



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: Lauren Estep
Karen McNeill
American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame
336.882.5900**

**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
ELECTS 2022 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Feb. 11, 2022 — The Board of Directors of the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Inc. has elected new officers and board members for 2022.

Caroline Hipple, president, Norwalk Furniture, has been re-elected as the Board president; **Scott Eckman**, executive vice president and chief revenue officer of International Market Centers as first vice president; and **David Gebhart**, CEO, Global Views as secretary-treasurer. **Steve Rusing**, executive vice president, Tempur Sealy International has been elected as second vice president.

“This may be the most exciting time anyone has served on the Hall of Fame Board of Directors. In one year, we will open our new home. We’ll unveil a new Hall of Fame to honor our leaders, new exhibits, new events and new gathering spaces for the industry,” says Caroline Hipple, president of the Board and Norwalk Furniture. “This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for all of us, likely with many challenges. We greatly appreciate the time, the expertise and the energy that board members and the Executive Committee bring to the Hall of Fame.”

New directors are **David Beld**, president of PALECEK; **Derick Close**, CEO of Springs Creative; and **Satya Tiwari**, president of Surya.

Board members re-elected to another three-year term are **Jeff Child**, president of RC Willey; **Amir Loloi**, founder and president of Loloi Rugs; **Mark Phillips**, president and CEO of Phillips Collection; and **David Swers**, president and COO of Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC.

#

The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded to preserve its history, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, and to inspire the next generation of innovative leaders. Membership includes eligibility to nominate candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization currently is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 202 Neal Place, Suite 101, and can be reached at 336.882.5900. Watch for ongoing developments and details about the grand opening of a new permanent home, which is targeted for 2023.

#