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MCDONALD ELECTED FEC CHAIRMAN FOR 1989

WASHINGTON -- Oklahoma native and second-term Commissioner Danny Lee McDonald today was elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission for 1989, succeeding Thomas J. Josefiak of Massachusetts.

Commissioner Lee Ann Elliott of Illinois will serve as Vice Chairman while Josefiak resumes his regular duties as a Commissioner.

By statute, the Commission elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its six members. The positions may not be filled by members of the same political party. Terms of office are for a calendar year and no one may serve as Chairman more than once during an appointed six-year term.

Chairman-elect McDonald, a Democrat, began his original term on the Commission in 1981, during which he served as Chairman in 1983. Confirmed for a second term in 1987, Mr. McDonald was Vice Chairman in 1988.

Prior to joining the FEC, Mr. McDonald served as General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Additionally, he has been Secretary and Chief Clerk of the Tulsa County Election Board, and a member of the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. Mr. McDonald is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Commissioner McDonald received a B.A. degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he is a member of the school's advisory board for state and local government. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife and daughter.

Vice Chairman-elect Lee Ann Elliott, a Republican, was appointed by President Reagan to her initial term in 1981. She served as Chairman in 1984 and began her second term in 1987.

Before 1981, Commissioner Elliott was Vice President of Bishop, Bryant & Associates, Inc. During the 1970's, she was Associate Executive Director of the American Medical Political Action Committee, and from 1961 to 1970, served as AMPAC's Assistant Director.

Commissioner Elliott has served on the boards of directors of the American Association of Political Consultants and the Chicago Area Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. In 1979, the National Association of Manufacturers presented her with the Award for Excellence in Serving Corporate Public Affairs. Mrs. Elliott holds a B.A. degree from the University of Illinois and completed the Medical Association Management Executive Program at Northwestern University. A St. Louis native, the Vice Chairman-elect and her husband make their home in Skokie, Illinois.

Other FEC Commissioners are Joan D. Aikens of Pennsylvania, John Warren McGarry of Massachusetts and Scott E. Thomas of Wyoming.

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