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Miraval Group appoints general managers

Mark Stebbings and Robert M. Berrey, Jr. have been appointed as general managers of Miraval Arizona and Miraval Austin, respectively. In these roles, Stebbings and Berrey will use their astute leadership skills and health and wellness expertise to build on Miraval's longstanding reputation as a thought-leader in the industry.

With more than 18 years of experience in the hospitality and wellness industries, Stebbings joins Miraval Arizona as the general manager. Stebbings uses his expertise to oversee the brand's flagship wellness resort in Tucson. Berrey Jr. brings over 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry to his role as general manager of Miraval Austin. As the general manager, Berrey will oversee the renovation and much-anticipated opening of the first Miraval spa resort to open outside of the brand's flagship, scheduled to open in 2018.

Tech Launch Arizona announces leadership change

The University of Arizona has named Douglas Hockstad to fill the position held by David Allen, vice president of Tech Launch Arizona, effective April 28. Allen, who announced his retirement as of that date, was appointed in 2012 to reinvigorate the UA's research commercialization activities.

TLA is the commercialization office of the UA, taking new technologies that primarily have their beginnings in research performed by UA faculty and staff and transforming those inventions into patents, which the University then licenses either to existing companies or startups. The office provides multiple services, from helping faculty identify and evaluate the commercial potential of inventions to providing expert resources and mentoring to help launch successful startups. During the 2016-2017 academic year, TLA achieved record-breaking numbers with 261 invention disclosures, 334 U.S. patents filed, 105 total executed licenses and options, and 15 startups formed.

Fennemore Craig announces new firm president

Fennemore Craig announced the election of James Goodnow, a shareholder and director in the firm's Phoenix office, as the president of the firm and chair of its management committee, effective April 1. Goodnow will succeed Steve Good, who will resume the full-time practice of law at the firm, specializing in the areas of tax, business transactions and estate planning.

In his new role, Goodnow will lead the implementation of the firm's strategic goals and initiatives in its six offices, located in Phoenix, Denver, Las Vegas, Nogales, Reno and Tucson. "I'm excited to work with my talented colleagues at building on the firm's 133-year-old foundation of providing exceptional service to our clients and helping to position the firm for continued success," said Goodnow.

Northwest Fire Governing Board names fire chief

The Northwest Fire District Governing Board selected Brad Bradley to succeed retiring Fire Chief Michael J. Brandt, effective July 1, pending approval of Bradley's final contract at a subsequent board meeting. The announcement, made at tonight's regularly scheduled board meeting, signifies the start of the transition process to coincide with the planned retirement of Chief Brandt on June 30.

Currently, Brad Bradley serves as the Assistant Fire Chief of Operational Services for the Northwest Fire District, overseeing the daily operations and mission readiness of 210 responders and 34 apparatus. He is a 23-year veteran of emergency services and has been with the Northwest Fire District since 1999. During his tenure, Bradley rose through the ranks as a Captain, Battalion Chief, Division Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief before being named successor to the Fire Chief.