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Enforcing Short Term Rental Ordinance Top Priority for New Chairman of Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association, Dean Lane

Chicago - The Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association (IHLA) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dean Lane, General Manager of the Palmer House, to Chairman of the Board. Mr. Lane was elected by the IHLA membership, as approved by a vote of the members at the IHLA 28th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016, for a one year term.

“First and foremost, I’m thrilled and honored to be the Chairman for the coming year,” said Mr. Lane. “One goal in particular stands out in my mind, and that is a plan to increase the value of the IHLA membership in order to retain and attract new members.”

When asked what his main focus for his year long tenure would be, Mr. Lane said “I plan to work closely with the city of Chicago to ensure the new Short Term Rental Ordinance that goes into effect in 2017 is vigorously enforced and a level playing field is established. I will also continue to work with Governor Rauner and the democratic leadership of Illinois General Assembly to ensure that full state tourism funding is protected even if the budget stalemate continues next year in Springfield.”

Lane is a 30 year veteran of the hotel and resort industry. His current role as the General Manager of the historic Palmer House, A Hilton Hotel, has Lane overseeing all day to day operations of the 145-year-old, 1641 room, Chicago landmark hotel institution.

Lane’s professional affiliations include active board member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, Officer and Board Member of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association, a State Street Commissioner and Chicago Loop Alliance Board Member. He also previously served on the Harold Washington College Hospitality Advisory Board.

Lane was awarded the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association Hotelier of the Year in 2014 and named the 2015 Historic Hotelier of the Year by the Historic Hotels of America a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. His role as Chairman will include a voice in governmental affairs issues that face IHLA’s over 500 hotel members and 150 Allied Members and Strategic Partners in Illinois, as well as other important roles to help strengthen and grow the industry and develop future leaders.

The Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association (IHLA) is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(6) trade association that represents the lodging industry in Illinois. IHLA members consist of over 500 hotels and their employees throughout the state as well as related industry partners and suppliers. IHLA provides significant benefits to its members by advocating the industry’s position on political issues, educating through quality, relevant seminars and webinars, providing promotional exposure and access to current industry news, resources, and contacts through IHLA’s website, marketing initiatives, member programs, and networking events, and recognizing hotel employees for their outstanding accomplishments, service, and leadership in the Illinois hospitality and lodging industry.