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NATIONAL LYMPHEDEMA NETWORK ANNOUNCES 2016 LEADERSHIP

BERKELEY, CA. The National Lymphedema Network (NLN) is pleased to announce its 2016 leadership organization. At the annual meeting of the NLN's board of directors, the election of officers resulted in the election of the following officers: Michael Cannon, Chair, Board of Directors; Nicole L. Stout, Corporate Secretary; and Eva Sevick-Muraca, Treasurer. Wade P. Farrow, past board chair, and Nicole L. Stout, will serve as board liaisons to the NLN Medical Advisory Committee. Eva Sevick-Muraca serves as board liaison to the 2016 International Conference Committee and as Program Co-Director. Kris L. Maser continues as a member of the board of directors. Patricia Egan was appointed by the board to serve as interim executive director and chief executive officer. Of key importance is the Medical Advisory Committee, which provides counsel on medical issues and ensures that the NLN's positions reflect current research and best practices.

Michael Cannon, MBA, chair, board of directors, brings 25+ years of industry experience in the phlebology, lymphology, and wound care markets to the NLN. His most recent project is medi for help, which assists people in crisis areas with clinical services. He has served on the board since 2011, both as treasurer and vice chair. Further, he serves on the executive committee of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, holding the office of treasurer since its formation.

Eva Sevick-Muraca, Ph.D., treasurer and board liaison to the 2016 conference committee and program co-director, is professor of molecular medicine, director of the Center for Molecular Imaging, and Kinder Distinguished Chair of Cardiovascular Research at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She has served as an elected officer and board member of scientific and professional societies including the Society of Molecular Imaging and the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, and has been appointed as member and chair of study panels for research review boards, including the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, and State of California Breast Cancer Research Program.

Nicole L. Stout, DPT, CLT-LANA, corporate secretary and board liaison to the Medical Advisory Committee, is a renowned health care researcher, consultant, educator, and advocate. She is an investigator on two clinical trials studying breast cancer morbidity through the National Institutes of Health. In addition, she serves on the steering committee of the American Lymphedema Framework Project and as a medical expert and media spokesperson for the American Physical Therapy Association.

Wade P. Farrow, MD, CWSP, FACCWS, past board chair and board liaison to the Medical Advisory Committee, is a Certified Wound Specialist Physician and a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Wound Specialists. Dr. Farrow is co-inventor of the FarrowWrap® and founder of FarrowMed. He serves as the U.S. medical director for BSN Medical, focusing on improving medical education and product innovation.

Kris L. Maser, JD, board member, is a shareholder and Elder Law Department chair for Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, P.A., in Richfield, Minnesota. She is involved with a number of charitable and community organizations, including the National Parkinson's

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Patricia Egan, MS, MBA, interim executive director and chief executive director, has spent 35 years in the nonprofit sector in New York, New Jersey, and California. Her experience includes nonprofit management, governance, compliance, fundraising, and tax accounting for exempt organizations. A third-generation lymphedema patient, she has been a member of the NLN since 2009 and completed the Lymph Science Advocacy Program in 2014.

The NLN Medical Advisory Committee is composed of renowned senior researchers, clinicians, and therapists in the fields of lymphology, oncology, oncology nursing, physical and rehabilitation medicine, physical therapy, and plastic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Jamie L. Wagner, assistant professor of surgery, Breast Surgery Division, KUMC, University of Kansas Medical Center serves as chair. Dr. Sheila H. Ridner, Martha Rivers Ingram Professor of Nursing and director, Ph.D. in nursing science program, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, chairs the research subcommittee; Dr. Mei R. Fu, associate professor of nursing, New York University, chairs the editorial subcommittee.

The 2016 International Conference Committee, which organizes the CME-accredited conference, is directed by Dr. Joseph L. Feldman, CLT-LANA. Dr. Feldman is co-director of the American Lymphedema Framework Project, a founding board member of the Lymphology Association of North America, medical director of the NorthShore University HealthSystem Lymphedema Treatment Center, and senior clinician educator, physical medicine and rehabilitation, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Eva Sevick-Muraca serves as program co-director, and Dr. Jie Deng, assistant professor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, serves as chair of the scientific committee.

On March 6, 1988, the NLN was founded with the mission of creating awareness of lymphedema through education and promoting and supporting the availability of quality medical treatment for all individuals at risk for or affected by lymphedema. In addition, the NLN is dedicated to promoting lymphology as a medical specialty; adopting standards acceptable to the U.S. medical profession for the training and certification of lymphedema therapists; securing adequate insurance coverage of medically necessary, safe, and effective treatment; expanding the number and geographical distribution of lymphedema treatment facilities and certified lymphedema therapists; and promoting research in the causes, risk reduction, and treatment of lymphedema.

March is Lymphedema Awareness Month, recognized by legislative proclamation in states throughout the U.S. For more information about lymphedema, contact the National Lymphedema Network at 1.800.541.3259 or visit our website at www.lymphnet.org. The NLN's 12th International Conference, Shaping the Future Through Commitment, Evidence, and New Frontiers, will take place in Dallas, Texas, August 31 – September 12, 2016. See www.lymphnet.org for program and early registration information.

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