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HBI Installs 2007 Board Officers and Directors

Brandt Niehaus inducted as board president

LAS VEGAS, Nev. /KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 1, 2007---Hotel Brokers International, the nation's largest brokerage organization with more than 30 offices coast to coast, swore in their newly-elected 2007 board officers and directors last night at the close of their 2007 annual meeting in Las Vegas. Charles Fritsch, CHB, of MBA Hotel Brokers will replace Teague Hunter, CHB, of Hunter Realty Associates, Inc. as the board president. HBI, a membership organization, elects a new board each year.

“The 2007 board officers are also some of our top-performing sales specialists and represent some of our most successful firms,” said Noah L. Canfield, CHB, long-time HBI member and past president of the organization. “They all received awards for their exceptional work in 2006, in addition to guiding their individual firms to record profits. These people are at the top of their class--- they are very good at what they do, and they understand this industry. We have no doubt they will lead us to a very profitable 2007.”

2007 HBI Board Officers:

President	Charles Fritsch, CHB	MBA Hotel Brokers
Vice President	Brandt Niehaus, CHB	Huff, Niehaus & Associates, Inc.
Secretary	Tony DeGeorge, CHB	Greene, Canfield, DeGeorge, Ltd.
Treasurer	Jeff Westgor, CHB	Westgor & Associates, Inc.

2007 HBI Directors:

Joe McCann, CHB	Optimum Hotel Brokerage, LLC
Jennifer Church, CHB	Milmark Hotel/Motel Investments, LLC
Greg Meinhold, CHB	Swoboda Hospitality Specialists
Steve Ferrarini	ProCom Lodging Brokers, Inc.
Teague Hunter, CHB	Hunter Realty Associates, Inc.
Dick Lopez, CHB	Lodging Property Brokers, Inc.
Diana Alt	Scoggin Blue, LLC

The new officers and directors also received numerous awards at last night's awards dinner. Past president and 2007 director Teague Hunter was awarded Salesperson of the Year, for sales totaling nearly \$65 million. Board officers Niehaus and Westgor were recognized for co-brokering the largest single hotel sale of 2006, and Niehaus also received the Unique Deal of the Year award. Niehaus, Westgor and new director Jennifer Church were all recognized as the top sales performers in their regions.

Hotel Brokers International, with more than 100 hotel brokerage specialists, is the world's leading hotel sales organization. The organization annually accounts for the greatest market share of mid-market transactions in the United States. HBI also hosts the Hotel Investor's Marketplace, sponsors the Certified Hotel Broker program and publishes *Transactions Recap*, the leading source of hotel real estate sales data.

HBI currently has more than 150 properties listed for sale in its proprietary database and access to more than 10,000 hotel investors and owners. In addition to broker services, HBI offers affiliate membership to professionals in allied fields,

including franchising, lending, appraisals and investment services. For more information about HBI's hotel listings or to become a broker or affiliate member, HBI may be reached at (816) 505-4315 or via the Internet at www.hbihotels.com.