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ELLIOTT TO HEAD FEC DURING 1990

WASHINGTON -- Lee Ann Elliott was unanimously elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission today. The FEC is the agency charged with overseeing campaign finance of federal campaigns. By statute, the six-member Commission each year elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its membership. The positions may not be filled by members of the same political party. Terms of office are for one calendar year and no member may serve as Chairman more than once during an appointed term.

Elliott, whose appointment runs to April 30, 1993, has served at the FEC since 1981. A Republican from Skokie, Illinois, Mrs. Elliott was first nominated by President Reagan for a six-year term in 1981. She was reappointed in 1987 by President Reagan for a second term. During her first term, Mrs. Elliott served as Chairman in 1984. She served as Vice Chairman in 1983 and 1989.

Prior to her initial appointment in 1981, Commissioner Elliott served as Vice President of Bishop, Bryant & Associates, Inc. During the 1970's, she was Associate Executive Director of the American Medical Political Action Committee. From 1961-70, she served as AMPAC's Assistant Director.

The new Chairman has also served on the boards of directors of the American Association of Political Consultants and the Chicago Area Public Affairs Group, of which she was President. She was a member of the 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.

Commissioner Elliott holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Illinois. At Northwestern University, she completed the Medical Association Management Executive Program. She is a Certified Association Executive.

The Commission chose John Warren McGarry, a Democrat from Massachusetts, as its Vice Chairman for 1990. McGarry has served on the Commission since 1978, and is currently serving his third term, which ends in 1995.

Mr. McGarry has had extensive experience in the federal election process. He served as Chief Counsel for the United States House of Representative's Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures, and as Special Counsel on Elections to the Committee on House Administration of the U.S. House of Representatives, prior to his appointment to the Federal Election Commission. Before his work with the Congress, Mr. McGarry was in private law practice and served as Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Commissioner McGarry graduated cum laude from Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. Following graduate work at Boston University, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law School.

Other members of the FEC include Joan D. Aikens (R) of Pennsylvania, Thomas J. Josefiak (R) of Massachusetts, Danny Lee McDonald (D) outgoing Chairman from Oklahoma, and Scott E. Thomas (D) of Wyoming.

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