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**LIBBY MCDANNELL NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE ARIZONA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Phoenix, AZ – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce Libby McDannell, CAE, as the association’s next executive vice president. Effective November 27, Ms. McDannell will replace Chic Older, who will retire in December.

Chic Older has been the Executive Vice President of ArMA for 30 years and has been with the organization since 1984. Prior to becoming ArMA’s top executive in 1989, Chic served as ArMA’s Director of Government Affairs for five years. He has overseen the operations and advocacy campaigns of the organization with successes in advocacy and regulatory arenas relating to tort reform, public health, and access to care, to name a few. “The selection process was exhaustive. I am confident the ArMA Board has selected an exemplary candidate in Libby McDannell to lead the organization,” stated Chic Older.

Ms. McDannell is an experienced nonprofit leader with an outstanding record of organizational growth and demonstrated ability to energize and positively influence team members and others. Since 2014, Ms. McDannell has served as the CEO & Executive Vice President of the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the largest organization of transplant professionals in North America. Prior to her position with AST, McDannell served as Executive Director for three other national associations. She has more than 15 years of executive management experience, specifically in the nonprofit, healthcare field.

“After an extensive and comprehensive national search, our search committee and Board unanimously selected Libby as the most outstanding candidate for the position. We are delighted that she has accepted and enthusiastically welcome her to ArMA,” said ArMA President Michael Hamant, MD. “Filling the shoes of Chic Older will not be easy for any successor; we are absolutely confident that Libby’s expertise, vision, and philosophy of association management make her the best fit for ArMA as we move forward with our plans for growth and service to our members.”

As the incoming Executive Vice President for ArMA, Ms. McDannell will serve as the chief staff executive and oversee all association activities. She plans to work in concert with the board of directors and devote her time to executive management, advancing ArMA’s advocacy agenda, exploration of partnerships, and new program development.

“I’m honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization,” said McDannell. “During his tenure, Chic Older’s vision and leadership have established ArMA as the leading society representing the interests of physicians and patients in Arizona. At a time when healthcare is undergoing a foundational transformation, the opportunities that lie ahead for ArMA are enormous. The ability to lead this next chapter is both humbling and exhilarating, a terrific opportunity that any leader would welcome.”

McDannell has a strong passion for strategic development, evidenced by her own work to improve operations at AST. “Libby McDannell has the leadership and relationship-building skills, strategic thinking, and business acumen to hit the ground running at ArMA,” said Jeff Mueller, MD, past-president of ArMA and chair of the search committee. “We look forward to a smooth and effective transition.”

ArMA has been promoting and providing leadership in the field of medicine for 125 years. For more information, visit www.azmed.org.

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