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From the Commonwealth Health Research Board

The Commonwealth Health Research Board [CHRB] today announced its new officers for 2014/2015. Dr. Robert S. Call has been reelected to the position of Chairman and Dr. Cynda A. Johnson has been elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

Dr. Call received his undergraduate and medical school degrees from the University of Virginia. He completed his internship and residency at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Call also completed an Allergy Fellowship and served as an instructor in medicine at the University of Virginia. He currently practices Allergy and Immunology and Internal Medicine in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Call also owns Clinical Research Partners, a company that performs phase II and III clinical trials on a variety of pharmaceuticals for the last 18 years. Dr. Call is a past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and past President of the Allergy & Asthma Society of Virginia.

Dr. Johnson received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and her medical school degree from the UCLA School of Medicine. She completed her residency training in family medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center and a teaching fellowship at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Johnson was selected President and Founding Dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine - a joint venture of Carilion Clinic and Virginia Tech - in January 2008. VTCSOM has been awarded full accreditation and graduated its charter class in May 2014. She is a past president of the American Board of Family Practice (now Family Medicine) and the American Board of Medical Specialties. Dr. Johnson was a busy clinician for 30 years focusing on maternal and child health including obstetrics and outpatient gynecology.

Dr. Call was initially appointed to the CHRB by Governor Warner in April 2005 to serve a term of five years ending March 31, 2010. Dr. Call was reappointed to the CHRB by Governor McDonnell for a term of five years ending March 31, 2015. Dr. Johnson was initially appointed to the CHRB by the Joint Rules Committee to serve an unexpired term ending March 31, 2011. Dr. Johnson was reappointed to the CHRB by the Joint Rules Committee for a term of five years ending March 31, 2016.

The Board was established in 1997 by the Virginia General Assembly using funds provided from the conversion of Trigon from a mutual company to a stock company. The Board awards grants for traditional medical and biomedical research as well as research related to health services and the delivery of health care. Since its inception in 1999 the CHRB has funded 168 research grants totaling \$13.3 million.