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Solomon Keene Appointed To AH&LA Board of Directors:



HAWDC is excited to announce that its President & CEO, Solomon Keene, has been appointed to serve on the American Hotel & Lodging Association's (AH&LA) Board of Directors! Solomon will represent the International Society of Hospitality Association Executives (ISHAE) on the AH&LA Board. Solomon joins prominent industry leaders that represent all sectors of the lodging

industry, including hotel brands, owners and REITS, management companies, independent operators, and state associations. The AH&LA Board meets throughout the year to discuss a broad range of industry and association-related issues.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to represent ISHAE on this board. AH&LA is at the forefront of issues that have a broad impact on the lodging industry in our country. Having worked with AH&LA on a myriad of issues in the past, I look forward to working with them in my capacity as a board member," says Solomon.

HAWDC congratulates Solomon on his recent appointment and supports his continued involvement with issues that are important to our industry!

Mayor Muriel Bowser to Speak at HAWDC Annual Meeting:

HAWDC invites Members to attend its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016. A noon reception will be followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. We are pleased to announce that Mayor Muriel Bowser will be our guest speaker! With several new hotels scheduled to open in the District, 2016 is certain to be an exciting year for our industry.

Please see upcoming events for more details.

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday,

January 21, 2016: HAWDC Annual Meeting luncheon at the W Washington DC. Reception will be held at 12:00 pm followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Please click <u>HERE</u> to RSVP.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016:

Allied Member Meeting at 1201 New York Avenue NW. The meeting will be at 9:00 AM in the main lobby conference room. Contact <u>Malinda</u>



District's Foam Ban Now In Effect:



As a reminder, the District's ban on expanded polystyrene or Styrofoam[™] went into effect on January 1, 2016. All District businesses that sell or provide food are no longer able to use containers or other food service products made of foam. This applies to all businesses and organization, not just restaurants! The law was passed by the District Council in June

2014, with the goal of reducing trash pollution in the District's waterways.

For additional information on the District's foam ban, visit <u>ddoe.dc.gov/foam</u> or contact Kate Judson at <u>kate.judson@dc.gov</u> or 202-645-6988.

Allied Member Meeting:

HAWDC Board's Allied Member Co-Chairs Holly Miller and Christine McDaniel will host a meeting for all Allied Members. The meeting will be held at 1201 New York Avenue, NW on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Allied Members will have the opportunity to discuss goals for the coming year and their thoughts on membership and how they can be more actively involved with the Association. Please contact <u>Malinda Nafziger</u> to RSVP.

Smarter DC Challenge:

The District's Department of Energy and Environment ("DDOE") is launching its second annual Smarter DC Challenge for the hospitality sector. DDOE invites all District hotels to participate in its sustainability program that offers activities and opportunities to improve the sustainability performance of their hotel's business operations and facilities. The Challenge provides FREE education events, resources, and tools in several areas including: energy conservation, waste management, and pollution prevention that can result in significant cost savings. Challenge participants will engage in a friendly competition to be recognized and celebrated for their successes.

Nafziger to RSVP.

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Allied Member Highlight:

Ecolab is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies



and services. Every day, they help make the world cleaner, safer and healthier - protecting people and vital resources. They promote guest satisfaction and achieve sustainability goals with programs that keep their clients' property clean and sanitized and ensure fresh indoor air quality, comfortable room temperatures and crystal clear water features.

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