minnesota Department of Health, and then as a Preventive Medicine Resident with the Malaria Branch. She earned her Master's of Public Health Degree from the University of Washington in 1990, and is board certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Hedberg has authored and co-authored numerous publications, including articles on Serogroup B meningococcal disease in Oregon, a multistate outbreak of salmonellosis related to alfalfa sprouts, smoking-related mortality in Oregon, and Oregon's experience with legalized physician-assisted suicide.

As a CSTE member since the early 1990s, Dr. Hedberg has worked on projects concerning workforce development, public health surveillance, and chronic disease indicators. She has served as the CSTE lead consultant for the EIS program and for the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System. Dr. Hedberg is now a member-at-large on the Executive Board, where she focuses on local and tribal epidemiology, and workforce capacity and training issues, including serving on the CSTE fellowship advisory board. One of her particular interests is working to make public health data available for policy and decision making at state and local levels.

Disclosure: Dr. Hedberg has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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LAURENE MASCOLA, MD, MPH, FAAP

Candidate for PRESIDENT-ELECT

Laurene Mascola, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., is Chief of the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program for the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health. Her program focuses on disease surveillance, investigation and control for more than 80 diseases and syndromes in an area of over 4,000 square miles with 10 million people. She is a pediatrician and completed her training in Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She earned her MPH from University of California, Los Angeles. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. She served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer in the Division of Venereal Disease Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was a field officer in LAC and completed her residency in Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Mascola has extensive experience in epidemiology and infectious disease prevention and control publishing more than 100 articles and abstracts and book chapters. She has been the recipient of 6 Charles C. Shepard Science Awards from CDC for papers published on a variety of infectious diseases and has served as a reviewer for numerous journals and is a reviewer and presenter for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. She has also consulted for the World Health Organization and last year went to Mongolia to review their field epidemiology program. She has made major contributions in a variety of areas many which have impacted national policies such as her groundbreaking work on Listeria, leading to dietary recommendations for at risk populations and the use of frozen semen in artificial insemination to prevent HIV and STDs. As a result of her expertise in food safety, Dr. Mascola was appointed to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Safety Committee and received the FDA Commissioner's Special Citation. As the Principal Investigator (PI) of the Pediatric AIDS Spectrum of Disease Project, she pioneered routine HIV prenatal screening in county clinics. She serves as the PI on one wing of the Varicella Active Surveillance Project. The results of this study have already led to national policy decisions. She recently was nominated by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for appointment to the Board of Scientific Counselors at CDC, and was recognized in 2009 by the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics and Section on Epidemiology for "her outstanding contributions toward advocating for community child health." She has been repeatedly recognized by her own Department in LAC and in 2010 was awarded the Public Health Excellence Award.

Anticipating the need for local health department involvement in the area of hospital-associated infectious disease outbreaks and communication after the SARS outbreak, she formed a Hospital Outreach Unit, an innovative and unique public health unit. Her staff also work with skilled nursing facilities and interface with large ambulatory care centers relating to infection control issues. She has prioritized supporting the latest technologies for her staff, ranging from the development of a Visual Confidential Morbidity Report system, to Syndrome Surveillance to developing a strong Electronic Laboratory Surveillance Unit.

Throughout her career, Dr. Mascola has served as a mentor to physicians (including infectious disease fellows), EIS Officers, Preventive Medicine residents, as well as serving on federal, state, and local public health committees. She has been a member of Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) for the last 7 years and has been an ad hoc member of the CSTE executive board since 2008. She has served as Infectious Disease Chair since 2009.

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As President of CSTE she envisions advancing CSTE into the 21st Century by taking advantage of the improved web-based technologies now available as they relate to disease surveillance and epidemiology along with social networking tools. Additionally, with global problems such as tsunamis and potential radiation exposure issues, partnerships with other international epidemiologic--based programs should be entertained. One goal would be, with the support of her fellow board members, to recruit young epidemiologists to join the rank and file of the senior epidemiologists in CSTE for succession training and leadership building. The addition of a dedicated subcommittee representing junior epidemiologists (defined perhaps as having ten years or less of experience) and their concerns would be an exciting addition to the current executive team charge and might be a draw for younger epidemiologists' participation. Additional recruitment of members from large, urban local health departments would be another important goal for her presidency.

