

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The four (4) appointed members (Brad Petersburg, Erin Murphy, Colin Sanderson and Todd Lincoln) of the Inaugural Board of the soon to be created Unified Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) completed the counting of ballots this morning for the election of the remaining seven (7) members of the board. The election was performed under directions set forth in a **Letter of Intent** executed by Jo Daviess County, the City of Galena, the county Convention and Visitors Bureau and Visit Galena.org in February.

The newly elected board members are:

Nikki Peebles	-----	At Large Member
Terry McGovern	-----	At Large Member
Mark Van Osdal	-----	At Large Member
Birgit Radin	-----	Large Lodging
Robert Mahan	-----	Small Lodging
Fred Bonnet	-----	Restaurant
Raechelle Ahmed	-----	Retail

The board will soon proceed to fulfill the requirements of the **Letter of Intent** to create the new unified DMO.