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WAFC Elects 2024 - 2025 Leadership

Western Association of Food Chains Appoints New Officer Slate at Annual Convention

Yorba Linda, Calif. (May 15, 2024) – The Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) proudly announced its new Board of Directors leadership team, officially elected at the organization's annual convention held in Aurora, Colo. Nancy Lebold, CEO of New Seasons Market in Portland, Ore., has been appointed as the new President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Lebold takes over the position from Paul Gianetto, SVP Sales & Merchandising at Raley's in West Sacramento, Calif.

Kevin Lovell, SVP Operations of Albertsons/Safeway NorCal, will advance from the role of Treasurer to serve as Vice President. Additionally, Rebecca Calvin, SVP, Chief Marketing Officer for Stater Bros. Markets, is appointed as Treasurer, stepping up from her prior role as Secretary. Wendy Coldesina, Vice President General Merchandise Manager of Costco Wholesale will take on the role of Secretary. Each officer will embark on a one-year term to continue the mission and vision of the WAFC.



President & Chairperson
Nancy Lebold
New Seasons Market
Portland, OR



Vice President
Kevin Lovell
SVP Operations
Albertsons/Safeway NorCal
Pleasanton, CA



Treasurer
Rebecca Calvin
SVP,
Chief Marketing Officer
Stater Bros. Markets
San Bernardino, CA



Secretary
Wendy Coldesina
Vice President General
Merchandise Manager
Costco Wholesale
Garden Grove, CA

In a statement from Gianetto, he expressed his gratitude and optimism saying, "It has been an absolute pleasure to serve the WAFC alongside such dedicated industry professionals. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Nancy on her new role. Her commitment and innovative perspective have greatly contributed to our shared efforts to advance the role of the WAFC in attracting, retaining and developing professionals through our educational and leadership initiatives, and I'm confident that - under Nancy's leadership - the food industry will further transform, and become a career destination for many."

Lebold offered her thanks to the WAFC community, "I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me by the WAFC. My involvement with this incredible organization has profoundly impacted my professional journey. Attending the 16-week USC Marshall School of Business Food Industry Management Program in 2015 was a pivotal moment that reshaped my career trajectory, goals and approach to mentorship, and I'm eager to foster that same transformative experience for others."

The WAFC continues to be an influential entity in the food industry, championing education, leadership development and career advancement. This strategic refresh in leadership is expected to invigorate the organization's ongoing efforts to empower individuals within the industry to turn their professional aspirations into reality.

About WAFC

The Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) is a dynamic, member-driven organization aimed at promoting the grocery industry's role as an anchor of career opportunities. With an emphasis on education and leadership development, the WAFC provides unrivaled programs, scholarships, and resources to its members. For more information about the Western Association of Food Chains or the Board of Directors, please visit www.wafc.com.

WAFC 2024-2025 Board of Directors



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Paul Gianetto - Raley's; **Greg McNiff**- Stater Bros. Markets; **Kevin Curry** - Albertsons/Vons/Pavilions;
Mike Stigers - UNFI/ Cub Foods; **Donna Tyndall** - Gelson's Markets (Retired)

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DIRECTOR EMERITUS (PICTURED)

Steve Junqueiro- SJ Associates; **Sue Klug**- Albertsons/UNFI (Retired)