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Jim Lee, President & COO of Stater Bros. elected President of WAFC

Los Angeles – At its 86th Annual Convention the Western Association of Food Chains elected officers for the 2007-2008 year. Industry Executives leading the WAFC for the coming year are:

President: Jim Lee
President & COO
Stater Bros. Markets
Colton, CA

Vice President: John Eagan
Vice President, Sr. General Merchandising Mgr.
Costco Wholesale
Garden Grove, CA

Treasurer: Pete Van Helden
Executive V.P./President, Retail West Region
Albertson's
Fullerton, CA

Secretary: Mike Proulx
President, COO
Bashas Markets
Chandler, AZ



Also announced was Karl Schroeder, President, Northern California Division of Safeway 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.

The WAFC is the premier food industry education focused association in the Country. Having founded and sponsored for 49 years the Food Industry Management Program and Executive Food Industry Management Program at USC, and continuing the expansion of the Retail Management Certificate Program now being offered by over 110 community colleges. In addition, the WAFC supports the Western Collegiate Food Marketing competition and funds numerous scholarships to Universities throughout the West.

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