Disclosure: Dr. Mascola has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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BERNADETTE ALBANESE, MD, MPH

Candidate for INFECTIOUS DISEASE CHAIR

Bernadette Albanese, MD, MPH is currently the Medical Director and Director of the Disease Prevention and Control Division at El Paso County Public Health in Colorado Springs, CO. She received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University, completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and a pediatric infectious disease fellowship at Brown University. After serving several years as Pediatric Infectious Disease Division Director and hospital-based consultant, she transitioned from patient care into public health at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in 1997.

Dr. Albanese established her association with CDC through the Maryland Emerging Infections Program (EIP), focusing public health surveillance and research on invasive pneumococcal disease and a public education campaign to reduce inappropriate use of antibiotics. After completing her Master in Public Health in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins, she joined the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) as a Medical Epidemiologist. While in NM, Dr. Albanese worked in infectious disease epidemiology, managed surveillance activities and outbreak investigations, provided oversight of epidemiologic investigations, improved quality of surveillance, and implemented health education campaigns for hand hygiene. She was instrumental in building the expansion of CDC's EIP into the southwestern US through a collaborative effort between NMDOH and the University of New Mexico, and fully implemented a new statewide active laboratory and hospital-based surveillance program. Dr. Albanese served as the Principal Investigator for EIP Active Bacterial Core Surveillance and Co- Principal Investigator for EIP Influenza Surveillance programs. In her current position in Colorado Springs, she transitioned from state to local public health where she is the Medical Director of the largest county in Colorado and administers programs in communicable disease, TB, epidemiology and vital records.

Dr. Albanese has been a member of CSTE since 2002 and for the past 4 years has been a member of the Infectious Disease Committee. She has contributed to the immunization subcommittee and preparing infectious disease position statements, and participated on two CSTE/CDC-sponsored steering committees regarding influenza surveillance. Dr. Albanese has also served on the ArboNet evaluation workgroup on behalf of CSTE and is currently the CSTE liaison to the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC).

Disclosure: Dr. Albanese has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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ALFRED DEMARIA, JR., MD

Candidate for INFECTIOUS DISEASE CHAIR

Al DeMaria has been the Massachusetts State Epidemiologist since 1990. He has served in various other roles in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, including Assistant Commissioner, Director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, Director of the Center for Laboratories and Disease Control, Acting Director of the State Laboratory Institute, and Chief Medical Officer. Currently, he is Medical Director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services. Duties include epidemiologic and medical direction of the bureau, consultation services to other components of the department, and responsibility for scientific direction of the Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Program.

Dr. DeMaria is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Medical School. He trained in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in The Bronx, NY and in infectious diseases at the Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine. Prior to joining the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, he was an attending in the Section of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine and on the staff of the Maxwell Finland Laboratory for Infectious Diseases at the Boston City Hospital, as well as engaged in infectious diseases specialty practice in the community.

He has served CSTE in several consultant roles, including in blood safety, nosocomial infection and parasitic diseases since joining in 1990. He also served 6 years on the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, including part of the time as the liaison to the Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Tuberculosis. He is currently representing CSTE on the Transfusion Transmitted Disease Committee of the AABB and as viral hepatitis lead. He is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America.

Dr. DeMaria has been on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Public Health Association for 15 years. He has been a member of multiple committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society, including a 21-year member of the Committee on Public Health. He is currently a Local Councilor of the Northeast Branch of the American Society of Microbiology. He is an Overseer of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. DeMaria has an interest in public health history and has been on the Board of Directors of The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts since 2002.

