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AOBA Announces 2009 Leadership

Washington, DC – At its Annual Meeting today, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington introduced the organization's 2009 Executive Board of Directors, as well as an expanded Advisory Board of Directors. These local real estate industry executives will guide the Association's policies and programs for the year.

John Ritz, President, William C. Smith & Co., was installed as 2009 AOBA President. Ritz joined William C. Smith in 1975 and has served as President and COO since 1987. A 2007 recipient of AOBA's most distinguished honor - the Sidney Glassman Memorial Award, Ritz holds a MBA from American University and a BA from Villanova University.

"In the year ahead, we will maintain focus on what AOBA does best -- serving as an effective advocate for our industry. I look forward to working with members and staff to further enhance our relevance, take full advantage of our dedicated, talented volunteers, and expand education geared to help our members meet environmental sustainability goals," Ritz said.

In addition to Ritz, the following individuals were elected to the Executive Board of Directors:

President – Elect: Katya J. Naman, Vice President, Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group, Inc.
Executive Vice President/Secretary: Margaret O. Jeffers, Executive Vice President, AOBA
Treasurer: F. Carlton Diehl, Chief Operating Officer, Cafritz Company
Vice President – Commercial: Benjamin A. Comm, Director of Property Management, Cassidy & Pinkard Colliers
Vice President – Residential: Cynthia M. Clare, President, Kettler Management
Vice President – District of Columbia: Albert D. Moler, Vice President, The Lenkin Company Management, Inc.
Vice President – Maryland: David H. Hillman, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Management Corporation
Vice President – Virginia: Morton I. Fungler, Chairman, CRC Commercial
PAC Chair – District of Columbia: David S. Bender, President, Blake Real Estate, Inc.
PAC Chair – Maryland: Gary L. Campbell, President, Grady Management, Inc.
PAC Chair – Virginia: Robert Koltiska, Vice President – State & Local Tax Dept., Archstone

Also serving on the Executive Board of Directors are AOBA's two most recent past presidents, Mary Lynch, Vice President, Akridge and Robert A. Thompson, Director of Operations, Capitol Concierge. ##

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