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Southwest Ohio school board member nominated as OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — Randy Smith was recently selected as the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) 2017 president-elect nominee. If elected during OSBA's statewide conference in November, he will become OSBA president in 2018 following his term as president-elect.

Elected four times to the Forest Hills Local Schools Board of Education in Hamilton County, Smith has served as board president four times (2016, 2015, 2011 and 2006).

He serves on OSBA's Legislative Platform Committee and Federal Relations Network, and previously served on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. He also is a member of OSBA's Southwest Region Executive Committee and was region president in 2012.

Smith earned the OSBA Master Board Member Award in 2007, a lifetime distinction, and has received multiple OSBA Awards of Achievement. The awards recognize board members' commitment to learning and leadership.

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A Cincinnati resident and graduate of Forest Hills' Anderson High School, Smith helped establish several board of education committees at Forest Hills related to policy, technology and business. He also founded the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, a private organization that supports public education in the district. In addition, he serves as his legislative liaison to OSBA.

Before retiring in 2015, Smith spent 36 years at the Procter & Gamble Co. where he was a marketing and policy manager. He currently is president and general manager of Noble Properties Inc.

At the University of Cincinnati, he earned a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering and a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing and management. His graduate studies included broadcasting and communication.

Smith remains very active with his alma mater where he serves on several boards and committees, including the University of Cincinnati Foundation Board of Trustees. He also is a district chair for the Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife, Susan, who also is retired from Procter & Gamble Co., are the parents of a son, Steven, and a daughter, Sarah.

In its 61st year, the Ohio School Boards Association leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

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Note: A photo of smith is available for download at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/67591>