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**Local CFO Appointed to Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association Board**

**Chicago** - The Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association (IHLA) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dave Kimsey, Chief Financial Officer at Johnson Development Company, to their board. Mr. Kimsey was 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.

"It is a great honor to be recognized and trusted by the professional membership of the IHLA and I'm looking forward to continuing to increase the strength and value of our membership," said Mr. Kimsey. "The Association represents a diverse group throughout the state and having strong voices in the capital keeps travel and tourism in the forefront of the mind of state and local leaders."

Mr. Kimsey is recognized as a Certified Hotel Administrator by the American Hotel & Lodging Hotel Association and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Millikin University. He has been a member of the IHLA Government Affairs Committee since 2010 and currently sits on the Americas Committee of Intercontinental Hotels Group Owner's Association - Extended Stay. Mr. Kimsey has served as Trustee for the Village of Chatham since 2013 and he is the Treasurer and Co-Founder of Chatham Friends of the Park 501(c)(3).

Mr. Kimsey is a 15-year hotel industry veteran whose advocacy for the tourism industry has stretched from local issues in the Springfield and Peoria areas, to the Illinois State House, and the US Capitol in DC. He is thrilled and honored to join the IHLA Board of Directors.

*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.*