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**SARAH BRAMBLETTE, MSHL, JOINS
NATIONAL LYMPHEDEMA NETWORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BERKELEY, CA. - National Lymphedema Network (NLN) Board Chair, Michael Cannon, announced today that lymphedema patient advocate and author, Sarah Bramblette, MSHL, has joined the NLN Board of Directors.

Sarah Bramblette brings her experience with lymphedema care and advocacy to the organization's leadership team. A graduate of the 2014 NLN Lymph Science Advocacy Program (LSAP), she serves on the executive committee of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, which is working to pass the Lymphedema Treatment Act. Sarah has published articles about lipedema and lymphedema for several news outlets including *HealthCentral*, *WEGOHealth*, *ObeistyHelp.com*, *Your Weight Matters Magazine*, and most recently for *LymphNotes*. Her story has also been featured on the syndicated television show *The Doctors*, and she recently gave a *TEDx* Talk, "Weight Bias in Healthcare," focusing on how weight bias delayed her lymphedema and lipedema diagnosis. Bramblette is also the 2014 Obesity Action Coalition Member of the Year

"Sarah brings important knowledge and experience as a highly effective advocate from the lipedema, lymphedema, and obesity communities to the NLN board. We look forward to working with her as the NLN progresses as a voice for patients, therapists, and the lymphatics field," said NLN Board Chair, Michael Cannon.

The NLN will host its 2016 NLN International Conference in Dallas, TX, this August 31 – September 4, including the 2016 Lymph Science Advocacy Program (LSAP). LSAP applications are available on the NLN website and are due May 15. The conference will bring together hundreds of medical professionals, industry members, patients, and advocates to share breaking knowledge and techniques, promoting a better future for lymphedema patients and professionals.

The NLN was founded in 1988 to create awareness of lymphedema through education and to promote and support the availability of quality medical treatment for all individuals at risk for or affected by lymphedema. For more information about the NLN, lymphedema, its nationwide therapist and support group network, coming events, and more, visit www.lymphnet.org.

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