



HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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HAWDC Kicks Off 2019 With Its Annual Member Meeting:

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, HAWDC held its Annual Member Meeting at the Marriott Marquis with keynote speaker, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie. Councilmember McDuffie discussed the hotel industry's economic impact to the District's economy. In fiscal year



2018, \$316 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.



Prior to the keynote address, members had the opportunity to approve the 2019 Slate of Officers for HAWDC's Board of Directors to include: Sheri Swain, General Manager, Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol, as Board Chair; Meade Atkeson, General Manager, The W

Washington, D.C., as Vice Chair; William Walsh, General Manager, Marriott Wardman Park, as Second Vice Chair; and Stacy Smith, General Manager, Hyatt Place National Mall, as Secretary-Treasurer.

HAWDC held its Annual Allied Member Meeting before the Member Meeting. Allied Members had the opportunity to hear from HAWDC President & CEO, Solomon Keene, as he presented a recap of HAWDC's 2018 accomplishments and shared the new initiatives for 2019.

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!

We would also like to thank Satinder Palta and his team at the Marriott Marquis for hosting a wonderful event! We look forward to working with all of our members in 2019!

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 21st:

The HAWDC Board Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2201 M Street, NW, at 10:30 A.M. Please contact [Ejigayehu Diriba](#) by Wednesday, February 20 to RSVP.

Thursday, February 28th:

The HAWDC Human Resource Directors Association Meeting will be held in the East Conference Room at 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20005 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Contact [Vanessa Peters](#) to RSVP.

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Pictured above (right): Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington D.C.

Pictured above (left): Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie; Council of the District of Columbia.

Pictured above (center): Solomon Keene, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Sheri Swain, General Manager, Holiday Inn Capitol

Employer Engagement Kick-Off:

On Monday, January 28, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Deputy Mayor Brian Kenner, and some of the District's top 100 employers came together to discuss workforce development, economic diversification, innovation, and ways in which the District can work in collaboration with employers to navigate labor challenges and promote diversity and inclusion for all District residents.



Pictured above (from right): Elliott Ferguson, President & CEO, Destination D.C., Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington D.C., [x]

AH&LA Stars of the Industry Award Appreciation:



HAWDC is proud to congratulate long time member, Stacy Smith, General Manager; Hyatt Place Washington DC/National Mall on being awarded with the Paving the Way award during the AH&LA 2019 Stars of the Industry Awards ceremony.

Over the past four years as General Manager at the Hyatt Place Washington, DC/National Mall, Stacy Smith has shown exceptional leadership as a role model at the hotel and within her community. In 2015, Stacy started a program called City Partner Pathways, now funded

by the DC government, that provides disadvantaged people with the

opportunity for a life-long career. As a result of the program and Stacy's mentorship, more than two dozen 18-24-year-old young adults have gotten training and a job at the hotel. Congratulations Stacy!

Pictured above: Stacy Smith, General Manager; Hyatt Place Washington D.C./ National Mall.

ABRA License Renewals:

If you have an alcoholic beverage license, it must be renewed by April 1, 2019. Additionally, class A retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers that pay for liquor licenses on an annual basis are due to make payments to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) by April 1, 2019.

Renewal packets and payment notices will be mailed out to licensees no later than February 15. To ensure that you receive your packet or payment notice, please make sure that ABRA has your most updated and accurate contact information. If you have changed your mailing address, email address or phone number, please [click here](#) to submit a contact information update form as soon as possible.

Licensees that have questions can contact ABRA at abc@dc.gov or (202) 442-4423.

Allied Member Spotlight:



Metro Laundry Service is a family-owned business satisfying customers in the Maryland, District of Columbia & Virginia region since 2002. They employ over 50 full-time and part-time employees to superbly meet customer demand and are registered as a vendor with major hotel management companies and

certified by the Capital Region Minority Supplier Diversity Council as an Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

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