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CFHLA Announces Newly Elected 2024 Executive Committee and Board of Directors

ORLANDO, Fla. (January 12, 2024) – Today, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) announced its newly elected 2024 CFHLA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, which includes Central Florida Hospitality Executives from across the Central Florida region (including but not limited to Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties).

The following Board members were elected to serve on the 2024 CFHLA Executive Committee, beginning January 1, 2024: **Barbara Bowden**, Area Managing Director of Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando, Chair of the Board; **Jon McGavin**, Area General Manager of Grande Lakes Orlando, 1st Vice Chair; **Jay Leonard**, General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, 2nd Vice Chair; **Sean Verney**, Area General Manager, Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort and the Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, Secretary; **Chris Mueller**, General Manager of the Hilton Orlando, Treasurer; **Ally Martin**, General Manager of the Hyatt House Orlando International Airport, Assistant Treasurer; and **Jesse Martinez**, General Manager of The Alfond Inn at Rollins, Historian. Bowden succeeds **Anthony Lazzara**, who has served as Chair for the past year and has now termed off the Executive Committee.

Additionally, the CFHLA Board of Directors is made up of leaders from all sectors of the hospitality industry, including brand and independent hotels, vacation ownership resorts, management companies, and allied members who do business with the hospitality industry. Please join us in congratulating the twenty-five members who were recently elected (denotes *newly elected/appointed) and/or re-elected to serve on the 2024 CFHLA Board of Directors.

*Antonio Baez, Senior Director Operations Melia Hotels US & Caribbean and General Manager, Melia Orlando Celebration

Robert Bray, General Manager, Orlando World Center Marriott

*Jacqueline Bozzuto, Shareholder and Co-Chair of Hospitality & Leisure, Lowndes (Allied Relations Council Treasurer)

Lana Burke, Area General Manager, Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando I-Drive ICON Park, Hampton Inn by Hilton Orlando I-Drive Convention Center & Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando I-Drive Convention Center

*Marie Cassamajor, General Manager, Crowne Plaza Orlando Lake Buena Vista

Joe Delgado, General Manager, The Celeste Hotel Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel

*Jaret Della Porta, General Manager, Marriott's Harbour Lake Resort

*Frank Dolley, General Manager, Coco Key Hotel & Water Resort – Orlando

*Beatriz Dominguez, Vice President and Public Relations, Clean Tec Services (Allied Relations Council Vice Chair)

Tom Drury, General Manager, Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando Lake Buena Vista

Tina Earley, Commercial Account Manager, BMS CAT (Allied Relations Council Chair)

Abed Ereikat, General Manager, Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld (Vacation Ownership Council Chair)

*Bill Friedrich, General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn Apopka

Frank Fry, General Manager, Embassy Suites Downtown Orlando

Les Harris, Area General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn Lake Buena Vista/Orlando, Homewood Suites by Hilton Lake Buena Vista/Orlando & Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando Theme Parks

Stacey Herndon, General Manager, Westgate Vacation Villas & Town Center Resort

John Lamont, Vice President and General Manager, Florida Hotel & Conference Center

*Lori Lo Duca, General Manager, Cypress Pointe Resort (Vacation Ownership Council Vice Chair)

Jason Lopez, General Manager, DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando

Ally Martin, General Manager, Hyatt House Orlando International Airport

*Bruce McDonald, General Manager, Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

Clint Militzer, District General Manager, Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center/Celebration

Michael Scioscia, General Manager, JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes

Erin Sims, President, Landform of Central Florida (Allied Relations Council Immediate Past Chair)

*Bruce Skwarlo, General Manager, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the entire 2024 CFHLA Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's mission is to represent the Central Florida Hospitality Industry, by setting the standard of excellence through advocacy, collaboration, education, recognition, and service. As the largest regional lodging association in the United States, CFHLA represents approximately 80 percent of the more than 129,500 hotel rooms in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and more than 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

For more information on the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, please visit www.cfhla.org.

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