

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT

Ron Purcell served as the American Hospital Association (AHA) regional executive from 1995 to 2019 with primary responsibilities for the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. In this role, Ron acted as the direct liaison for AHA activities in these states, developing strong, long-lasting relationships with many members. By working in close coordination with the state hospital associations and by directly communicating with members, Ron was able to better understand the issues they are currently facing. By sharing this understanding with his policy and advocacy colleagues in Washington and Chicago, AHA was able to focus policy and advocacy efforts, services and program development, and help AHA link members to customized services, information, and education to help address their issues.

Prior to coming to this region in 1995, Ron served in a similar role for AHA in the mid-Atlantic region states for 2.5 years and 2.5 years as special assistant for two AHA presidents providing important counsel and leadership. Before coming to the AHA, he completed nine years of active duty service in the United States Air Force (USAF) Medical Services Corps, administering a wide range of programs in USAF base hospitals in the United States and Spain, as well as completing a tour in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General in Washington, D.C.

Ron holds a master's degree in health care administration from Brigham Young University and a bachelor's degree, also from Brigham Young University.

We thank Ron for his incredible service to our members and his lasting legacy to advancing health in America. Join us in wishing Ron and his wife Lori all the best as they start this new chapter in their lives — RETIREMENT!