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AHA ELECTION RESULTS

The AHA's National Accommodation Division will retain its continuity of leadership for the fourth year in a row.

Election results from the recent 2009 AHA National Accommodation Division Annual General Meeting are as follows:

- Mr Patrick Griffin OAM (NSW) was elected President of the AHA National Accommodation Division;
- Mr John Dickson (Victoria) was elected Vice President; and
- Mr Don Goode (Queensland) was elected Secretary.

Mr Dickson and Mr Goode along with Mr Robert Humphries (Tasmania) and Mr Mark Sproat (ACT) were also elected to the AHA National Board. As President, Mr Griffin is ex officio a member of the AHA National Board.

By way of explanation, Mr Griffin is Regional Managing Director of Orient-Express Hotels, Mr Dickson is General Manager of the Sofitel Mansion & Spa, Werribee Park, Mr Goode is General Manager of the Gold Coast International Hotel, Mr Humphries heads up the Pier Hotel, George Town, Tasmania and Mr Sproat is General Manager of The Brassey, Canberra.

"Given the current financial downturn, the importance of having stable leadership of the AHA's National Accommodation Division cannot be understated," Mr Griffin said.

"It will help ensure the AHA continues to be at the forefront of all industry issues in the business of accommodation.

"It would also be remiss of me not to thank my colleagues and AHA staff from around Australia for their ongoing assistance."

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The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) is the pre-eminent tourism and hospitality industry organisation in Australia. It has around 5000 members operating general and accommodation hotels. It has a national office and branches in each State and Territory. It also has a discrete branch to represent the interests of its accommodation members that covers four and five-star properties.