

## Stockton Welcomes Andy Dolce, Ellen Bailey and Meg Worthington to Board of Trustees

***For Immediate Release; with photos of new trustees attached***

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**Galloway, NJ** - Three new members of the Stockton University Board of Trustees were sworn in at today's meeting, bringing expertise and experience from the fields of law, hotel and conference management, and real estate and municipal government.

"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."

**Ellen Bailey, Esq.**, a member of the firm of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC in Philadelphia, focuses her practice primarily on business litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of general commercial litigation, mass tort litigation, and product liability. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable John E. Wallace, Jr. (ret.) of the New Jersey Supreme Court and as a legal intern for both the Camden County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Yvonne Mokgoro of the Constitutional Court of South Africa in Johannesburg. Prior to joining private practice, Ellen was an assistant prosecutor with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office.

Bailey holds a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and obtained her B.A. from Drew University. She is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Bailey's professional affiliations include: the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and American Bar Associations; and she serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Litigation Section Council; Pennsylvania Bar Association Quality of Life/Balance Committee; Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession Executive Council; and member of the Stockton University Foundation.

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**Andy Dolce** is founder and chairman emeritus of Dolce Hotels and Resorts. Among many accomplishments, Dolce 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.

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

**Meg Worthington**, a commercial/residential real estate agent and management consultant, brings invaluable experience in dealings with diverse and unique real estate transactions. Worthington recently received her GAI, Broker Salesperson designation in real estate and has been a licensed salesperson since 1980.

Prior to joining the Stephen N. Frankel team in 2001, she served as president of the Worthington Group for 16 years, a family-owned, management-consulting firm. She and her late father, Charles, a former Stockton trustee, represented many corporations and publicly traded companies in the areas of marketing, strategic planning, legislative and issue development.

Worthington's long-time service on the Galloway Township Council has led her to being named to the New Jersey Elected Officials Hall of Fame. Throughout her 24-year tenure on council, Galloway has been one of the fastest-growing communities in New Jersey.

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She has been involved in all facets of that growth and development. Worthington has served four terms as mayor and has also served on the Planning Board, Budget, Infrastructure, Solid Waste, Affordable Housing and many ad hoc issue committees; giving her insight into virtually all aspects of Galloway's administration, operation and development.

She also has been involved in the state regulatory process on several levels and understands the complex approval and redevelopment process in New Jersey's Coastal and Pineland areas.

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