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AHA ELECTS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The AHA has elected a new National President – Tom McGuire.

Mr McGuire was elected unopposed at the 2007 AHA Annual General Meeting, which was held in Adelaide today.

He takes over from Peter Burnett, who stood down from the post after serving the customary two-year term.

"I'm honoured and delighted to become the new National President of the Australian Hotels Association," said Mr McGuire.

"I am looking to continue the tradition of strong and stable leadership, a tradition that was upheld by outgoing President Peter Burnett.

"Given the AHA's standing as one of Australia's leading employer organisations, stable leadership is particularly important given a Federal Election is imminent."

Mr McGuire, 55 and President of the Queensland Hotels Association (QHA) since January last year, owns and operates 10 hotels in South-East Queensland.

He is the third son of the late Dick McGuire, a former three-time National President of the AHA who was a legendary industry figure in Queensland, and he's had a near-lifelong involvement in the hotel industry.

While being a hotelier is his chosen profession, Tom McGuire is a qualified lawyer (University of Queensland). He is married and has three sons.

Other election results saw Peter Hurley re-elected as the AHA's National Senior Vice President, Mr Burnett elected as the AHA's National Vice President and Colin Waller re-elected National Secretary/Treasurer of the AHA.

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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 operated by the major chains.