

ROB STEIGERWALD

Chief Operations Officer
The Americas – Western Region
Marriott International, Inc.

In this role as Chief Operations Officer, Rob Steigerwald is responsible for overseeing the operations of The Americas – Western Region, which encompasses all Marriott brands, including The Ritz-Carlton, across eighteen continental states.

Previously, Mr. Steigerwald was Chief Operations Officer, The Americas – Southern Region, responsible for all Marriott brands, including The Ritz-Carlton, in seven continental southern states and twenty-five countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Prior to becoming Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Steigerwald held the position of Executive Vice President for the Central Region overseeing the operations of more than 880 Marriott Lodging products in seventeen states and Canada.

Mr. Steigerwald began his career with Marriott in 1981 as a Restaurant Manager at the Crystal City Marriott. He moved through the food and beverage ranks in Tysons Corner, Va., and the Atlanta Marriott Downtown, where he was named Food & Beverage Director of the Year for Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites. Mr. Steigerwald later became the Regional Director of Food & Beverage in the Marriott Southeast Region. He co-developed and piloted the Regional Director of Operations position. He then moved on to three General Manager assignments at Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, Harbor Beach Marriott Resort—where he was named General Manager of the Year for Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites—and Chicago Marriott Downtown. Mr. Steigerwald then became Area Vice President for the entire Chicago market.

Mr. Steigerwald graduated from the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. He is the recipient of the AHLA Most Valuable Volunteer Award. Mr. Steigerwald served on the Executive Committee of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. He is past chair of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association as well as past chair of the Chicagoland Business Council. Mr. Steigerwald presently serves on the Board of Governors for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.