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Northwest Kidney Centers names new trustees for 2009-2010

Seattle, WA (Nov. 11, 2009): Northwest Kidney Centers has appointed a slate of new officers and members of its board of trustees to lead the nonprofit dialysis and kidney health care provider for 2009-2010.

Steve Huebner, a partner at KPMG who lives in Bellevue, was elected chairman. Other officers include vice chairman David Wilde, CPA, a principal in Wilde Roller who lives in Auburn; and secretary/treasurer Craig Goodrich, senior vice president of Virginia Mason Medical Center, who lives in Kent. This year, three new members join the board. They include Gary R. Houlahan, president of Mutual Materials Co., who lives in Bellevue; Clint Randolph, a retired Boeing executive who lives in Bellevue; and Dr. Lisa Florence, a Seattle surgeon.

John S. Capps, Deborah Crabbe, Joe Eschbach, Betty Halvorson, Dr. Robert Jaffe, Dr. Michael R. Kelly, James Manning, Dr. Vilma Quijada, Dr. Michael Ryan, Dr. Stuart Shankland, David Wilde, and Dr. Bessie Young continue to serve on the board. Board members serve one- to three-year terms of office.

Northwest Kidney Centers Foundation, which provides fundraising support for the nonprofit organization, has also named new board officers for 2009-2010. They include president Clint Randolph, a retired Boeing executive, of Bellevue; vice president Dr. Cyrus Cryst, a Seattle nephrologist; treasurer Gary R. Houlahan, president of Mutual Materials in Bellevue; and secretary Katheryn Cole of Woodinville, an international trade professional. Rich Bloch joins as a new trustee. Other members include Bert Lundh, Wanda Wong, Deborah Crabbe, Dr. Robert Hegstrom, Dr. Michael Kelly, Thomas E. Melang, Dr. Rex Ochi, William Peckham, Doug Seto, Nancy Spaeth and Luth Tenorio.

The nonprofit Northwest Kidney Centers provides 80 percent of the dialysis care in King and Clallam counties, educates the public about kidney health, and collaborates with the University of Washington School of Medicine in the Kidney Research Institute. Northwest Kidney Centers' staff of 550 delivers more than 200,000 treatments per year in 14 dialysis centers and 11 hospitals. It also maintains one of the country's largest training and support programs for people who wish to give themselves dialysis at home. Since 1962, Northwest Kidney Centers has sustained lives and inspired hope. Its mission – to promote health, independence and quality of life for people with kidney disease – remains vital today. One in seven American adults now has kidney disease, up 30 percent in the past decade. For more information, go to www.nwkidney.org.

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