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SMH Board of Commissioners Elects 2010 Officers

SLIDELL, LA—(March 5, 2010)— St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 (Slidell Memorial Hospital) Board of Commissioners has elected Daniel McGovern IV their 2010 Chairman and Larry Englande as Vice Chairman. McGovern represents Ward 9 and was initially appointed to the Board in 2004. Englande, who represents Ward 8, has served the Board since 2003, and served as Chairman in 2006 and 2007.

Walter J. "Dub" Lane, Ph.D. (Ward 8) was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2010. Lane has served on the Board since appointment in 2006. Ratnaker Pernenkil, M.D., was sworn in as Medical Staff President.

Slidell Memorial Hospital is governed by a nine-member Board of Commissioners. The Board consists of seven members appointed by an appointing authority, the President of the Medical Staff and one at-large medical staff appointee. Also serving on the SMH Board of Commissioners are: Dan Ferrari (Ward 7); Thomas H. Hall, M.D. (Ward 8); Clinton Sharp, M.D., Medical Staff Representative; David G. Mannella (Ward 8); and John Rosche (Ward 6).

According to the bylaws of the Board of Commissioners, the commission must elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer at the beginning of each fiscal year. Terms are for one year and the chairperson or vice chairperson will serve no more than two consecutive terms.

ABOUT SMH

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a full-service 182-bed acute care not-for-profit community hospital located at 1001 Gause Blvd., in the heart of Slidell. Founded in 1959, SMH is the third-largest employer in St. Tammany Parish, employing 1,100 full, part-time and pool clinical and administrative employees. SMH serves as a primary healthcare resource for families in St. Tammany Parish, LA; Pearl River County, MS; and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast region. It is located online at <http://www.slidellmemorial.org>.

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