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“WAFC ELECTS FOUR NEW DIRECTORS AND ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICER LINE UP”

The Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) elected four new board members during its annual January meeting in LaQuinta, CA. The newly elected directors are:



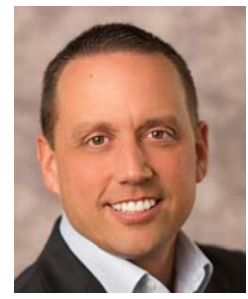
Gary Bickmore
SVP General Manager
West Coast Sales
C&S Wholesale
W. Sacramento, CA



Nancy Lebold
SVP Operations South
WinCo Foods
Boise, ID



Dan Sanders
EVP Operations
Sprouts Markets
Phoenix, AZ



Adam Wampler
SVP Retail Operations,
Seattle
Albertsons/Safeway
Seattle, WA

“We welcome Gary, Nancy, Dan and Adam to the WAFC Board of Directors and look forward to their participation in our mission of “Advancing the Food Industry Through Education and Leadership”” said Bryan Kaltenbach, WAFC president & chairman and president of Food4Less/Foods Co.

Due to the recent retirement of WAFC Vice President, Rick Rayford, from Brookshire Grocery Company, the WAFC officer line-up has changed.



President & Chairman
Bryan Kaltenbach
President
Food4Less/Foods Co.
Compton, CA



Vice President
Donna Giordano
President
Ralphs Grocery Co.
Compton, CA



Treasurer
Kevin Curry
SVP Sales, Merchandising
& Distribution
Raley’s
West Sacramento, CA



Secretary
Mike Stigers
EVP Independent
Business & Supply Chain
Services
SUPERVALU INC.
Eden Prairie, MN

“We are so appreciative of Rick’s leadership while serving on the WAFC Board. He truly made a difference in the industry and in the lives of his associates in partnering with Tyler Junior College to expand the Retail Management Certificate program into Texas. We wish Rick and Bonnie much happiness in their retirement,” said Bryan Kaltenbach, WAFC president & chairman and president of Food4Less/Foods Co.

Established in 1921, the WAFC is focused on providing educational opportunities for food industry associates. The highly acclaimed Food Industry Management Program at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business has been available to qualified industry participants for 57 years. In 2000, the WAFC expanded its scope by working with community colleges throughout the Western United States to establish the “Retail Management Certificate Program.” The Retail Management Certificate Program curriculum is currently available at 160 college and satellite locations and online nationally.

To learn more about the WAFC, go to www.wafc.com.

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