



# FOUNDATIONS

## HALL OF FAME ELECTS CAROLINE HIPPLE FIRST FEMALE BOARD PRESIDENT

Caroline Hipple, president of Norwalk Furniture, will serve as the Hall of Fame Foundation's first female board president during 2021.

Hipple, long a champion of both the home furnishings industry and the women within it, lists our new permanent home among her top priorities.

"The vision for the Hall of Fame building is really threefold: First, to create a home for our \$150 billion industry where we can gather for activities and create engagement; second, to be a symbol for leadership, innovation and excellence, just as our inductees are; and, third, to be a place where our story is told to us and to the whole world," Hipple says. "It's going to be a living space to celebrate our industry. It will be engaging and interactive. Through this engagement, it will become a hub of discovery for our industry and a celebration of our industry."



Caroline Hipple  
President of Norwalk Furniture

## Foundation Board of Directors Elects New Officers and Board Members

The Hall of Fame Foundation Board of Directors has elected new officers and board members for 2021



### BOARD PRESIDENT:

**Caroline Hipple**, President of Norwalk Furniture

### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

**Scott Eckman**, Executive Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer of International Market Centers

### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

**Tyson Hagale**, President of Furniture Hardware Division, Leggett & Platt

### SECRETARY-TREASURER:

**David Gebhart**, CEO of Global Views

### CHAIRMAN:

**Martin Ploy**, President of AICO/Amini Innovation Corp.



### NEW DIRECTORS:

**Michael Faus**, Senior Vice President of Carpenter Company

**Jeremy Hoff**, CEO of Hooker Furniture

**Steve Rusing**, President of U.S. Sales, Tempur Sealy International



### RE-ELECTED MEMBERS serving an additional three-year term:

**Andy Bernstein**, Founder & CEO of FurnitureDealer.Net

**Irv Blumkin**, CEO of Nebraska Furniture Mart

**Janet Guy**, President of Prestige Arts & Art Trends



As part of the Hall of Fame's continued work documenting and preserving our industry's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to highlight the High Point Market Authority. Their materials capture two distinct moments in time for our industry's largest trade show. The decision to postpone, and then ultimately to cancel the Spring 2020 Market in High Point was an historic one, and not a decision made lightly. Only once before since the Market's inception in 1909 had such an event occurred: in 1942, during the World War II.

The Market Authority submitted materials including, the announcement of the market cancellation, information on the quickly-changing situation in the early days of the pandemic, news media articles, advertising materials, and branded masks worn at the October 2020 Market. It captures the poignant uncertainty, careful monitoring and extensive planning required for state approval of the High Point Market and highlights the resilience and adaptability of the home furnishings industry.

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