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Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa Team Members Elected to Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Chapter Board

DESTIN, Fla. (Dec. 9, 2013) – Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa officials announced today that two members of the resort's food and beverage team have been elected to the 2014 board of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association's Northwest Florida Chapter: Angelina Covington, director of food and beverage, has been appointed president, and Nichole Moen, food and beverage assistant and special events coordinator, has been elected as secretary. Both Covington and Moen will be installed to the board on January 6, 2014.

"Angelina and Nichole demonstrate outstanding leadership skills as a part of our team and will make great additions to the FRLA's local board," said Gary Brielmayer, Hilton Sandestin Beach general manager. "We encourage their active participation in the association and are proud to have them represent the resort and our industry."

A 30-year veteran of the hospitality industry, Covington joined the Hilton Sandestin Beach team in 2003 as director of restaurants. In 2006 she was promoted to assistant food and beverage director and to director of food and beverage three years later. In her current role, she oversees day-to-day operations of the beachfront resort's restaurant outlets, including the AAA Four Diamond-rated Seagar's Prime Steaks and Seafood, Hadashi Sushi Bar, Barefoot's Beachside Bar & Grill, Sandcastles Restaurant, Picnix Poolside Market, The Sand Bar and The Coffee Shop, as well as in-room dining and banquet services. Covington also played an integral role in the redesign of Barefoot's in 2011 and Seagar's in 2013, as well as food and beverage enhancements for the Hilton Sandestin Beach's current phase of transformation, scheduled for completion in March 2014. Covington previously served as training and education board member for the FRLA Northwest Florida Chapter in 2012 and 2013.

Moen joined the Hilton Sandestin Beach in 2011 and provides support services to the director of food and beverage for operations of the resort's six restaurant outlets. In her role as special events coordinator, she also oversees dining events for wedding rehearsals, corporate meetings and other occasions. A graduate of University of West Florida, Moen is a native of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and currently resides in Destin, Fla.

For more information about Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, visit HiltonSandestinBeach.com or call 850-267-9500.

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About Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa is located on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast in Destin, Fla. Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 598 spacious accommodations, more than 32,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class

spa and fitness center, six on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant – abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area's best attractions. For more information on Destin's premier hotel, visit HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.