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BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS

Bethesda, MD — The 7,800-member Biophysical Society is pleased to announce the result of its 2006 elections.

Harel Weinstein has been elected President-elect of the Biophysical Society. He will assume the office of president-elect at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, and begin his term as President during the 2008 Annual Meeting in Long Beach California.

Weinstein is the Maxwell Upson Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, and Director of the Institute for Computational Biomedicine at **Weill Medical College of Cornell University**. He is also a Tri-Institutional Professor at Rockefeller University, Sloan-Kettering Institute and Cornell University. Weinstein received his BSc in Chemistry, his MSc in Quantum Chemistry, and his DSc in Theoretical Physical Chemistry at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Dorothy Beckett has been selected to serve as Secretary of the Biophysical Society. Her three-year term will begin on July 1, 2006.

Beckett is a professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry and the Center for Biological Structure and Organization as well as the Chairman of the Biochemistry Division at the **University of Maryland**. She received her AB in Chemistry at Barnard College, and her PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The Society also has elected seven new councilors. The elected individuals will being their three-year terms at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on March 2nd. The councilors are:

Valerie Daggett, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, **University of Washington**;

Dave Dawson, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, **Oregon Health and Science University**;

Nynke Dekker, Department of Molecular Biophysics, **Delft University of Technology**;

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Sharyn Endow, Department of Cell Biology, **Duke University Medical Center**;

Frances Separovic, School of Chemistry, **University of Melbourne**; and

Toshio Yanagida, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, **Osaka University**.

The Biophysical Society, founded in 1956, is a professional, scientific society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. The Society promotes growth in this expanding field through its annual meeting, monthly journal, and committee and outreach activities. Its members are located throughout the U.S. and the world, where they teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, laboratories, government agencies, and industry.