

# California Hotel & Lodging Association Salutes Stars of the Industry

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Dating to 1893, the California Hotel & Lodging Association (CH&LA) is one of the most influential hospitality organizations in the nation, so when it holds its annual awards banquet, the event is always a who's who of the industry. The latest gala took place in November at the Westin St. Francis hotel in San Francisco and recognized quite a few Smart Meetings favorites.

The San Francisco Bay Area was well represented in the general manager of the year category. Jim Treadway, from LEED Platinum-certified Bardessono in Yountville, was named general manager of the year in small property category.

General managers Don Shindle of The Westin Verasa Napa applauded for demonstrating superior professionalism in operating a CH&LA member property and assuming active leadership roles in the industry by participating in association, community or industry programs.

The 2014 awards were given out for five property and six individual categories, as well as one industry supplier category. Congratulations to the 2014 award winners:

## **General Manager of the Year**

Don Shindle—The Westin Verasa Napa, Napa