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**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Feb. 21, 2017 — The Board of Directors of the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Inc. has elected new officers and board members for 2017.

Robert J. Maricich, International Market Centers, has been elected Board president; Kevin Castellani, Castellani and Associates, first vice president; Kerry Lebensburger, Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc., second vice president; and, Jeffrey S. Child, RC Willey, secretary-treasurer. Michael Amini, AICO/Amini Innovation Corp, will continue to serve on the executive committee as Board chairman.

New directors serving a two-year term are Jeffrey S. Child, RC Willey; Karel K. Czanderna, Flexsteel Industries, Inc.; Kerry Lebensburger, Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc.; and Mark Phillips, Phillips Collection

“Largely due to the energizing leadership of Michael Amini, we have repurposed the organization and put a greater emphasis on total Board participation, which was evident in 2016,” Maricich says. “Those joining the Board demonstrate our continued emphasis on building not only a prestigious board of leaders but one of diversification that more clearly represents our industry.

“The Hall of Fame is the only organization that embraces every category and every role played in the industry, and we all must unite to move forward with our initiatives to tell our story, preserve our history and to honor our leaders – these are the marching orders of our Board,” he says.

Re-elected members serving an additional three-year term are Kevin Castellani, Castellani & Associates; Robert J. Maricich, International Market Centers; Larry Rogers, consultant; and Bill Wittenberg, Klaussner Furniture Industries.

The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation is open to all home furnishings industry companies, organizations and individuals that do business in the United States. Membership includes eligibility to nominate candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. Memberships are available at various levels. For more information and to join, visit the website at homefurnishingshalloffame.com. Checks should be made payable to American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Inc. and sent to 202 Neal Place, High Point, N.C., 27262.

The 2017 inductees – individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of the U.S. furniture industry – will be honored with the American home furnishings

industry's highest honor at the Induction Celebration on October 15 at the High Point Market. For information, call 336.882.5900.

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Founded in 1989, the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an international, industry-wide organization founded to preserve the home furnishings history and to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry. Membership includes eligibility to nominate candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina at 202 Neal Place, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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