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GLEN GRUNWALD ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS

Mission, KS – Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS) President & CEO, John Lair, has announced that Glen Grunwald has been elected Chairman of the Board at the August 2017 regular meeting. Grunwald replaces Mark Malick, who tendered his resignation due to re-locating out of state.

Grunwald stated, “I am looking forward to continue to serve, train and grow our athlete base, train and recruit dedicated volunteers which is the grass roots of our success and maintain and build resources for SOKS. I see in our Chief Executive Officer, John Lair, a strong leader with great vision to lead and grow our great organization for many years to come.”

Lair stated, “Glen brings so much experience to our Chairman of the Board position. Glen has been active with our movement for over 37 years and he will help to take us into the future. Glen's big heart and vision will truly be an asset for our Board and help take Special Olympics Kansas to the next level.”

Grunwald was born and raised in Pawnee Rock, Kansas. After graduating from Fort Hays State University, he taught at a private school in the Dallas area from 1971-1976 serving as director of Therapeutic Recreation/Associate Director. He then became active with Special Olympics Texas. He also directed the first South Central Regional Special Olympics Invitational Basketball Tournament in Arlington, Texas. He returned to Kansas, and began his career in Pharmaceutical Sales. He also began broadcasting high school and collegiate level football and basketball games. For the past 29 years he has served as voice of the Hutchinson Blue Dragons.

Grunwald retired in 2010 from GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. He currently works part-time with Eagle Communications radio station, KWBW in Hutchinson, as an account executive and co-host of its popular morning show on KWBW, as well as host of two weekly talk sports shows. He was recognized with the Kansas Association of Broadcaster's “Hod Humiston” award this past May which is presented annually by the KAB, signifying it's sportscaster's Hall of Fame.

Glen is married to Christi Karle-Grunwald for the past 22 years and reside in Hutchinson, Kansas. They have 5 daughters and 8 grandchildren living in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete...and more...through acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs and leadership development.

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