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It is with great honor that I accept the position of the President of the Myrtle Beach Apartment Association for 2012. I truly appreciate your confidence in my abilities to lead our membership again this year. I, as I am sure all of you are as well, am looking forward to a very positive and productive new year. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who gave not only their time but their resources as well to make many great things happen over this past year. Highlighting 2011 the MBAA held our first ever golf tournament raising \$500 to benefit Backpack Buddies/Help4Kids, hosted a leasing seminar lead by nationally acclaimed apartment industry speaker Kate Good and concluded the year with our Holiday Social collecting over 100 toys for the Marine Corp League's Toys for Tots campaign. Wow! How awesome is that!

For 2012 many great things are already in store. I would like to welcome our Executive Board Officers for 2012. Vice President, Dan Jiles is the Maintenance Supervisor for Riverstone Residential Group, served as Vice President for the MBAA in 2011 and on various committees over the last 5 years. Welcome Associate member Myra Littlejohn as Secretary for 2012. Myra is the sales manager for Sherwin Williams Floor Covering and has served on various MBAA committees over the last 3 years. Diane Valas is our Treasurer for 2012 and has held many, if not all, positions within the MBAA over its 13 years of existence. Diane is the Property Manager of Claypond Apartments and is in her 2nd term as Treasurer of the South Carolina Apartment Association. I could not think of someone more qualified for the position. Kicking off the year with speaker Dr. Robert Salvino from Coastal Carolina University to Maintenance Mania sponsored by HD Supply and Vendor Trade Show in April to our 2nd Annual charity golf tournament 2012 is lining up to be our best year yet.

To our associate members I would like to say thank you for supporting the MBAA and for continuing to make this organization a success year after year. Your commitment is truly valued and appreciated. I would like to ask our apartment community members to take this opportunity to review the list of associate members on the MBAA website, www.scmbaa.com and should you be in the need of a new vendor please make one of our members your first call. The MBAA Associate members are some of the best in their respective businesses and provide superior services to their clients.

The success of our organization depends on you, our membership. We value your input and appreciate your service. If at anytime you have suggestions, questions or would like to offer your assistance we gladly welcome you to do so. I graciously accept this position and hope that with your help the Myrtle Beach Apartment Association will continue to grow. My desire is for the MBAA to become a leader not only on a local or state level but a national level as well. In advance I would like to say thank you for a wonderful 2012.

Sincerely,
Donna Benson-Todd
MBAA President 2012