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FEC MEMBERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

WASHINGTON - Frank P. Reiche was elected today to serve a one-year term as Chairman of the Federal Election Commission. He will succeed John Warren McGarry.

Commissioner Danny Lee McDonald was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman.

By statute, the Commission elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members for one-year terms. A member may serve as Chairman only once during the six-year term to which he or she may be appointed, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not be affiliated with the same political party. Terms of office are for a full calendar year.

Mr. Reiche, a Republican, has been a member of the FEC since July 31, 1979. Prior to his appointment, he was a practicing attorney and partner in the law firm of Smith, Stratton and Wise, in Princeton, New Jersey. Governor William T. Cahill appointed him Chairman of the first New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in 1973. He was reappointed Chairman in 1975, by Governor Brendan Byrne. From 1977 to 1978, he served as Chairman of the Steering Committee of Interstate Agencies, which led to the organization of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws.

A native of Hartford, Connecticut, Chairman Reiche received his A.B. Degree from Williams College in 1951, and a L.L.B. Degree from Columbia Law School in 1959. He holds a M.A. Degree in Foreign Affairs from George Washington University (1959), and a M.A. Degree in Taxation from New York University Law School (1966).

Vice-Chairman McDonald was named as a recess appointee to the FEC by President Reagan on December 17, 1981. A Democrat, Mr. McDonald had been General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since 1979. He was Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board from 1974 to 1979, and served as Chief Clerk of the Board in 1973. He has also served as a member of the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. Mr. McDonald is a native of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.