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CSHAE  
CARIBBEAN SOCIETY OF HOTEL  
ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

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**CARIBBEAN SOCIETY OF HOTEL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES ELECT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2016-18; SETS STRATEGIC PLANS FOR 2016-19**

***Leadership Conference Sponsored by ARDA ROC***

THE CARIBBEAN (Feb. 17, 2016) – The Caribbean Society of Hotel Association Executives (CSHAE) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Leadership Conference, sponsored by American Resort Development Association - Resort Owners' Coalition (ARDA-ROC), prior to Caribbean Travel Marketplace where members voted for its executive committee for 2016 - 2018.

Association executives from 15 national hotel and tourism associations met and elected the following individuals to the CSHAE executive committee:

- Neil Forrester, general manager, Antigua Hotels & Tourism Association, was elected as president of CSHAE
- Stacey Cox, association executive, Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association, was elected first vice president and president-elect of CSHAE
- Brian Frontin, CEO, Trinidad Hotels, Restaurant and Tourism Association, was elected treasurer of CSHAE
- Irene Dingjan, CEO, Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association, was elected as secretary of CSHAE
- Gilda Gumbs-Samuel, executive director, Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association, holds the position of chairman of CSHAE, having served as president for the 2014-16 term



***Pictured (l-r) Brian Frontin, CEO, Trinidad Hotels, Restaurant and Tourism Association and CSHAE treasurer; Sue Springer, executive vice president, Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association and CSHAE Board member; Stacey Cox, association executive, Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association and CSHAE first vice president and president-elect; Neil Forrester, general manager, Antigua Hotels & Tourism Association, CSHAE president; Irene Dingjan, CEO, Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association and CSHAE secretary; Gilda Gumbs-Samuel, executive director, Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association and CSHAE chairman; and Stephen Todd, CEO, Bermuda Hotel Association and CSHAE Board member. Missing Jim Hepple, president and CEO, Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association and CSHAE Board member.***

Other members elected to the CSHAE Board of Directors include:

- Sue Springer, executive vice president, Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association
- Jim Hepple, president and CEO, Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association
- Stephen Todd, CEO, Bermuda Hotel Association

“I appreciate the vote of confidence from the other association executives in electing me President of CSHAE and look forward to working with everyone to implement the strategic plans of both CSHAE and CHTA,” said Forrester.

As part of the CSHAE Annual General Meeting, the executives participated in ASAE Training Workshops sponsored by ARDA-ROC, which focused on volunteer development which were led by CHTA's Director of Communications Adriana Serna.

The association executives developed strategic plans for each country to implement for 2016-2019. Additionally, the participants developed a CSHAE action plan that incorporates CHTA's Strategic Plans.

The Leadership Conference was sponsored by ARDA-ROC, CSHAE and CHTA.



*Association executives and presidents from 15 national hotel and tourism associations participated in the CSHAE Leadership conference.*

### **Caribbean Society of Hotel Association Executives**

The Caribbean Society of Hotel Association Executives (CSHAE) is a professional association whose members include the top executives and senior managers from the region's private-sector led hotel and tourism-related organizations. Its primary focus is to serve as a network for the region's associations by supporting the professional development of the staff and voluntary leadership; facilitating the gathering and flow of information; advancing programs in support of regional advocacy and product improvement efforts; and working collaboratively with the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) in achieving mutual goals.

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