Disclosure: Dr. DeMaria has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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MEGAN DAVIES, MD

Candidate for MEMBER AT-LARGE

Dr. Megan Davies is the State Epidemiologist and Chief of the Epidemiology Section of the North Carolina Division of Public Health. Megan received her BA degree from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina, and her MD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She completed residency training in Family Medicine at East Carolina University and then practiced family medicine in western North Carolina for four years. Her epidemiology training was in CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS 1998), following which she served as a staff epidemiologist with the Center for Disease Control in the Center for Injury Prevention and Control. In 2002, Megan moved to the North Carolina Division of Public Health as a Career Epidemiology Field Officer working on communicable disease and public health preparedness. In 2009, she took the position of State Epidemiologist for North Carolina.

Megan joined CSTE in 1999, and was active in injury epidemiology activities, including serving on the Injury Surveillance Workgroups and helping produce the first State Injury Indicators Report. She maintains an interest in injury prevention, and is starting to learn more about occupational and environmental health issues, in addition to ongoing involvement in infectious disease work.

Disclosure: Dr. Davies has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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CORTLAND LOHFF, MD, MPH

Candidate for MEMBER AT-LARGE

Cort Lohff received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin and his master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan. In 1999, he completed residency training in preventive medicine and public health at the New York State Department of Health/University at Albany School of Public Health. After completing this training, he accepted the position as Deputy State Epidemiologist and Chief of the Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology at the Iowa Department of Public Health. After serving in this position for four years, in 2003, he accepted the position of State Epidemiologist and Chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the Vermont Department of Health. After serving in this position for 5 years, in 2008, he accepted the position of Medical Director for Environmental Health at the Chicago Department of Public Health, a position he currently holds.

In addition to this training and work experience, Cort has been an active member of CSTE. Since 2006, he has served as the lead of the STD team. In this role, he has helped organize and has moderated the STD session at the annual conference, helped organize and has been an active participant in the CSTE Neonatal Herpes Surveillance Working Group, and has served as the CSTE liaison with the CDC. While in Iowa, Cort was an active member of the Iowa Public Health Association, serving on the executive team and helping to craft and articulate legislative priorities for the organization.

Cort's experiences will add much value to his role as Member-at-Large. He can use his experience at both state and local levels to address issues relevant to CSTE members working at both of these levels. He can use his experience with communicable disease, environmental health emergency preparedness and other areas to address a large number of public health issues. Lastly, he can use his other experiences to help promote CSTE development, engage members, and advocate on their behalf.

Disclosure Statement: Cort Lohff currently works for the Chicago Department of Public Health and has no other source of employment or income. He has no conflicts of interests that would impact his serving in the Member-at-Large position.

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JOE MCLAUGHLIN, MD, MPH, TM

Candidate for MEMBER AT-LARGE

Dr. Joe McLaughlin is the State Epidemiologist for Alaska and the Chief of the Alaska Section of Epidemiology. He began his career in Alaska as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2001. After completing his fellowship with CDC, he was hired-on with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) in 2003. He completed his medical school training at the University of Minnesota, during which time he was also a graduate research assistant in biomedical ethics. He completed a Master's Degree in Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University, and residency training in Preventive Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. Before starting his medical career, he was a high school biology, physics, and health teacher. He is currently an Assistant Professor with the University of Alaska's Master's in Public Health Program, a member of the Alaska Area Institutional Review Board, and the Alaska DHSS Privacy Board. He is also a member of the Delta Omega National Public Health Honorary Society and was the recipient of the "Rising Star Award" by the American College of Preventive Medicine. He has done volunteer medical work and teaching in many developing countries, including Belize, Bolivia, Honduras, India, and Zimbabwe. As an epidemiologist in Alaska, Dr. McLaughlin has led numerous outbreak investigations, published a number of peer reviewed journal articles on various medical topics, and has been an invited speaker at many national and international conferences. In his current role as the Chief of Alaska Section of Epidemiology, he oversees the work of six major programs and 60 people. He has supervised Alaska-based Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers since 2003. Dr. McLaughlin is the Chief Editor for the Alaska *Epidemiology Bulletin*, and has authored and/or edited over 150 *Bulletins* on a wide variety of issues of public health concern related to the epidemiology of infectious diseases, injury, occupational health, immunizations, sexually transmitted infections, environmental health, chronic disease, maternal/child health, preparedness, and other topics. Dr. McLaughlin has also been the primary or co-author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, including primary authorship in prominent journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*, *Atherosclerosis*, and others. He has also been a reviewer for many medical journals, including *Arctic*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*, *Journal of Food Protection*, *Journal of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine*. Dr. McLaughlin has been a member of CSTE since 2007, and has attended all CSTE meetings since this time. He is also currently a member of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' Infectious Diseases Policy Committee. When not at work, Joe is passionate about spending time in the outdoors whitewater kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and backcountry skiing. He is also a burgeoning birder.

