

News Release

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BEER DISTRIBUTORS OF OKLAHOMA NAME 2017 OFFICERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, January 9, 2017 – The Beer Distributors of Oklahoma (BDO), the 79-year old advocacy association representing the interests of Oklahoma’s independent beer distributors, has announced its 2017 officers and directors.

Mitch Zaloudek of Pope Distributing Company in Enid will serve a third consecutive year as BDO Board Chairman. Vice Chairman/Chairman-Elect is Kevin Hitchcock of Hitchcock Distributing, Inc. in Durant. Secretary/Treasurer is James Wilkins of LDF Sales & Distributing, Inc. in Tulsa. Immediate Past Chairman is Gordon Green of Capital Distributing Company in Oklahoma City. BDO directors are Scott Eason of Southwest Sales, Inc. in Lawton, Dan Fisher of Fisher59 in Lawton and Matt Jett of Jett Distributing Company in Clinton.

“Since 1938, the Beer Distributors of Oklahoma have represented Oklahoma’s independent beer distributors at the state Capitol and in Washington, D.C., making it one of Oklahoma’s oldest advocacy organizations,” said Brett Robinson, BDO president. “We are proud of our heritage and the work our members have done for decades in collaborating with policy makers to implement responsible alcohol laws while protecting the three-tier system and state-based regulation. BDO’s independent distributor members contribute overwhelmingly to Oklahoma’s economy by providing thousands of jobs and tax revenue on an annual basis, while advocating alcohol responsibility in numerous public safety initiatives and campaigns. Because beer and alcohol are different than other consumer products they must be treated as such, by not only those within the industry, but consumers and government as well.”

“It is an honor to be elected to serve again as chairman of the Beer Distributors of Oklahoma, and I am proud of the hard work put in by my colleagues last year to help lead the effort to modernize Oklahoma’s beer and wine laws,” said Zaloudek. “The people of Oklahoma overwhelmingly spoke on election day their desire to lift Oklahoma from its Prohibition era laws into a modern system that provides more convenience, value and selection within the adult beverage marketplace. The Beer Distributors of Oklahoma played an integral part in providing Oklahomans the opportunity to vote on this reform. More work is still to be accomplished before the law (SQ 792) takes effect in 2018, and BDO members will continue to play an active role in ensuring the modernization of Oklahoma’s alcohol laws is implemented as intended.”

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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.

