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**BRAIN SHEPARD OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA RECEIVES AWARD FROM
ASSOCIATION OF ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS**



From Left to Right: Elling Eidbo, chief executive officer of AOPPO; Brian Shepard, chief executive officer of UNOS; Jay Campbell, J.D., AOPPO president 2015-2016 and national regulatory liaison for Lifesharing.

VIENNA, Va. — July 29, 2016 — On Wednesday, June 22nd, 2016, the [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations](#) (AOPPO) recognized [United Network of Organ Sharing's](#) (UNOS) Chief Executive Officer Brian Shepard by presenting him with the Association's 2016 Chief Executive Officer's Award. This award honors the contributions of an individual outside of the organ procurement organization (OPO) community whose work has greatly influenced and impacted the work and mission of OPOs. AOPPO

Chief Executive Officer Elling Eidbo presented the award at the Association's 33rd Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

"In this highly visible position, many have followed Brian as he embraced the role of the CEO of UNOS and worked closely with its diverse community," said Elling Eidbo, CEO of AOPO. "We have engaged with him as he has guided the 350 UNOS team members, working diligently with its many committees, HRSA, and others in the Donation and Transplantation Community of Practice and recognize his great leadership towards our common goal of saving more lives."

Shepard began his tenure at UNOS in 2010 as the director of policy, later serving as chief operating officer and interim chief executive officer. He was named chief executive officer in 2013, and has lead the organization through a series of changes internally, and works closely with the community in its persistent journey to continually look for and deploy ways to improve systems and processes in donation and transplantation.

Shepard holds a bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Prior to working at UNOS, Shepard served in policy positions in the Virginia State Government, culminating as director of policy in Governor Timothy M. Kaine's administration.

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About AOPO

AOPO is a non-profit, national organization representing all federally-designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs). The Association represents and serves OPOs through advocacy, support and the development of activities that will maximize the availability of organs and tissues and enhance the quality, effectiveness and integrity of the donation process.

About OPOs

OPOs are federally-designated non-profit organizations that are responsible for coordinating organ and tissue donation across the United States, bridging the gap between the generous donation of organs and tissues, and the thousands in need of these life-saving and life enhancing gifts. The federal government has designated 58 organizations in the U.S. to oversee the organ donation process. These organizations are the national stewards of the donation, and they work collaboratively with hospitals, medical professionals and their local community to build the programs, the systems and processes needed to make donation possible.