

## **OSTRaD Board, the governing board of OCAST, elects new officers for 2016**

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Rhonda Hooper, president and CEO of Oklahoma City-based Jordan Advertising, has been elected chair of the Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development (OSTRaD) Board. The OSTRaD Board governs the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST).

Dave Humphrey, president and CEO of Tulsa-based Advantage Technologies Group, was elected vice chair.

Hooper and Humphrey will begin their terms January 1, 2016. Hooper succeeds Dr. Tim Mather, while Humphrey replaces Hooper as vice chair.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Hooper serves on the executive committee of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber as vice chair of Economic Development. She serves as vice chair of the OKC Economic Development Trust, is immediate past chair of the Oklahoma Business Roundtable, past chair of Leadership Oklahoma, past chair of the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Commission and past national chair of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association.

Hooper also serves on the boards of the Alliance for Economic Development, the Riata Center for Entrepreneurship at OSU, the OKC Arts Council, the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation, OKC Boathouse Foundation, OSU Foundation, Women for OSU, OSU-OKC President's Advisory Board and the governance committee of the Central Oklahoma Humane Society.

"It is such an honor for me to be elected to this position on the governing board of OCAST," Hooper said. "Over the years, OCAST has brought an incredible return on the state's investment through its peer-reviewed programs. We're beginning to see its efforts to diversify the economy yield dividends by developing a deeper pool of STEM-educated workers for Oklahoma's innovative firms."

With undergraduate and graduate degrees from both the University of Wisconsin and Texas A&M, Humphrey has served as Advantage CEO since April 2012. He has spent more than 30 years serving in executive positions in various industries, including 13 years with Koch Industries. He also was a principal of Davis, Tuttle Venture Partners where he was responsible for all aspects of a \$45 million venture capital fund.

"I've seen so many positive outcomes across the state from OCAST's innovative programs," Humphrey said. "I'm honored to be appointed to this board position and to have a role in helping this incredible organization carry out its mission of advancing research and development and growing jobs for all of Oklahoma."

Associated with their new board positions, Hooper and Humphrey will serve on the board's executive committee. Also serving on the board's executive committee are: Dr. Thomas Kupiec, principal of Oklahoma City's DNA Solutions; Dr. Terry Salmon, founder of Computer System Designers LLC; and Sherri Wise, CEO of Osteopathic Founders Foundation.