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2018 Board of Directors Elected at AAHOA Convention

WASHINGTON, DC, April 2 – AAHOA held its 2018 election for the secretary position and various seats on its board of directors during its annual convention and trade show last week.

Vinay Patel, director of the Washington DC Area Region, won the secretary election. Four incumbents won re-election to the board of directors, while other open seats were filled by newly-elected members. The incumbents included regional directors Imesh Vaidya, representing the Southwest region, Kalpesh Joshi, representing the Upper Midwest region, Nitin (Nick) Patel, representing the Alabama Panhandle region, and Sanjay Patel, representing the Mid Atlantic region.

Newly-elected members of the AAHOA board include regional directors: Sunil B. Patel, of Brentwood, Tenn., representing the Mid South region; Kamalesh (KP) Patel, of Santa Cruz, Calif., representing the North Pacific region; Chetan (Chet) Patel, of Beaufort, SC, representing the South Carolina region; Mike (Mahendra) Patel, of South Padre Island, Texas, representing the South Central Texas region; Mike Riverside, of Riverside, Calif., representing the South Pacific region; Hitesh Patel, of Castle Rock, Wash., representing the Northwest region; Sawan Patel, of Houston, Texas, representing the Southeast Texas region; and Jayesh R. Patel, of Orchard Park, New York, representing the Northeast region. Jayesh (Jay) Patel, CHO, of Tampa, Fla., was elected director at large. Nimisha Patel of San Antonio, Texas, was elected as the female director for the western division.

“We congratulate each new leader, and thank those who are continuing their service,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “Each director volunteers their time and effort to AAHOA on behalf of hoteliers across the country. Their commitment and dedication truly help advance the industry forward.”

The following is a composite list of the 2018 AAHOA Board of Directors:

Officers:

- Chairman: Hitesh (HP) Patel
- Vice Chairwoman: Jagruti Panwala
- Treasurer: Biran Patel
- Secretary: Vinay Patel
- President: Chip Rogers

Directors at Large:

- Jayesh (Jay) Patel
- Navnit (Nick) Patel
- Piyush Patel

Regional Directors:

- Alabama Panhandle: Nitin (Nick) Patel
- Central Midwest: Priyesh P. Patel
- Florida: Bharat Patel
- Georgia: Kapil Patel
- Gulf: Girish (Gary) Patel
- Mid Atlantic: Sanjay Patel
- Mid South: Sunil B. Patel
- North Carolina: Rashmikant (Haji) Patel
- North Central: Naresh (Nick) Patel
- North Pacific: Kamalesh (KP) Patel
- North Texas: Mayur (Mike) Patel
- Northeast: Jayesh R. Patel
- Northwest: Hitesh Patel
- South Carolina: Chetan (Chet) Patel
- South Central Texas: Mike (Mahendra) Patel
- South Pacific: Mike Riverside
- Southeast Texas: Sawan Patel
- Southwest: Imesh Vaidya
- Upper Midwest: Kalpesh M. Joshi
- Washington DC Area: Vinay Patel

Young Professional Directors:

- Western Division: Neal Patel
- Eastern Division: Purvi Panwala

Female Directors:

- Western Division: Nimisha Patel
- Eastern Division: Lina Patel

Industry Partner:

- Faheem Khan

Immediate Past Chairman:

- Bhavesh B. Patel

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