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The Independent Lodging Industry Association Announces Its New Leadership For 2012-13

Sacramento, CA - The Independent Lodging Industry Association (ILIA) is a national association formed to promote, protect and advance the interests of independent lodging owners and their management teams, and to provide a network of resources to support member efficiency, profitability and professionalism. First and foremost is our view that a vibrant lodging industry that offers the greatest choice best serves the travelling public.

ILIA recently selected and is announcing its new leadership for 2012-13, and that includes:

Howard Mathews- President
Golden Bear Inn , Berkeley CA.

Since 1972, Mathews has owned or managed 30 motels and hotels from a 22-unit property in North Lake Tahoe to a 310-unit full-service Ramada Inn in Salt Lake City. Mathews has been qualified and employed by the California Municipal and Superior Courts as an expert witness in the hotel and motel industry and also in the hotel and motel brokerage business. He is a long-time active member of CLIA (California Lodging Industry Association) and served as CLIA's president in 1997 and 2010. www.goldenbearinn.com

Raj Dhillon- Vice President
President/Owner of Dhillon Hotels & Montana Lodging Investments.

Mr. Dhillon owns and manages hotels in Montana and North Dakota.

Meg O'Leary- Secretary
Big Sky Resort, Montana

Ms. O'Leary is the Director of Sales & Marketing for Montana's largest destination resort Big Sky Resort. For over 20 years, she's passionately focused on bringing people to one of the most beautiful parts of our country right next to Yellowstone National Park. www.bigskyresort.com

Joe Wolosz- Treasurer
Chablis Inn, Napa, California

Raised in a hotel family, Mr. Wolosz has spent his life participating in operations, development, management, and ownership. He is president of Passport Hotel Group, Inc., a real estate firm specializing in hotel transactions. Wolosz is also the owner of the Holiday Inn Express in Fortuna, CA and the Chablis Inn in Napa, CA. www.chablisinn.com

The Independent Lodging Industry Association (ILIA) was founded by The California Lodging Industry Association (CLIA) in 2010 and now has nearly 1,000 members throughout the country. ILIA's members are small business people made up of independent hotel owners and operators.

ILIA's mission is to provide an outlet to hotels in all states to have representation in Washington D.C. and their State Capitol. ILIA exists to promote consumer choice in the travel industry and support the free-market against attempts to limit competition.

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