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American Beverage Licensees Elects New Officers at Annual Convention Off-Premise Retailer David Jabour Becomes 4th ABL President



David Jabour

Bethesda, MD – March 11, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the American Beverage Licensees (ABL) elected David Jabour, the CEO and co-owner of Austin, Texas-based Twin Liquors as the 4th ABL President on March 3rd at the Annual ABL Convention. Jabour will serve a two-year term as the leader of the national trade association with nearly 20,000 members. As ABL President, Jabour will represent the national alcohol beverage retail community and coordinate with ABL staff on national industry efforts.

A member of ABL's Board of Directors for seven years and an executive committee member of the association for the past five, Jabour will bring his association experience along with his business acumen to his new role with "America's Beer, Wine & Spirits Retailers". Twin Liquors has more than 56 locations in Central Texas, and Jabour has been active in state and local alcohol beverage issues as a member of the Texas Package Stores Association.

"One of the most exciting things about representing ABL is that I'll be able to draw from my lifetime of experience in the retail beverage business in order to best serve the industry on a national scale," says Jabour. "That experience helps me have a good understanding of the vibrancy of the industry, what the opportunities for the future may be, and a how to maintain a strong sense of community among ABL members."

Jabour will be joined in his leadership role by a newly-elected slate of ABL officers that includes Vice Presidents Skip Boise of The Tavern in Cortland, NY; Chuck Ferrar of Bay Ridge Wine & