



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy time for me the past few months as I am sure it has been for many of you. For me, I have traveled to almost every county in the state (I apologize to San Juan, Daggett and Uintah counties, I will come visit soon I promise) and have visited with hotels about the results of our legislative efforts this past session. The response has been wonderful as we have talked about our successes and goals for next year. We have added many new members to the association through the process and look to be on pace, by the end of the year, to more than triple the size of our membership as compared to our membership two years ago when I started with the association.

The momentum is really exciting to see and a lot is the result of the legislative work that we do and in the continued support from our great partners and Allied members. Please remember our great Allied members as you make purchases, they are so supportive of our efforts and as hotels we should work very hard to support them when we can.

On a personal note this busy time is even busier since my wife and I have just welcomed our first child this past month. We are so happy to have our little boy; he is a great treasure to us. It was exciting that he came right after visiting hotels in Torrey and Bryce Canyon. He must have seen the beauty of the State and he could not help but want to come out and enjoy it for himself. With all of the excitement, I need to thank all of the board and all of you for your continued support and for your dedication to the association. The hotel industry would not be as strong in Utah without the association and the association could not survive without your help.

Enjoy your summer. I hope that it is a busy and exciting one filled with many guests and beautiful weather.

Michael Johnson
Executive Director

2011 Fall Conference & Trade Show

November 9-10, 2011
Hilton Salt Lake City Center,
Salt Lake City

Registration will be available shortly. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Support UH&LA by being a conference sponsor! Sponsor opportunities are available at the **Five Star, Four Star and Three Star** levels. Booth purchases are also available at a discounted price for UH&LA members.

For more information on any of these opportunities please contact Michael Johnson at (801)593-2213 or uhlmail@gmail.com.



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New UH&LA Executive Committee President

UH&LA would like to thank Mark Mundel for his service as President of the Executive Committee and for his contribution to the hotel industry in Utah. Mark has accepted a position outside of Utah and has been released from his duties as a member of the board. Although we regret seeing him leave, we wish Mark all the best in his new endeavors.

As Mark's replacement, the board has elected Lance Syrett as President of the Executive Committee. Lance is the Resort Level Hotel General Manager at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon City, UT. A fourth generation family business, the Ruby's Inn resort has 694 rooms, 3 restaurants, shopping facilities, a campground and many activities to complement any visit to Bryce Canyon National Park. Ruby's Inn specializes in domestic as well as international market. Lance has worked in the hospitality industry since he was a kid and has worked in food service and as a trail guide prior to working at the hotel. A 2003 graduate of Southern Utah University, he has worked at the hotel since that time and has been the General Manager for 2 ½ years. Lance is married with three young boys and lives in Tropic Utah.

Board Member Updates

Executive Committee

President: Lance Syrett
Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City

1st Vice President: Jim Burgess
Safari Property Management, Cedar City

New Board Members

Jeff Protzman
Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Salt Lake City

Reminder!

H.B. 82 goes into effect July 1!

This bill shifts the burden of reporting tax-exempt status from hotels onto the tax-exempt entities. If you have any questions about this bill and how it affects your property, please contact Michael Johnson at (801) 593-2213 or uhlmail@gmail.com.

New Allied Members

For Allied Member contact information click [here](#).

Array of Design: Wholesale distributors and manufacturers of framed art and mirrors since 1986.

The Cadmus Group: Energy and environmental consulting firm and major contractor to EPA for the ENERGY STAR program.

Chase Associates, LLC: Utah company providing interior design, budgeting, project management and purchasing to the hospitality industry.

H&H Pest Control: Specifically tailored pest management products and services for the hospitality industry.

iBAHN: Global leader in the integration of hotel networks with guest application by converging digital TV, digital audio, video on demand and business grade high speed internet services.

R&O Construction: Headquartered in Ogden, Utah, and specializing in commercial construction since 1980.

SERVPRO: Specializing in fire and water damage clean-up and restoration.