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FEC MEMBERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

WASHINGTON — Danny Lee McDonald of Oklahoma today was elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission beginning January 1, 1983. He will succeed Frank P. Reiche of New Jersey.

Commissioner Lee Ann Elliott of Skokie, Illinois, was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman, succeeding Commissioner McDonald.

By statute, the Commission elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members. Terms of office are for a calendar year. 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 members of the same political party.

Mr. McDonald, a Democrat, has been a member of the FEC since December 17, 1981, having been appointed by President Reagan. Prior to that, he was General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board from 1974 to 1979, and served as Chief Clerk of the Board in 1973. He also served on the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. A native of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Vice-Chairman Elliott, a Republican, also was named to the FEC on December 17, 1981, by President Reagan. She previously had been Vice-President of Bishop, Bryant & Associates, Inc. From 1961 to 1979, she served as Associate Executive Director of the American Medical Political Action Committee, the Board of Directors of the American Association of Political Consultants, the Chicago Area Public Affairs Group, and the Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Commissioner Elliott is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and Northwestern University Medical Association Management Executives Program. She is a native of St. Louis.