



Nevada Hotel and Lodging Association Committees

NHLA committees are open to all members. The purpose of the committees is to ensure NHLA is offering the most relevant and beneficial resources and education for our members in each area. The committees meet once quarterly in person or by conference call.

Education Committee

The Education committee assists in guiding NHLA in providing educational resources, activities, seminars, webinars, industry programs, certifications and other related information for NHLA members.

Michele	Kline	Link Hospitality	COO, committee chair
Alex	Canales	Hilton Grand Vacations	Area Vice President - Resort Operations
Sean	McCray	TISOH	Asst Academic Director
Bernie	Vasquez	Polished Service	President
Frank	Gonzales	Polished Service	Director of Projects & Talent Development
Karina	Day	Student	Student
Kathryn	Koning	SurferQuest	CEO/President
Justin	Cohen	REQ	EVP
Dr. Gail	Sammons	UNLV	Professor Harrah College of Hospitality
Joseph	Conti	SECURalert	Regional Sales Manager
Francisco	Morales	Hilton Garden Inn	General Manager
Elizabeth	Partida	MGMRI	Corporate HR, L&D
Vanina	Coudriet	TMCC	Hospitality & Tourism Coordinator - Business and Social Sciences Division
Lisel	Westlake	MGMRI	Director of Security Training
Alisia	Pulella	FranklinCovey	Enterprise Client Partner
Matt	Ward	Hospitality WiFi	Chief Development Officer

Karen	Betz	Dale Carnegie	Chief Customer Officer
Stowe	Shoemaker	UNLV	Dean, Harrah College of Hospitality
Chaz	Wellington	Aria	Casino Operations

Clean and Green Committee

The Clean and Green committee promotes best practices in housekeeping and sustainability, efficiency, communication, education and environmental practices in today's Hospitality Industry. Focus is on best operational practices to reduce costs while increasing guest satisfaction. Committee assists in coordination the annual related conference.

Ginsburg	Andy	Bellagio	Director of Environmental Services - Committee Co-Chair
Holloway	Kevin	Aria	Executive Housekeeper - Committee Co-Chair
Daniel	Harn	Downtown Grand	Executive Housekeeper
Pranav	Jampani	Venetian/Palazzo	Executive Director Sustainability
Jim	Kenney	Catalytic Pure Air	Principle
Chris	Lynch	UNR	Director of the Nevada Business Environmental Program
Lynne	Motoyama	Cosmopolitan	Director, Housekeeping
Patrick	Watson	SNWA	Conservation Services Administrator
Sandra	Wild	Venetian/Palazzo	VP Housekeeping
Eric	Robinson	FreshAir	Director of Sales
Diane	Estner	DANNI	Principle
Jessie	Klorman	TuffSkin Surface Protection	Sales Manager
Michele	Kline	Link Hospitality	COO

Safety and Security Committee

The Safety and Security Committee guides NHLA in providing an annual conference, information, updates, alerts, news, resources, education and related community affairs for members.

Lori Mack	Director of Security	M Resort	Co-chair
Rick Shaw	Owner	Awareity	Co-chair
Chas Wellington	Dual Rate Table Games Floor Manager	Aria	Member
Caleb Real	Director of Security	Hilton Grand Vacations Flamingo	Member
Gerald Piro	Assistant Security Shift Manager	Vdara	Member
Ray Kessler	Executive Director, Emergency Management- Security	Venetian	Member
Joseph Conti	U.S. Regional Sales Manager	SECURAlert	Member
Mabior Ayuen	Manager of Public Area Department	Venetian	Member

Technology Committee

The NHLA Technology Committee serves our members by ensuring new industry trends, technologies, current issues, and resources are made available to all of our members.

Shannon McCallum	Volan Technologies	Co-Chair
Susan Ryan	MGMRI	Co-Chair
JoAnn Moreno	Boyd Gaming	IT Initiatives Product Manager-Hospitality Solutions
Robin Davis	MGMRI	Executive Director of Application Support and DBA
Michael Ellis	Hilton Grand Vacations/Elara	General Manager
Alfred Smith	Cosmopolitan	Sr. Director-IT Applications
Ryan Heideman	React Mobile	VP of Sales
Philip Hamlin	SECURalert	Regional Sales Manager
Rick Shaw	Awareity	Founder/CEO/CDO
Ted Ladomersky	Intech LV	Head of Sales, Hotels and Institutions
Eric Robinson	FreshAir Sensors	Director of Sales
Richard O'Brien	Xpodigital	Director of Business Development
Kathryn Koning	SurferQuest	CEO
Matt Ward	Hospitality WiFi	Chief Development Officer

