



HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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HAWDC 2019 Stars of the Industry Awards, Sponsored by USI Insurance:



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As the annual Stars event showcases the best of our industry, please join us to celebrate the talent and performance of employees and properties who go that extra mile to provide extraordinary service to their hotel guests. Members and guests will mix-n-mingle

during our reception, where delicious hor d'oeuvres and food at chef stations can be enjoyed. The awards presentation will immediately follow the reception.

This year, the awards luncheon will be proudly sponsored by USI Insurance ("USI"). USI, an HAWDC Allied Member, is a top 10 Insurance, Brokerage and Consulting Firm delivering Employee Benefits, Property & Casualty, and Retirement Solutions to the Hospitality Industry for over 30 years. They have become a premier middle market insurance brokerage firm by leveraging the USI ONE Advantage; an interactive platform that integrates proprietary analytics, networked resources and enterprise planning to create customized solutions with positive, bottom line impact. USI's Employee Benefit Practice is designed to contain cost, promote regulatory compliance and deliver superior account service.

USI's support will go towards giving scholarships to college-bound graduates interested in pursuing careers in hospitality. We look forward to seeing you in November!



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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 19th:

The HAWDC Board Meeting will be held at 10:30 A.M. Location TBD. Please contact [Ejigayehu Diriba](#) by Tuesday, September 17th to RSVP.

Friday, September 27th:

HAWDC's September Members Breakfast will be held on the rooftop conference room at 1225 New York Ave, NW at 10:00 am . Please contact [Ejigayehu Diriba](#) for more information or to RSVP.

HAWDC's September Member Breakfast Reception:

Staff Directory:



HAWDC will host the September Member Breakfast Reception on Friday, September 27th, 2019. Members will have the opportunity to discuss issues that may impact their business operations with Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, and Ernest Chrappah, Director of the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

Please join us to discuss important topics regarding hotel operations and how Members interface with the agency responsible for regulating construction and business activity in the District of Columbia and the District's Legislative and Executive Branches. Please RSVP with [Ejigayehu Diriba](#).

Pictured from left to right: Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia; Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development; and Ernest Chrappah, Director of the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

DC Council Hearing on Marijuana Testing:

On September 25th, the District Council's Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, will hold a hearing on Bill 23-266, the "Prohibition of Marijuana Testing Act of 2019." The bill seeks to prohibit employers from conducting marijuana testing as a condition of employment, with limited exceptions. HAWDC understands the impact that this proposed bill would have on our members' hiring practices and workplace policies. We have begun discussions regarding this bill and will continue to express our concerns to Councilmembers regarding the potential impact to our members and guests that stay in member hotels. As customary, HAWDC will continue to update members as this bill works its way through the legislative process.

Allied Member Spotlight:



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