Disclosure: Dr. McLaughlin is employed by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (exclusive salary source), and has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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CORINNE MILLER, PHD

Candidate for MEMBER AT-LARGE

Dr. Miller is the State Epidemiologist and leads the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). As State Epidemiologist, Corinne oversees programs in communicable disease, immunizations, environmental health, and chronic disease and maternal and child health epidemiology. Dr. Miller became the State Epidemiologist and Bureau Director in May 2006. In this role she also serves as the primary scientific advisor to the MDCH Public Health Administration. Prior to becoming the State Epidemiologist and Bureau Director, Dr. Miller served as Assistant State Epidemiologist at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment from 1995 to 2000 and then came to Michigan to take a position overseeing the chronic disease, genomics, and maternal and child health epidemiology activities. She has been a faculty member of the University of Kansas Medical Center where she taught a course on administrative epidemiology and lectured in infectious diseases. She also developed an online course for the University of Michigan's School of Public Health called "Demystifying Data" which is targeted to persons in public health practice who do not have analytic training.

Dr. Miller currently serves on a workgroup for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America that is developing tools for communities to use to implement population based strategies to prevent excessive drinking that have been recommended by the Community Guide Task Forces. Within Michigan, Corinne serves on the Michigan Laboratory System Advisory Group that is working on strategic initiatives to assure the availability of up-to-date, comprehensive laboratory services. She also is the co-chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Michigan Biotrust for Health, an initiative that promotes the use of newborn screening program dried blood spots for research purposes.

As an active CSTE member for 13 years she looks forward to further participation within the organization, particularly as CSTE and epidemiology practice continue to negotiate major changes such as healthcare reform. She is committed to seeing the expansion of CSTE into substance abuse due to its impact on maternal and child health, chronic disease, infectious disease, and injury. She currently co-leads a CSTE Substance Abuse Epidemiology workgroup that is focused on substance abuse epidemiology capacity building. Dr. Miller has a particular interest in the use of epidemiology to address health equity issues and has, for the past four years, been a member of the CSTE panel that identifies the abstract that best exemplifies the use of epidemiology to address racial and ethnic disparities. Corinne has also served in several CSTE consultancy positions in the area of chronic disease.

Dr. Miller received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota in 1993. She began her applied public health career with the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) in chronic disease.

Disclosure: Dr. Miller has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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TIM JONES, MD

Candidate for SECRETARY-TREASURER

Tim Jones, MD completed medical school at Stanford University and a residency and maternal-child health fellowship at Brown University/Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. He then practiced in a National Health Service Corps site in Utah before joining the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1997.

Tim served as an EIS Officer with the Tennessee Department of Health. He then joined the Department where he was appointed as the Deputy State Epidemiologist in 2001 and State Epidemiologist in 2007. During his time in TN he has been active in all aspects of general epidemiology with a particular interest in outbreak investigation and foodborne diseases. He has been the PI for the TN FoodNet program, and served as a consultant for numerous national and international committees and training programs. He has coauthored over 110 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Jones has been a member of CSTE since 1997. He is an active member of the Infectious Diseases Committee, and serves as the CSTE's FDA Liaison and the CSTE representative to the ASTHO Food Safety Task Force. He is also Co-Chair of the CSTE-sponsored Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR). He is on the IDSA National and Global Public Health Committee, and has represented the state health department perspective in numerous presentations at national meetings, congressional testimony and the IOM. He has served as CSTE Secretary/Treasurer since June, 2010.

Disclosure: Dr. Jones has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.