Diane Estner	DANNI Enterprises	Owner
Patricia LaRocca	Beekeeper	
Kali Davis	SurferQuest	Sr Business Manager

Design and Construction Committee

The NHLA design and construction committee provides industry advice and guidance on new property design and construction as well as renovation of existing structures. The committee assists in ensuring alignment with standards and safety regulations along with introduction of design concepts and trends. Members have expertise in various areas and will share their leadership, innovative ideas, and assistance with all of NHLA membership.

Meeta	Shah	Resorts World	Director of Architecture
Mindy	Williams	BrightView Landscape Services	Business Developer
Cliff	Atkinson	Able Services	V.P. Strategic Partnerships
Cinthy	Stauss	Cachet Studios, LLC	Principal
Franz	Batchelor	MGM Grand	Security Manager/Surveillance Manager
Jack	O'Toole	FreshAir Smoking Sensors	President
Brandie	Patterson	Surferquest	Senior Vice President of Client Engagement
Shannon	McCallum	Volan Technology	Vice President of Hospitality

Read to lead Book Club Committee

Lynn Gray	Standard Textile	Sales Executive
Mr. Kai Shield	Venetian	Hotel Manager
Amanda Rode	Tahiti Village	Digital Marketing Project Manager
Kayla Pienaar	Venetian	Special Projects
Candice Imam	UNLV	Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement and Events

NHLA Women in Lodging Committees

NHLA Women in Lodging is the premier state-wide industry organization exclusively for female hospitality professionals. NHLA Women in Lodging provides the ideal forum to promote women's leadership as well as professional career development. NHLA Women in Lodging offers a dynamic mentor program, seminars, workshops, networking events, community philanthropic involvement, and access to female industry leaders.

Mentor Committee

The WIL mentor committee helps to guide the activities and coordination of the mentor programs that are offered two times per year for the WIL members.

Philanthropy Committee

The WIL philanthropy committee leads the activities in support of the selected charitable organizations which may include donation drives, fundraising events and educational resources.

NHLA Emerging Leaders Committees

Emerging Leaders is a division of the Nevada Hotel and Lodging Association comprised of young industry professionals under the age of 36. Under the guidance of the NHLA staff, it exists to engage young professionals in the Nevada hospitality and support industries through the development of local resources including networking, mentorship, philanthropic and educational opportunities.

Emerging Leaders Council

The council is comprised of leaders from across the NHLA membership with responsibilities to include assisting in coordinating relevant events and providing resources for our younger leaders.

Mentor Committee

The mentor committee members help to coordinate activities related to the Emerging Leaders mentor program which is offered twice a year.

VISION

To be the leading provider of educational financial support for Nevadan families in the hospitality industry



MISSION

We fuel the hospitality industry by providing the opportunity for further education for Nevadans

VALUES

INVEST

We invest our time to benefit the talent in Nevada

NEVADA FIRST

We plan to support Nevadans while focusing on members of NHLA and their families

COMMUNITY

We will rally our whole community to find support from all industries for the betterment of our state

ACCOUNTABLE

We will remain accountable to our industry

MENTORSHIP

We will guide the hospitality career of all academic beneficiaries through a robust mentorship program

THINK BIG

We will grow and help as many Nevadans in the hospitality industry as possible

NHLF Committees

Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee has the responsibility to meet the financial goal set each year. This is accomplished through soliciting and receiving monetary contributions from donors within and outside the hospitality industry.

Events/F&B Committee

The Events and Food and Beverage committee is responsible for creating, managing and coordinating events annually that generate funds for the foundation. A minimum of one main event will take place and be developed into a signature event on an annual basis. Smaller, more frequent events will be scheduled throughout the year with proceeds benefitting the foundation.

Education/Mentoring Committee

The education and mentor committee exists to develop and maintain the related foundation program components including scholarship application process, communication and administration.

Communication Committee

The communication committee is responsible for helping to develop, create and maintain the brand throughout all communication areas including website, social media and marketing or informational collateral.

To join a committee, please contact Diane Gandy, 702-430-4569 or diane.gandy@nvhotels.com.

We welcome your participation, guidance, ideas and support.