

## **Andy Dolce of Valley Cottage, N.Y. Joins Stockton University Board of Trustees**

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**Galloway, NJ** – Andy Dolce, of Valley Cottage, N.Y., joined the Stockton University Board of Trustees this week. Dolce, who brings hotel and conference management experience to the board, was sworn in at the university's Feb. 24 meeting.

Dolce is one of three new members to join the Stockton University Board of Trustees. Ellen Bailey, Esq., a member of the firm of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC in Philadelphia, and Meg Worthington, a commercial/residential real estate agent and management consultant of Galloway, N.J., were also sworn in at the Feb. 24 meeting.

"Stockton is privileged to have Andy Dolce, Ellen Bailey and Meg Worthington become members of the Board of Trustees, where their talents, energy and career achievements will add a new dimension to our leadership team," said Stockton President Harvey Kesselman. "We are honored that each of these tremendous individuals is willing to give of their time as Stockton moves into the next phase of its growth."

Dolce is founder and chairman emeritus of Dolce Hotels and Resorts. Among many accomplishments, he is most widely known for elevating the meeting and conference center model to reflect clients' needs for environments that inspire creativity and learning. He also holds the distinction of being named one of the "25 Most Influential Executives" in the meetings and travel industries by both Meeting News and Business Travel News magazines.

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Dolce studied Economics at Iona College, earning a B.A. degree. He later earned a master's degree from Cornell University in Applied Economic Management where he wrote and published a book on economics for the food industry. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired with the rank of captain.

He is past president of the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC), and is a Mel Hosansky Award recipient, the highest honor in the conference center industry. Dolce also was most recently awarded the IACC Global distinguished service for his work in putting IACC Global together.

Dolce is on the board of New York University's Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Travel administration and serves on Iona College's Legal Board of Trustees. He served as executive-in-residence at Cornell University Hotel School and serves as chairman of the advisory board of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism which is affiliated with Stockton University. He is also currently involved with Operation Smile Medical Mission in Central and South America.

Dolce began his career in the meetings and hospitality industry at the American Management Association, where he managed 600 conferences a year throughout the U.S. During his tenure with the AMA, Dolce experienced the insufficient services and often counter-productive facilities that permeated the meetings and conference market. Shortly thereafter, he started working for Harrison Conference Centers as the executive vice president and improved the company's brand by pioneering the first "Complete Meetings Package" for the conference industry.

In 1981, he founded Dolce International and turned it into the world's leading hospitality organization specializing in delivering an exceptional hospitality experience. To prepare the company for even greater success, in mid-2008, Dolce International changed its name to Dolce Hotels and Resorts to more accurately reflect the breadth and caliber of services and amenities offered to its guests and to broaden its appeal to both the leisure and transient markets.

On Jan. 30, 2015, Dolce and his partners at Broadreach Capital sold the company to the Wyndham Hotel Group.

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