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***Robert B. Sanders, Ph.D. Named Chair of the Board of Directors of the
American Lung Association of the Central States***

July 7, 2008—The American Lung Association of the Central States announced that Robert B. Sanders, Ph.D. has been elected as Chair of the Board of Directors. Effective July 1, 2008, Dr. Sanders assumed the chairmanship from Brad Baker, who remains on the board.

“I am confident that Dr. Sanders will lead the organization in the right direction over the next year and help take us to new heights,” said Brad Baker, exiting Chair.

Dr. Sanders is a professor emeritus of the University of Kansas, whose career focused on research and teaching in the field of biological chemistry. Dr. Sanders was born in Georgia, attended segregated public schools in Georgia, earned a B. S. degree summa cum laude in chemistry from Paine College in Augusta, GA, in 1959, and earned a M. S. degree in biological chemistry from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1961. Mr. Sanders wrote a dissertation entitled *The Effect of Insulin on 1-Aminocyclopentanecarboxylic Acid Distribution in the Rat*, and he earned a Ph. D. degree in biological chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1964.

Dr. Sanders’ commitment to the field of lung disease and, in particular, to the American Lung Association is demonstrated through the many service roles that he has held. Dr. Sanders served on the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Kansas in 2005-2006, the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of the Central States in 2006-, the Nationwide Assembly of the American Lung Association USA in 2006-, the Lung Diseases Committee of the American Lung Association USA in 2006-2008, and the Awards Committee of the American Lung Association USA in 2007-2008.

“I am very pleased to be taking on this new and challenging role within the American Lung Association,” said Robert B. Sanders, Ph.D. “It is exciting to be able to work with such a committed group of volunteers and staff who believe strongly in our mission and our work.”

Dr. Sanders’ term as Chair will extend from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Board of Directors is comprised of 23 members, who represent the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

About the American Lung Association

Beginning its second century, the American Lung Association is the leading organization working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Lung disease death rates continue to increase while other leading causes of death have declined.

The American Lung Association funds vital research on the causes of and treatments for lung disease. With the generous support of the public, the American Lung Association is “*Improving life, one breath at a time.*”

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