

## News Release

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### **BEER DISTRIBUTORS OF OKLAHOMA CELEBRATING 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY; 2013 OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMED**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, February 25, 2013 – The Beer Distributors of Oklahoma (BDO) are celebrating 75 years of representing the interests of Oklahoma beer distributors in 2013 with a commemorative logo and special recognition events, the advocacy organization announced today along with its 2013 officer team and board of directors.

“Since 1938 the Beer Distributors of Oklahoma have represented Oklahoma beer distributors at the state Capitol and in Washington, D.C. for 75 years, making it one of Oklahoma’s oldest advocacy organizations,” said Brett Robinson, BDO president. “We are proud of our heritage and the work our organization has done over many decades in working with policy makers to implement responsible alcohol laws while protecting the three tier system and state-based regulation. BDO members also continue to play an ever increasing economic role to Oklahoma’s economy by providing thousands of jobs and tax revenue on an annual basis, while emphasizing alcohol responsibility in numerous public safety initiatives and campaigns in their daily business. It is important to remember that beer and alcohol are different than other consumer products and must be treated as such, by not only those within the industry, but consumers and government as well.”

BDO board chairman Gordon Green said, “We look forward to celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our current and past members throughout this year, especially at our 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event which will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our annual membership meeting and Day at the Capitol activities.”

**BDO 2013 officer team and board of directors:**

Chairman – Gordon Green, Capital Distributing Company, OKC

Vice Chairman – Mitch Zaloudek, Pope Distributing Company, Enid

Secretary/Treasurer – Pete Lynaugh, AB Sales of Tulsa

Immediate Past Chairman – Matt Jett, Jett Distributing Company, Clinton

Director – Dan Solie, LDF Sales & Distributing, Inc., Tulsa

Director – Dave Dierinzo, AB Sales of Oklahoma

Director – Tommy Hitchcock, Hitchcock Distributing, Inc., Durant

Director – Jim Eason, Southwest Sales, Inc., Lawton

Director – Jason Moreau, A&B Distributing, Muskogee

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*Founded in 1938, the purpose of the Beer Distributors of Oklahoma is to provide leadership which enhances the independent beer wholesale business; to advocate before government and the public on behalf of its members; to encourage the responsible consumption of beer and to provide programs and services that will enhance members' efficiency and effectiveness.*

