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Texas Psychiatrist John Oldham Voted APA President-elect

ARLINGTON, Va. (March 15, 2010) – Texas psychiatrist John M. Oldham, M.D., was elected president-elect by members of the American Psychiatric Association. Oldham is senior vice president and chief of staff at The Menninger Clinic and a professor of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine. The election results were formally approved by the Board of Trustees on Saturday.

Beginning in May 2010, Dr. Oldham will serve as president-elect for one year and will take office as the APA's 138th president in May 2011. He has held a variety of APA leadership positions, including chair of the Council on Research and Quality Care, chair of APA's Scientific Program Committee for three years, member of the Board of Directors of American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc., and APA representative on the AMA Physicians Consortium for Performance Improvement.

Dr. Oldham has had a private practice for almost 30 years. He is editor of the *Journal of Psychiatric Practice* and president-elect of the American College of Psychiatrists. He has previously worked as a residency training director, chair of two departments of psychiatry, director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and chief medical officer of the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Dr. Oldham completed his medical training at Baylor College of Medicine and his psychiatric residency training at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. He also completed psychoanalytic training at the Columbia Psychoanalytic Center.

Along with the other successful candidates for positions on the APA's Board of Trustees, Dr. Oldham, will take office at the conclusion of the APA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, May 22-26, 2010, when the current president-elect, Carol A. Bernstein, M.D., will become president. Other elected candidates include:

David Fassler, M.D., Treasurer

Roger Peele, M.D., Secretary

Sarah Johnson, M.D., MIT Trustee

Brian Crowley, M.D., Area 3 Trustee

Marc David Graff, M.D., Area 6 Trustee

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