



NLBMDA Announces New Leadership Team for 2018-2019; Bob Sanford of Sanford and Hawley Elected Chair

[Chicago, Ill]- The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) elected its new leadership team yesterday at the ProDealer Industry Summit in Chicago, Illinois. At its annual meeting, the NLBMDA Board of Directors elected Robert P. Sanford as the new Chair of the association. Mr. Sanford is president of Connecticut-based Sanford and Hawley and is replacing outgoing chair Rick Lierz, President and CEO of Franklin Building Supply in Boise, Idaho.

"I am honored and humbled to be the next chair of the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association," said Mr. Sanford. "Housing, and by extension, the lumberyards and building material dealers that supply the industry, are integral to a vital economy and to our nation's continued success. With the ever-changing legislative landscape in Washington, it is more important than ever that we continue to represent our collective interests in our nation's capital so that we may all thrive in the years ahead. With an ear to the legislative machinations in Washington, and an eye to the technical advancements that keep our industry relevant, I am proud to work with and for building supply retailers as we face the increasingly competitive environment that marks our next century as a trade association."

Founded in 1884, Sanford and Hawley is the oldest business in Farmington, CT, owned by the same family and at the same location. The Hawleys left the company years ago, but the Sanford Family has survived the many obstacles that have been thrown their way. The company is now operated by Frank, Bob, and Ted Sanford along with Bob's son, Bobby.

"Bob has been an active NLBMDA and NRLA member for decades and has a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise in the LBM industry. He has consistently shown a passion for serving others. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to continue to work with Bob as we are both committed to moving the association forward as he becomes NLBMDA Chair," said NLBMDA President & CEO Jonathan Paine. "I also want to thank Rick Lierz for his tremendous leadership this past year. Together Rick and Bob have gone above and beyond and it has been an invaluable experience working with them."

In addition to Bob, the other members of the 2018-2019 NLBMDA Executive Committee are:

- **Chair-Elect:** Russ Kathrein, Alexander Lumber, Bloomington, IL
- **First Vice Chair:** Jim Bishop, Vesta Lee Lumber, Bonner Springs, KS
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Rick Lierz, Franklin Building Supply, Boise, ID
- **MSC Chair:** Clarence Wilkerson, Weyerhaeuser, Federal Way, WA
- **FAE Chair:** Cody Nuernberg, Northwestern Lumber Association, Dakota, Wisconsin
- **Treasurer:** Scott Engquist, Engquist Lumber, Harcourt, IA

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) represents its members in the national public policy arena, with emphasis on efforts to 1) promote the industry and educate legislators and public policy personnel; and 2) assist legislative, regulatory, standard-setting and other government or private bodies in the development of laws, regulations and policies affecting lumber and building material dealers, its customers and suppliers. Founded in 1917, the association represents over 6,000 member locations operating single or multiple lumber yards and component plants serving homebuilders, subcontractors, general contractors, and consumers in the new construction, repair and remodeling of residential and light commercial. www.dealer.org.