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**Stonewall Resort Named One of the Best Conference Centers in U.S.**

**Weston, West Virginia** (October 2008) – *Successful Meetings Magazine*, one of the preeminent trade publications covering the meetings and hospitality industries, recently announced that West Virginia’s Stonewall Resort, located near Weston, has been awarded the prestigious *Pinnacle Award* – the mark of excellence for meeting destinations.

“With all of the hospitality choices that meeting and event planners have these days, any property that wins a *Pinnacle Award* is obviously in the highest tier of quality in the hospitality field," said Vince Alonzo, *Successful Meetings'* Editorial Director. "And the best part is that it is planners themselves who are making this distinction, thus giving a credible stamp of approval that others can use when deciding where to host a meeting, incentive, convention, or trade show."

Readers of *Successful Meetings* magazine – corporate and association executives with meeting planning responsibilities – registered to become Pinnacle Reviewers via online ballots and gave feedback based on professional experiences worldwide. Reviews are based on a scale of 1-10 (10 being best) across four categories. Stonewall Resort received the 2008 Pinnacle Award for having one of the best conference facilities in the southeast United States.

Michael Hager, General Manager for Stonewall Resort, said, “To be recognized nationally for the quality of our conference center and resort facilities is a wonderful accomplishment. What is more rewarding, however, is that the Pinnacle Awards are based on feedback from event planners that were impressed enough with our facility, staff and service to nominate us for this award. We appreciate their efforts and will continually strive to exceed their expectations.”

With the largest industry audience, *Successful Meetings* reaches corporate / sales / marketing executives who plan meetings, meeting professionals and event planners, trade show directors, and association executives who are involved with planning conventions and meetings. For more information on *Successful Meetings*, please visit [www.successfulmeetings.com](http://www.successfulmeetings.com). Additional information on the *Pinnacle Award*, as well as a listing of all the winners, can be found online at [www.successfulmeetings.com/pinnacle](http://www.successfulmeetings.com/pinnacle).

For additional information on Stonewall Resort, call 888-278-8150 or visit the Web site at [www.StonewallResort.com](http://www.StonewallResort.com).

The Four Diamond-rated Stonewall Resort is a 208-guestroom property with a lakeside lodge and lakeside cottages, a conference center, restaurants, complete fitness center and swimming pool, spa and an 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course. The resort is located at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park near Weston, West Virginia. Stonewall Resort is a joint

private/public development between McCabe-Henley LP and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. Benchmark Hospitality International operates Stonewall Resort.

Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, operates resorts, conference centers, hotels and condominium resorts both domestically and internationally. For locations of Benchmark Hospitality properties and for additional information, visit Benchmark's Website at <http://www.benchmarkhospitality.com/>.

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