

CONVENTION BUREAUS

Alan Humason has been appointed executive director of the Mendocino County (California) Tourism Commission. Humason has more than 15 years of experience in marketing and communications, and most recently served as executive director of the Yolo County (California) Visitors Bureau.



Alan Humason

Michael Laatsch has been named chief operating officer of the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau. In this newly created position, Laatsch will oversee day-to-day oper-

ations. He most recently served as vice-president of public relations and corporate communications for the Western & Southern Financial Group.

Michelyn (Mikey) Tinor has been appointed national sales director of VisitPittsburgh. She previously worked for 10 years in pharmaceutical sales for Pfizer Inc. Tinor also owns and operates an online web show that spotlights leaders, innovators and small business owners in the Greater Pittsburgh area.



Michelyn Tinor

Andre Walker has been named national account manager at Visit KC (Missouri). He will be based in Washington, D.C., and work in the large-meeting

segment. Walker recently served as national sales manager for the Memphis (Tennessee) Convention & Visitors Bureau for nearly nine years.

Ryan Barth has been named national sales manager at Visit Indy. Barth previously worked for the organization as sales manager in the Washington, D.C., market before leaving for his most recent position as a global account executive for ConferenceDirect in Los Angeles.



Ryan Barth

Tom Dolan has been appointed director of citywide sales at the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau. He previously served as market sales leader for Marriott International.

Teri Laursen has been promoted to director of sales and industry partners at TravelNevada in Carson City. She previously served as the organization's sales director.

SPOTLIGHT: GREATER PHOENIX

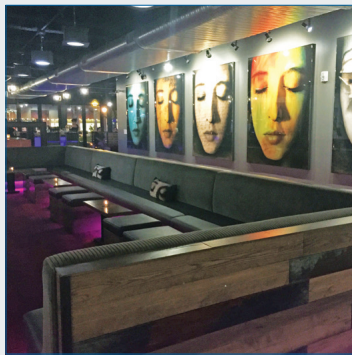
The Valley of the Sun continues to prove its ability to host major groups — whether it's a meeting or a big sports event such as the recent NCAA Final Four. The Phoenix Convention Center was the site of the fan fest and downtown hotels (including the recently renovated Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel) hosted the visiting teams and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, which held its convention at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix. The games themselves were held at the University of Phoenix Stadium in **Glendale**.

The region also continues to add to its offerings with new and renovated hotels. The newest is Mountain Shad-

ows in **Paradise Valley**, which opened April 1 with 183 guest rooms and 37,500 square feet of meeting space. Located near Roosevelt Row arts district in **Phoenix**, the 105-room FOUND:RE opened last fall with space for groups of up to 200. The

hotel is filled with local art, in both the guest rooms and in the public and meeting space. Hotels in **Mesa** undergoing renovations include the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, which is following a renovation of its guest rooms last year with a multimillion-dollar reinvention of its lobby area and public spaces this year. The Phoenix Marriott Mesa, which is connected to the Mesa Convention Center, is also undergoing a renovation.

—Ann Shepphird



The new FOUND:RE in the arts district of Phoenix offers curated local art that can be found throughout the hotel.

HOSPITALITY & SUPPLIERS

Jim Caldwell, CEO of Omni Hotels & Resorts, also recently assumed the role of president. Caldwell will continue establishing the vision for the brand while overseeing all operational areas. Caldwell has served as CEO of Omni Hotels & Resorts for the last 13 years.



Jim Caldwell

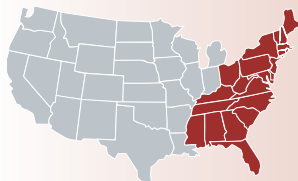
The Wyndham Hotel Group recently promoted **Barry Goldstein** from chief digital and distribution officer to chief marketing officer. Prior to joining Wyndham, Goldstein served as chief revenue officer for Dolce Hotels & Resorts (which was later acquired by Wyndham).

