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**Springfield Residence Inn General Manager  
Reappointed to Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association Board**

**Chicago** - The Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association (IHLA) is thrilled to announce the reappointment of Darin Dame, General Manager of the Springfield Residence Inn, to their board. Mr. Dame was re-elected by the IHLA membership, as approved by a vote of the members at the IHLA 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

As a professional in the hospitality industry, Mr. Dame holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Southern Illinois University and is recognized as a Certified Hotel Administrator by the American Hotel & Lodging Hotel Association. In addition, he is an active board member of the Springfield Hotel & Lodging Association, where he is currently serving as President.

Mr. Dame's leadership and organizational management experience also extends to the local community where he has served as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Administrative Board at First United Methodist Church in Springfield, and to the Springfield Rotary Club-South where he serves on the board overseeing special projects and assisting in meal deliveries.

Mr. Dame has over 25 years of hospitality and organizational management experience as a General Manager of consistently top-ranking hotels and he is thrilled to continue his work as a member of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association.

*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.*