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AOBA Announces 2010 Leadership

Washington, DC – At its Annual Meeting on Jan. 27th, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington introduced the organization’s 2010 Board of Directors and Advisory Council. These local real estate industry executives will guide the Association’s policies and programs for the year.

Katya J. Naman, Senior Vice President, Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group, was installed as 2010 AOBA President. A multi-lingual executive who is a native of Beirut, Lebanon, Naman also teaches industry courses through George Mason University’s Certified Facility Management program. Naman joined Lowe in 1999 and currently has responsibility for managing assets across the metro area. She holds a BA from Dickinson College and an MBA from The American University.

“Since we know that 2010 will be a tough year, we will maintain AOBA’s focus on the basics -- our role in maximizing income and reducing expenses for members through educating our legislators about the adverse impact of higher real estate taxes and burdensome regulations. In addition, we will continue to focus on our environmental and energy efficiency programs. I look forward to working with members and staff to guide us through some challenging months so that we can thrive in years to come,” Naman said.

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

President – Elect: Benjamin A. Comm, Dir. of Property Management, Cassidy & Pinkard Colliers

Executive Vice President/Secretary: Margaret “Peggy” Jeffers, Executive Vice President, AOBA

Treasurer: F. Carlton Diehl, COO, Cafritz Company

Associate Representative: Lynda M. Ellis, President/CEO, Capitol Concierge, Inc.

Vice President – Commercial: Joan Berman, Senior V. P, Vornado/ Charles E. Smith

Vice President – Residential: Cynthia M. Clare, President, Kettler Management

Vice President – DC: Sean Warfield, Senior Property Manager, Tishman Speyer Properties

Vice President – Maryland: David H. Hillman, CEO, Southern Management Corporation

Vice President – Virginia: Morton I. Fungler, Chairman, CRC Commercial

PAC Chair – DC: David S. Bender, President, Blake Real Estate, Inc.

PAC Chair – Maryland: Gary L. Campbell, President, Grady Management, Inc.

PAC Chair – Virginia: Robert Koltiska, V.P. – State & Local Tax Dept., Archstone

Past President: John Ritz, President, William C. Smith & Co., Inc.

Past President: Mary Lynch, Vice President, Akridge. ##

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