Michael Jokovich has been appointed area vice-president and gen-

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Association Update

News from state and regional associations and local societies of association executives



• The Washington, D.C.–based Destination Marketing Association International plans to change its name to **Destinations International**. The change will go into effect during the organization's annual convention, scheduled to begin July 11 in Montréal. The rebranding decision is a result of eight months of review, including a collaboration with the Miles Partnership; feedback gathered from stakeholder interviews; and an extensive analysis of key operational facets of the association.

• Also in Washington, D.C., the **American Society of Association Executives** has announced its **2017 Class of Fellows**, a program that recognizes individual accomplishments and contributions to the group and the association sector. This year's class includes **Shawn Boynes**, executive director of the American Association of Anatomists in Bethesda, Maryland; **Gregory Fine**, global chief executive officer of the Turnaround Management Association in Chicago; **Sal Martino**, chief executive officer and executive director of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists in Albuquerque, New Mexico; **Mickie Rops**, president and principal consultant of the Indianapolis-based Mickie Rops Consulting, LLC; **Dawn Sweeney**, president and CEO of the Washington, D.C.–based National Restaurant Association; and **Mark Vaughan**, executive vice-president and chief sales officer of the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau. The selection process for the program includes endorsement by a peer; an in-depth application describing the individual's innovation, leadership and commitment to the profession; and an interview with two members of the selection committee.

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eral manager of the Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort in Hawaii. Jokovich most recently served as area vice-president and general manager of the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa near Austin, Texas.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island, has appointed **Lani Shufelt** as general manager and chief operating officer and **Cherie'lin Toporowski** as director of sales and marketing. Shufelt most recently served as the hotel's marketing manager. Toporowski most recently served as program manager with Newport Hospitality, a destination management company in Rhode Island.

J. Michael Williams has been named managing director of Innisbrook—a Salamander Golf & Spa Resort in Palm Harbor, Florida. Most recently, Williams was executive vice-president for operations and sales at Crescent Hotels & Resorts, but he also previously worked at Innisbrook as director of sales and marketing.

The Hotel Californian, scheduled to open this summer in Santa Barbara, California, has named **Carlos Lopes** as managing director and **Warren Nocon** as general manager. Lopes previously was managing director and vice-president of the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles and executive vice-president of Rock Resorts. Nocon has more than 20 years of hospitality experience, most recently serving as general manager of the Colony Palms Hotel in Palm Springs, California, and the Ambrose Hotel in Santa Monica, California.

Diarmuid Dwyer has been named general manager of the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City. Dwyer most recently served as hotel manager

and executive director of the Waldorf Towers in New York City.

John Trevenen has been named general manager of the Keswick Hall & Golf Club in Keswick, Virginia. He most recently served as general manager of Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton, New York.

Bess Miller has been appointed general manager of the Curtis, a DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Denver. She most recently served as general manager of the Westin/Westminster in Colorado.

Eva Chan has been named director of sales and marketing at Rosewood Tucker's Point in Bermuda. Chan has more than 20 years of experience in the luxury hospitality industry and most recently served as director of sales at the Belle Mont Farm on Kittitian Hill in St. Kitts.



Eva Chan

Katherine Beja-McLennan has been hired as director of sales and marketing at the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. She most recently served as director of sales and marketing at the Shelborne Wyndham Grand South Beach in Miami Beach, Florida.

Jodi Doughty has been appointed director of sales and marketing at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. She most recently served as vice-president of sales and marketing for Remington Hotels' independent luxury division, overseeing 12 properties across the country.

Scott Becque has been named director of sales and marketing at the Marriott/Syracuse Downtown in New York. Most recently, Becque served as director of sales and marketing for the Hilton/Hasbrouck Heights-Meadowlands in New Jersey.

Rhocelli Pascual has been appointed director of marketing at Motif Seattle, a Destination Hotel. Pascual most recently served as associate director of marketing

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Carlos Lopes



Warren Nocon

