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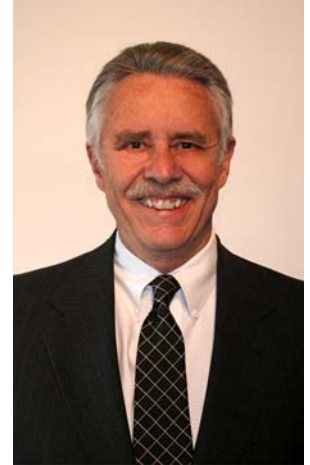
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Western Association of Food Chains Names 2008-09 Officers *John Eagan of Costco Wholesale Elected President*

Los Angeles, Calif., April – At its 87th Annual Convention in Palm Desert the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) elected officers for the 2008-2009 year, naming John Eagan, VP, Sr. General Merchandising Manager for Costco Wholesale as its president. The WAFC is the premier food industry education-focused association in the United States.

“I’m incredibly proud to be leading the WAFC as we continue our mission to provide education opportunities for all food industry employees,” said Eagan. “The WAFC is renowned throughout the industry for its work in elevating the importance of education, and we will be working hard to live up to that legacy.”

Having founded the Food Industry Management Program and Executive Food Industry Management Program at USC 50 years ago, the WAFC has placed an emphasis on promoting education opportunities for food industry employees and their families. WAFC is now expanding the reach of the Retail Management Certificate Program, now being offered by over 120 community colleges, as well as its support of the Western Collegiate Food Marketing competition and funding numerous scholarships to Universities throughout the West. Industry Executives leading the WAFC for the coming year are:



President:

John Eagan
VP, Sr. General Merchandise Manager
Costco Wholesale
Garden Grove, CA

Vice President:

Pete Van Helden
Executive Vice President, President, Retail West Region
SUPERVALU, Inc.
Fullerton, CA

Treasurer:

Mike Proulx
President, COO
Bashas Markets
Chandler, AZ

Secretary:

Karl Schroeder
President
Safeway, Northern California
Pleasanton, CA

Also announced was Sue Klug, President, Albertsons, Southern California Division, to serve as WAFC Education Chairman.

Established in 1921, the Western Association of Food Chains is a non-profit organization comprised of Retailers and Wholesalers in the 14 Western states representing over 7,500 supermarkets and 200 billion dollars in annual sales. The WAFC’s primary mission is Education, which is made possible with the support of industry suppliers and staging an Annual Convention each spring. For additional information, visit: www.wafc.com