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FICP 2012 Leadership Announced

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – Members of Financial & Insurance Conference Planners (FICP) elected one new member to serve on the association's board of directors at the 2011 FICP Annual Conference, held at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. Wayne Robinson, CMP, Head of Conferences and Events, Guardian Life Insurance Company, New York, New York will serve a three-year term, which becomes effective January 1, 2012.

By acclamation, Koleen Roach, Director, Meetings & Conference Management, Securian Financial Group, St. Paul, Minnesota becomes the 2012 FICP Chair.

The board of directors elected Kelli Livers, CMP, Director, Travel & Administrative Services, Forethought Financial Group, Houston, Texas as the FICP Chair-Elect and Treasurer. Livers will automatically become FICP Chair in 2013.

Continuing on the board are:

- Florine Edwards, CMP, CMM, VP, Corporate Programs & Exhibit Management, FM Global, Johnston, Rhode Island
- Eldon Gale, Director, Meeting & Event Management, Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, Ohio
- Lindsay Maloni, Senior Conference Planner, MetLife, Boston, Massachusetts
- Kim Pickering, CMP, Manager, Meetings & Conference Management, Manulife Financial, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- Jana Stern, Director, Conventions & Conference Planning, ING, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Todd Zint, CMP, CMM, VP, Meetings & Event Strategy, NFP, Austin, Texas
- Steve Bova, CAE, FICP Executive Director, Chicago, Illinois

To serve on the board of directors, one must be an FICP member in good standing for a continuous two-year period; be able to maintain their corporate and/or meeting planning responsibilities as well as their board responsibilities; have the full support of their company's management; and have at least five years of work experience in the meeting/conference planning field.

Departing the board at the end of the year is Dan Young, CMP, CLU, ChFC, LLIF, Director of Event Planning & Field Recognition, Thrivent Financial, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2012 Hospitality Partner Advisory Council Announced

Colleen Brzozowski, Director of Sales, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, was named Chair of the Hospitality Partner Advisory Council (HPAC) for 2012. The 2011 Chair, Kathy Fort Carty, CMP, President & CEO, Destination Services Corporation (DSC), will serve as Past Chair.

The HPAC welcomed Clarence Day, Director of National Accounts, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua for 2012.

Bob Beach, CMP, Director of National Sales, Destination Hotels & Resorts; Katy Gettinger, National Account Director, Starwood Hotels & Resorts; Diane Goodman, CMP, President, Goodman Speakers Bureau, Inc.; and Michael Tarr, CMP, Vice President, Convention Sales, Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau will continue on the council. Brent Centlivre, Senior Sales Manager, Disney Institute will depart.

NOTE: Photos available upon request.

FICP provides high-quality information, education and networking to financial and insurance meeting professionals, increasing their success and strategic value. We maintain a balanced planner to hospitality partner ratio at all times, resulting in a unique business environment.

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