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Southwest Ohio school board member is 2017 OSBA president-elect

COLUMBUS — The Ohio School Boards Association Delegate Assembly has elected Randy Smith as the association's 2017 president-elect. Smith serves on the Forest Hills Local Board of Education in Hamilton County.

He was elected today during the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly. The delegates meet each year at the Capital Conference, the association's state convention that draws more than 9,000 school board members, administrators and other education leaders to Columbus.

Current OSBA President-elect Denise Baba, a member of the Streetsboro City Board of Education in Portage County, will become OSBA president on Jan. 1, 2017.

Smith will take over as OSBA president in 2018, following his term as president-elect. The president-elect's duties include serving on OSBA's Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and chairing the Legislative Platform Committee and Federal Relations Network.

Smith has been a member of the Forest Hills Local Board of Education for 12 years. He currently serves on the OSBA Legislative Platform Committee and Federal Relations Network and previously on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. He has been a member of OSBA's Southwest Region Executive Committee for nine years and was region president in 2012.

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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.

The Cincinnati resident and graduate of Forest Hills Local's Anderson High School 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 district's 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 and creative solutions.

Note: A photo of Smith is available for download at: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17038>