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ESPA Installs New President



Desautels

The recent Annual Conference of Event Service Professionals Association (ESPA) in Orlando marked the 25th anniversary of the organization, and achieved the highest attendance in four years (268), showing a return to pre-recession attendance trends. At the conference, senior manager of convention services for Visit Indy, Robert Desautels, CMP, was installed as the new president of ESPA. “Achieving this milestone is truly a testament to ESPA’s innate ability to up the ante every year in terms of educational content and speakers,” Desautels said. “We continue to enhance our membership offerings and structure, which has led to a 20 percent growth in membership in the last year. The association has accomplished a great deal in the past year, and I look forward to working with the board to further strengthen and grow the organization in the year ahead.” ESPA also announced the following changes to the executive committee: Julie Pingston, CMP, Greater Lansing CVB, president-elect, David Dvorak, CMP, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, past president; Denise Suttle, CMP, Albuquerque CVB, first vice president; Madonna Carr, CMP, Meet Minneapolis, as second vice president; Paul Ruby, CMP, Sheraton Dallas Hotel, secretary/treasurer. www.espaonline.org

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