



## MINNESOTA LODGING ASSOCIATION

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## Howard Anderson, Three Rivers Hospitality, Chanhassen Elected 2007 Minnesota Lodging Association President

**ST. PAUL, MINN.** — Howard Anderson, Three Rivers Hospitality, Chanhassen, was elected president of the Minnesota Lodging Association (MLA) at its Tuesday, January 23, annual meeting at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa. Anderson succeeds Jack Juve, AmericInn Lodge & Suites, North Branch and Jim Waldvogel, Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel, Minneapolis.

Juve and Waldvogel were co-presidents last year due to the merger of the Minnesota Association of Innkeepers and the Minnesota Hotel & Lodging Association into the MLA April 1, 2006.

"Our organization is stronger than ever," Anderson said upon being elected president. "As the single lodging association in Minnesota, we finally have a united voice to represent all of our members; we finally have the financial strength to provide a superior level of service to our members; and we have an overwhelming number of members willing to volunteer their time and expertise to serve on committees to benefit all our members."

Anderson serves as the senior district manager for Three Rivers Hospitality, which is a management company specializing in upscale, limited-service properties. It currently manages 41 properties under the AmericInn, Country Inn and Suites, Days Inn, Hampton Inn and Suites and Super 8 brands. Anderson has been a tireless promoter of the hospitality industry in Minnesota, having served on the board of directors of the Minnesota Association of Innkeepers for several years.

Anderson said the MLA intends to harness its resources to positively benefit its members by expanding their industry knowledge and helping them grow their businesses. "Our members need to be engaged and involved to be able to take the knowledge gained from these opportunities back to benefit their businesses," he said. "Our organization will only be as strong as the membership and its involvement."

Other officers and board members elected during the Minnesota Lodging Association's annual meeting include:

- **Vice President** Kirk Schultz, Madison Hospitality Group, Stillwater
- **Treasurer:** Mike Woitas, Country Inn & Suites, Albert Lea
- **Immediate Past Presidents:** Jack Juve, AmericInn Lodge & Suites, North Branch and Jim Waldvogel, Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel, Minneapolis
- **President Elect:** Brad Stevens, Shooting Star Casino Hotel & Event Center, Mahanomen

### **Newly Elected Directors**

#### **Three Year Term**

- Susie Bradley, Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Paul
- Rob Buntz, Bluefin Bay on Lake Superior, Tofte
- Tom Chase, Marriott City Center Hotel, Minneapolis
- Laura Garcia, Marriott Southwest, Minnetonka
- Chris Holland Mehlhaff, The Lodge on Lake Detroit, Detroit Lakes
- Jason Subbert, Three Rivers Hospitality, Fairmont
- Mike Wilmes, Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud



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### **Two Year Term**

- Bill Aho, Super 8 Motel, Eveleth
- Atul Bhatnager, Oakdale Motel, Owatonna
- Rob Dann, CSM Corporation, Minneapolis
- Bonnie Carlson, Bloomington CVB, Bloomington
- Allan Falk, Super 8 Motel, Zumbrota
- Bill Foussard, Best Westerns, St. Cloud and White Bear Lake
- Sue Jung, Country Suites by Carlson, Coon Rapids
- Terry Mattson, Visit Duluth, Duluth
- Liz Moscatelli, USA Today, Shoreview
- Mitch Peterson, Torgerson Properties, Willmar
- Scott Uttley, Holiday Inn & Wild Woods Waterpark, Otsego

### **One Year Term**

- Dan Dick, The Saint Paul Hotel, Saint Paul
- Bruce Fairchild, Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester
- John Holland, Best Western Holland House & Suites, Detroit Lakes
- Marianna Khauv, Best Western Chelsea Inn & Suites, Monticello
- John Luke, Hilton, Minneapolis
- Tom Mason, Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis
- Robert Rivers, Millennium Hotel, Minneapolis
- Roxanne Simonson, AmericInn, Two Harbors
- Dave Spizzo, Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point
- Mike Wilke, Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington

### About the Minnesota Lodging Association

The MLA is a leading provider of lobbying, education and marketing services to the lodging industry. Members include hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, chambers of commerce, CVBs and suppliers. The MLA is based in St. Paul and served by a staff of 15. It is managed by and part owner of Hospitality Minnesota, which also manages the Minnesota Restaurant Association and the Minnesota Resort & Campground Association. The MLA can be found on the Web at [www.hospitalitymn.com](http://www.hospitalitymn.com).