



HAWDC Kicks Off 2018 With Its Annual Member Meeting:



On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, HAWDC held its Annual Member Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn-Georgetown with keynote speaker, Jeffrey DeWitt, Chief

Financial Officer for the District of Columbia. CFO DeWitt discussed the hotel industry's economic impact to the District's economy. In fiscal year 2017, \$446 million in taxes collected from the hotel industry accounted for 6.1% of all DC tax revenues. The hospitality industry is vital to the growth of the District's economy, and has been a major contributor to the growth in District revenues over the last decade. In 2017 alone, tourists to the District also accounted for contributing \$240 million in revenues from sales taxes on restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues.

Prior to the keynote address, members had the opportunity to approve the 2018 Slate of Officers for HAWDC's Board of Directors to include: Sheri Swain, General Manager, Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol, as Board Chair; Steve Smith, General Manager, Grand Hyatt Washington, as Vice Chair; Meade Atkeson, General Manager, the W Washington D.C., as Second Vice Chair; and William Walsh, General Manager, Marriott Wardman Park, as Secretary-Treasurer.

HAWDC would like to thank outgoing Board Chair, Satinder Palta, for his hard-work, service and dedication to HAWDC over the past two years. We would also like to thank John Varghese and his team at the Hilton Garden Inn-Georgetown for hosting a wonderful event! We look forward to working with all of our members in 2018!

Pictured above: Jeffrey DeWitt, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia Government.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 21:

The HAWDC Board of Directors meeting will be held at 1225 New York Ave, NW, Suite 250 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Please contact [Renauda Bennett](#) for more information or to RSVP.

Thursday February 22:

The HR Directors Association meeting will be held at 1201 New York Ave, NW in the 11th floor Conference Room from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast will be provided. Please contact [Vanessa Peters](#) for more information or to RSVP.

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On Tuesday, January 23rd, HAWDC held its Annual Allied Member Meeting. Allied Members had the opportunity to hear from HAWDC President & CEO, Solomon Keene, as he presented

a recap of HAWDC's 2017 accomplishments and shared the new initiatives for 2018.

Allied Members held an election to vote for the Allied Member that would represent them on HAWDC's Board of Directors. HAWDC would like to congratulate Holly Miller, Vice President, Regional Non-Profit Practice Leader, USI Insurance Services, for being re-elected to serve on HAWDC's Board.

Pictured above: Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington, D.C.; Renauda Bennett, Membership & Program Coordinator, with HAWDC Allied Members.

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Allied Member Spotlight:

Clean & Polish Building Solutions, a premier exterior building maintenance solutions provider since 1984, offers a myriad of cost effective and energy saving services in the categories of cleaning, restoration and repairs. With an impressive client reference list, they service facilities spanning over 73 million square feet.



Services that they frequently provide to their hotel clients include exterior window cleaning, pressure washing, high dusting, light bulb replacement, metal cleaning & restoration and exterior caulking services.

As a US Green Building Council Member, Clean & Polish Building Solutions has pledged to do their part to sustain the environment and to protect and enhance the well-being of their clients and properties. Their mission is to lead the industry in protecting the environment by continuing to learn and share its knowledge of all sustainable initiatives and cleaning products.

For more information, please contact Pete Bentley at 240-620-9470, or pete@cleanandpolish.com, or visit www.cleanandpolish.com.

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