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New leadership takes the reigns of NHA

Tennessee Valley Authority's John McCormick elected president

Washington, D.C. (April 27, 2015) – The National Hydropower Association today introduced its new officers and board members at the association's annual conference in Washington, D.C.

At its February 2015 meeting, the NHA Board elected the following officers to the Executive Committee:

- President – John McCormick, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Vice President – Steve Wenke, Avista
- Treasurer – Debbie Mursch, Alstom
- Secretary – John Suloway, New York Power Authority (Past President)

"The incoming leadership team is composed of strategically-minded professionals with an ambitious vision for the Association's future," said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. "There is much to be done in the coming year to strengthen the business and policy environment for hydropower. This talented group makes me certain that NHA will continue to make great strides advancing the association and the industry as a whole, especially as we face a new Congress and possible comprehensive energy legislation."

McCormick is vice president of TVA's Safety, River Management, and Environment organization. Under McCormick's executive leadership, SRM&E is responsible for the forecasting and scheduling of the entire Tennessee River System across TVA's seven state service area; dam safety for TVA's 29 hydroelectric dams, 20 non-power dams, one pumped storage plant and 14 navigation locks. Prior to his service with TVA, McCormick served 25 years with Exelon.

"I am honored and very proud to be chosen to lead the National Hydropower Association. I look forward to working with our board, our leadership and our members to promote the growth of clean, affordable U.S. hydropower, and to secure the energy, environmental, and economic benefits of hydropower resources for all Americans," McCormick said. "Now is the time for us to take advantage of favorable conditions with policy makers on hydro relicensing and regulatory reform to make approval processes easier, more competitive, and more desirable for developers and owners to grow the industry."

NHA's outgoing president, Marc Gerken of American Municipal Power, oversaw two years of tremendous success for NHA, from the passage of several pieces of legislation to boost hydropower in the US to the establishment of an industry-wide operational excellence program.

"I have been truly honored to serve as president of NHA and have enjoyed my time in the position. As I've indicated before, these last few years have been an exciting time for the hydro industry with projects under development, the 'rediscovery' of the valuable role hydro plays in the nation's energy industry and the fact that we as a nation understand the tremendous potential that still exists. The challenge for the new board and NHA

staff is to capitalized on this potential, keeping hydro at the forefront of discussions with policymakers at all levels of government,” said Gerken. “I look forward to working with them.”

NHA is also welcoming five new members to its Board of Directors. They are:

- Tim Oakes, Kleinschmidt
- Dave Culligan, HDR, Inc.
- Paul Lau, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Pamela Williams, Santee Cooper
- Alvin Thomas, Pacific Gas & Electric

Previously, two new members of the board were selected to fill seats vacated in the past few months:

- David Sinclair, Advanced Hydro Solutions
- Nicolas Bossé – Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners

In addition, two new members will also join the Advisory Board:

- Bob Gallo, Voith Hydro
- Randy Herrin, Duke Energy

“The U.S. hydropower industry has many exciting opportunities ahead,” said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. “Having a strong board that understands the opportunities and challenges of the coming year will be integral to our success. I’m excited to welcome the new board members and officers to our team.”

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