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# INVITED LEGISLATORS

Representative Mike Jones was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives on November 2, 2010.

Prior to that, he served on the Andalusia City Council from 2000 to 2008, and served as mayor pro-tem from 2004 to 2008.

Representative Jones holds a B.S. Degree with Honors from Birmingham Southern University and a Law Degree from the University of Alabama.



He is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association and Andalusia Chamber of Commerce and is a member of a number of community and civic organizations including Andalusia Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Alabama Easter Seals, and the National Rifle Association.

Representative Jones is married to Kathy Harper Jones and they are the parents of two daughters; Olivia and Sophia. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Andalusia.



Representative David Sessions was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in a special election held on May 10, 2011.

He graduated from Mobile County High School in 1978 and is a farmer and co-owner of Sessions Farms, a diversified family farming operation in South Mobile County.

Representative Sessions currently serves as president of Grand Bay Water Works, and Producers Gin Co. LLC. Additionally,

he serves as a supervisor on the board of the Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District.

He is past president of the Alabama Pecan Growers Association.

Representative Sessions is married to Lisa Driskell Sessions and they have three children. He and his family attend First Baptist Church in Grand Bay.



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# TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



## Deputy Commissioner Curtis Stewart Alabama Department of Revenue

Curtis Stewart, who shares the post of Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, is a certified public accountant and brings to his new assignment 11 years of combined experience in the private sector as a sole practitioner in the Atlanta, Georgia, area and as a former audit and tax manager with KPMG accounting firm. Stewart began his career with the ADOR in 1991, and since that time has held management positions within the department in various tax administration areas, including regulatory licenses, severance, tobacco, fuel, sales and use taxes. Mr. Stewart served as director of the department's Tax Policy and Research Division from 2008 to 2012.

Stewart, a native of Greenville, Alabama, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Commerce School of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

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# TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



Mr. Steve Kottak Senior Dir, External Relations - Trade Marketing RAI Trade Marketing Services Company

Steve Kottak joined Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation in 1988 as a sales representative in Virginia. He held various trade marketing management positions, including director of military sales, division sales manager and key accounts manager, prior to his promotion in 1996 to the government relations department at the company's Louisville, Kentucky corporate headquarters.

Following positions of increasing responsibility, Kottak was promoted to the position of corporate and regulatory affairs director for British American Tobacco in Sydney, Australia, where he led a team to engage the retail and wholesale trade on legislative industry issues.

Following the merger between Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in 2004, Kottak returned to the company's headquarters in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

In his current position, Kottak leads the Company's local government relations team.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Kottak earned an MBA degree from the University of Louisville in 1998 and a bachelor's degree in Marketing from the University of Dayton in 1988.





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# TUESDAY BUSINESS SESSION



Mr. Steve Stomel
CEO
ProCat Distribution Technologies

Steve Stomel has worked in the distribution industry since 1973. He founded ProCat in 2001 with the goal of helping distribution companies improve the accuracy and productivity of their operations.

Over the past 17 years he has helped over 150 distribution companies to implement ProCat's technology. During this time, he broadened ProCat's product offering so that today every function that take place in a warehouse is supported by a ProCat solution. Prior to ProCat, Stomel spent 27 years in the convenience distribution industry. He was responsible for an operation with three distribution centers and 400 employees. Today, Steve lives in Cherry Hill, New Jersey with Andrea, his wife of 32 years, their three children, Jeff, Julie, Brian, and Colby, the family dog.



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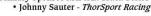
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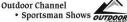
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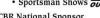
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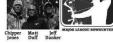
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# Alabama Wholesale 2017 Convention

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

12noon - 4:30pm Registration & Exhibit Setup (Camellia Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Acosta Sales & Marketing Creative Data Research Joshen Paper & Packaging

5:00pm Board of Directors Meeting (Azalea C Ballroom)

6:45pm - 7:30pm Welcome Reception (Camellia Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Bevco Beverages

Mars Chocolate North America

7:30pm - 8:30pm Welcome Seafood Dinner (Event Deck)

Sponsored by: Altria Group Distribution Company

8:30pm - 10pm Luau (Event Deck)

Sponsored by: Swedish Match

#### 2016 Convention Photos



# Distributors Association Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7am - 12noon Registration & Exhibit Setup (Camellia Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Republic Tobacco

Trend Sales

7am - 9am Breakfast (The Buffet)

Sponsored by: Jack Links Protein Snacks

Liggett Vector Brands

Mondelez

8am - 11am Business Session (Camellia Ballroom)

Sponsored by: ProCat

RAI Trade Marketing Services Co.

Red Stamp

9:15am Business Session Coffee Break (Camellia Ballroom)

10:30am Annual Business Meeting (Camellia Ballroom)

12:30pm Golf Tournament (Fallen Oaks Golf Course)

Sponsored by: Altria Group Distribution Company

7pm - 7:45pm Board of Directors Reception (Camellia Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Nestle USA

Swisher International

7:45pm - 9:15pm President's Banquet (Camellia Ballroom)

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#### Tina DiChiara

No Photo Available Tina DiChiara is from Gardendale, Alabama and her father Pete is employed by City Wholesale. She received a \$1,000 Scholarship to attend Auburn University where she is majoring in elementary education. We wish her all the best!

Thank you to all those who contribute to the scholarship fund. Without your support Tina would not have received this scholarship!

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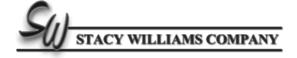












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# ALABAMA WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Alabama Wholesale Distributors Association, a non-profit, voluntary membership association organized to work on behalf of the interests of wholesale product distribution in the State of Alabama, including tobacco, candy, HBC, frozen, grocery and general merchandise products.

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# 2017 Legislative Day











We distributed over 450 boxes to Legislators and staff members at the Alabama State House on March 8th. Thanks to everyone for their support and a special thank you to those that contributed and were on hand to help deliver the boxes!



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