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## **ISPA Announces Board of Trustee Election Results Elects Laurie Tokarz as Board Chair and Allen Platek as Vice Chair**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – The International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) has announced the results of its 2024 Board of Trustees election. Six trustees have been re-elected to serve another two-year term, and five new trustees will join the board for their first two-year term.

The re-elected trustees are Nick Bates of Spring Air International, Cody Messner of Leggett & Platt, Marc Navarre of Talalay Global, Inc., Dennis St. Louis of Jones Family of Companies, and Greg Trzcinski of The Original Mattress Factory. The newly elected trustees are Billy Blackburn of Alexium International, Tony Pearson of AH Beard, Jim Turner of SABA North America, Jeff Veach of Culp, Inc., and Brandon Wells of Standard Fiber.

Rion Morgenstern of Pleasant Mattress, Inc. has retired from the ISPA Board after serving three terms. Laurie Tokarz of Restonic Mattress Co. steps into the role of ISPA Chair, becoming the third woman to hold this position. Coincidentally, the first woman to serve as ISPA Chair was GiGi Giersch, also from Restonic, in 1995. Allen Platek of Tempur Sealy International will serve as the new ISPA Vice Chair, with Hank Little of Atlanta Attachment Company transitioning to the role of Past Chair.

"I am honored to join the ISPA Board of Trustees as its new Chair. I am fully committed to supporting ISPA's vital work and look forward to leveraging my skills and experience to elevate and grow our industry," said Laurie Tokarz.

ISPA President Ryan Trainer remarked, "The invaluable time and input from ISPA's Trustees guide our work on behalf of the mattress industry. Representing a broad cross-section of experienced industry professionals, ISPA's Board of Trustees is dedicated to helping this industry prosper. We extend our sincere appreciation to both our new and past Trustees for their service and commitment."

*Established in 1915, the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) is dedicated to leading and advancing the sleep products industry. ISPA represents mattress manufacturers and component suppliers globally, offering exclusive surveys, government advocacy, education, the ISPA EXPO trade show, consumer education and insights, and the industry's publications, BedTimes and Sleep Savvy magazines. To learn more, visit [www.sleepproducts.org](http://www.sleepproducts.org) or contact [info@sleepproducts.org](mailto:info@sleepproducts.org).*

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