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**CEPH Gains New Practice and Academic Representatives on Board of Councilors**

SILVER SPRING, Md. – December 14, 2015 – The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is pleased to announce the selection of new members to its Board and its election of new officers for 2016.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has appointed Joyce Gaufin as a public health practitioner representative and the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) has appointed John R. Finnegan, Jr, PhD, as an academic representative on CEPH's Board of Councilors.

“CEPH is fortunate to gain two new Councilors with extensive experience in public health practice and education,” said Executive Director Laura Rasar King, MPH, MCHES. “We look forward to their contributions as we begin an exciting and busy year focused on the criteria revision process and our many other accreditation activities.”

Ms. Gaufin's career in public health has focused on supporting and developing the workforce and creating and strengthening collaborative public health partnerships. Her expertise in health administration includes organizational development, quality improvement, performance management, leadership development, public information and emergency management. Ms. Gaufin worked in a variety of positions with the Utah Department of Health from 1973 to 2004. She was the first executive director of the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute (2004-2012). She is currently working as a private consultant and advisor to state and local health agencies, community boards and academic public health programs. Ms. Gaufin served as president of APHA in 2014.

Dr. Finnegan is professor and dean of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health since 2005. He joined the faculty in 1986, pursuing a research program in media communication and public health and community health promotion campaigns emphasizing social structural impacts on health knowledge and other outcomes. He holds degrees in English and mass communication from the University of St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota. From 2013 to 2015 (March), he served as board chair of ASPPH.

Ms. Gaufin and Dr. Finnegan have been appointed for three-year terms that extend through 2018.

The Board of Councilors also elected its officers for 2016 at the fall Board meeting, which was held Oct. 21-24, 2015. The officers serve as the CEPH Executive Committee and include President [Ian Lapp, PhD](#), Vice President [Nanette Lee Reynolds, EdD](#), Secretary [Rose Marie Martinez, ScD](#), and Treasurer [Ruth Gaare-Bernheim, JD, MPH](#).

Executive Committee members serve one-year terms but are eligible for re-election. All of the officers have been newly elected to their positions.

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