

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Lisa Hamilton Elected as President of My Brother's Workshop Board of Directors

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ST. THOMAS -- At the annual My Brother's Workshop meeting held this month, USVI Hotel & Tourism Association President Lisa Hamilton was elected president of the MBW Board of Directors, according to a release issued Thursday. Ms. Hamilton has served on the MBW board since 2014 and also held the position of secretary.

"Thanks to the outstanding commitment of the staff and board of directors, this incredible organization has seen substantial growth in the last four years by expanding the program from one workshop to two, a cafe and bakery, alternative educational center, engineering R&D and marine facility to train our youth in valuable skills in order to help them obtain employment in the territory. I look forward to maintaining and building upon that

momentum in order to serve the needs of the Virgin Islands community and at-risk youth," Ms. Hamilton said.

My Brother's Workshop, a non-profit in the USVI founded in 2007, seeks to end youth crime and violence. MBW has worked with over 1,000 students in the USVI and focuses on vocational training with a holistic approach by providing mentoring, counseling, education and job placement, and has become a leader in the Caribbean in prevention, intervention and job reentry programs for young people.

Ms. Hamilton will replace Kurt Petri, who will take Hamilton's seat as secretary. Members of the board of directors are elected to serve two-year terms with the officers being elected annually at the annual meeting.

"I would like to extend my congratulations to Lisa Hamilton on her election to president of My Brother's Workshop," Mr. Petri said. "I worked closely with Lisa during my two years as president, and know that she exemplifies the mindset and leadership that our organization needs to be a success. I am confident that I have left the organization in good hands."

As stated in MBW bylaws, the president will serve as chair of the board of directors as well as the chief executive officer. Responsibilities of the president include presiding over board meetings, supervising and controlling the management of MBW in accordance with articles and bylaws, executing specific contracts and agreements, and any other duties prescribed by the office of the president and by the board of directors.

Board members meet regularly with the budget and officers determined at the annual meeting and other business matters discussed throughout the year.