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Restaurant Association of Maryland Announces New Volunteer Directors To Assist In Leading Maryland Foodservice Industry

(Columbia, MD) The Restaurant Association of Maryland announced the election of 5 new members to the Association's Board of Directors. The new directors, who represent a cross-section of Maryland's \$9 billion restaurant industry, were inducted during the Association's recent annual membership meeting in Columbia.

"In our individual businesses we must be creative, innovative and resilient. The incoming officers and directors will bring those same leadership attributes to assist in leading our industry into the future," said Jim Breuer, Immediate Past Chairman of the Restaurant Association of Maryland and owner of Maggie's Restaurant in Westminster.

New members of the Board of Directors for the Restaurant Association of Maryland:

Bob Barry The Greene Turtle Edgewater, MD	Pam Felix California Tortilla Rockville, MD	Sumeet Goel Baja Fresh (BFMD, LLC) Timonium, MD	Brian Johnson Main Street Ventures Annapolis, MD	Buddy Trala Sunset Grille Ocean City, MD
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Directors of the Restaurant Association of Maryland are generally elected to serve a three-year, voluntary term and may be subject to re-election.

Association officers were also elected during the Annual Membership Meeting. Jim Plamondon, co-president, The Plamondon Companies in Frederick was elected chairman of the Board; Jeff Owens, chief financial officer of Clyde's Restaurant Group in Washington, DC was elected 1st vice chairman; John Knorr, senior vice president of Phillips Seafood in Baltimore was elected 2nd vice chairman; Steve Smith, executive vice president of MHI Hotels in Greenbelt was elected 3rd vice chairman; Norman "Doc" Hayes, owner of Club Elite & Martini's in Fort Washington was elected treasurer; and Jordan Naftal, owner of Jordan's Steakhouse Ellicott City was elected secretary.

For more information please contact the Restaurant Association of Maryland directly at 410.290.6800.

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The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) has remained relevant to restaurateurs for over 80 years by maintaining core principles born out of the first national financial crisis. In 1927 a small group of Baltimore area restaurateurs met to deal with the challenges facing the economy and the foodservice industry. Today, RAM is a 2,000 member strong statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in the State of Maryland. Since the very beginning, the Association has been run by restaurateurs and suppliers working not only for the benefit of dues paying members, but also for the restaurant industry as a whole. For more information about the restaurant industry in Maryland please visit our website at www.marylandrestaurants.com.