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CURRENT MEETING

May 18th

Le Meridien at Beverly Hills



[465 S La Cienega Blvd, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, CA](#)

"Update of California Innkeeper Laws"

Speaker: [Jim Abrams, President](#)

[California Hotel & Lodging Association](#)

6-7pm Cocktails, 7-8pm Speaker, 8pm Dinner

Members \$40 & First-time guests, Non-Members \$50

Parking: \$5 Valet Parking for HFTP Attendees

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday June 21st

Beverly Hills Hotel

Identity Theft

"How to make yourself a harder target"

Speaker: [FBI Special Agent George Olivo](#)

6-7pm Cocktails, 7-8pm Speaker, 8pm Dinner

Members \$40 & First-time guests, Non-Members \$50

Parking: TBA

THE SPEAKER THIS MONTH



James O. Abrams
President & CEO

This is going to be a very exciting year for the California Hotel & Lodging Association and for all hoteliers and innkeepers throughout California. But it is also going to be a very challenging time as well. A key component of CH&LA's array of benefits and services for its members is its "advocacy" program, and this will be an important focus for our efforts again this year.

The Legislature will introduce thousands of bills this session, and it is already poised to send some extremely harmful legislation to the governor – including an increase in our minimum wage and a requirement to pay for universal, "single payer" health care for everyone.

In anticipation that Governor Schwarzenegger will veto these anti-competitive bills and others like them, the various "special interests" are already gearing up to put dozens of initiatives on the ballot. As of the end of January 2005, there are already 77 separate ballot measures moving through the system! Many of them could cost businesses a fortune!

Now, more than ever, the lodging industry needs to be prepared to fend off harmful legislation, regulations, and legal actions, while still moving forward proactively to make things better for lodging operators. The California Hotel & Lodging Association's leadership has directed your association to take two extremely important proactive advocacy steps in 2005: (1) our number one legislative priority in 2005 is getting legislation enacted to deal with the hundreds and hundreds of frivolous "drive-by" ADA lawsuits plaguing the industry, and (2) we must get the governor and the Legislature to restore its financial support of the state's tourism promotion efforts.

But CH&LA is also about much more than "advocacy." Be sure to use our resources and



2006 HFTP Club & Hotel Controllers Conferences

March 20 - 21, 2006
Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf
San Francisco, California

June 20 - 21, 2006
Hilton Minneapolis Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Co-located with HITEC



2006 MEMBER SPONSOR CHALLENGE

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- Take advantage of our cost-saving endorsed vendor programs; and
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