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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****The Association for the Healthcare Environment Announces Elected and Appointed 2018 Board Members**

**Chicago, October 27, 2017** – The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) has announced Pam Toppel, CHESP, T-CHEST as AHE board president and Brad Winnie as president-elect. Toppel is the Manager, Environmental Services – Eastern Region at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W Albrecht Medical Center and OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center. Winnie is the Environmental Services Manager at Aurora Sinai Medical Center.

Elected to At Large seats for the 2018-2019 term are:

**Nazar Masry, CHESP**

Director of Healthcare Operations for Job Options, Inc. a non-profit organization based out of San Diego that provides a variety of services to government installations such as Environmental Services, laundry, landscaping, janitorial, and food service. What is significant about Job Options is the fact that we employ people with significant disabilities, and more than 75% of the staff who provide the work has a disability. I have the privilege of working with those special individuals (approx. 350 employees) and providing environmental services to four contracted medical facilities (Army, Navy and VA) covering more than 3 million square feet of space in CA, GA, and AZ.

**Rock Jensen, CHESP**

Rock Jensen has been involved in healthcare environmental services, patient transport, laundry, food, grounds, communication, safety, security, facilities and management of the Environment of Care for 20+ years. He has worked with both in-house operations as well as outsourced management organizations. For the last 5+ years he has worked as an SME/Senior Consultant with Soriant Healthcare Services with core responsibilities of EVS, Laundry, Patient Transport, Food, Facilities, Grounds and Security. Appointed Industry Liaison with the approval of the board, was

**Linda Homan, BSN, CIC**

Ms. Homan is the Senior Manager, Clinical and Professional Services for ECOLAB Healthcare Division. In that role, Linda focuses on the development of clinical and educational solutions, applied clinical research and incorporation of clinical best practices in all healthcare offerings. She is a member of, and serves as the Ecolab liaison to APIC (Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology), SHEA (Society for Healthcare Epidemiologists of America), AORN (Association for PeriOperative Registered Nurses) and AHE (Association for the Healthcare Environment).

New board member terms begin January 1, 2018

For more information contact AHE directly at 312.422.3860 or [ahе@aha.org](mailto:ahе@aha.org).

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**About AHE**

The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) is a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings; including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE shapes professional practice, advances and promotes the profession and promotes awareness for over 2,300 professionals working to ensure a clean and safe healthcare environment and quality outcomes. [www.ahe.org](http://www.ahe.org)

**Note to editors:**

Photos of board members can be found [HERE](#).