



David N. DuVall **OEA Executive Director**

David DuVall returned to the Oklahoma Education Association on January 2, 2015, for his second stint at executive director of the state's oldest and largest professional organization for education employees.

He first joined the OEA in 1981, through the years serving as a UniServ manager, bargaining director, research director, communications manager, and associate executive director before being named executive director in 1997. He left Oklahoma in 2005 to become executive director for the Colorado Education Association, and assumed the position of NEA Western Region Director on July 1, 2008. The NEA Western Region includes 10 affiliates in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

During his time at CEA, David focused the organization's efforts on political activities and attacking the state's TABOR provision which robbed the state of much needed revenue for public education. It was also during this time that the state passed Referendum C, a five-year TABOR time out which provided billions of dollars for essential governmental services.

As executive director at OEA from 97-05, David was instrumental in the creation of the Oklahoma Education Coalition (OEC), which unified 12 large public education advocacy groups. Under his leadership, the OEA and other coalition members successfully lobbied the Oklahoma Legislature to pass the largest single teacher pay raise in state history (2000) and to provide state-paid single premium health insurance for all full-time public education employees in Oklahoma (2004).

Prior to joining the OEA in 1981, David taught English and journalism in the Chickasha and Norman Oklahoma School Districts. During his teaching career, David served as president of the Professional Educators of Norman.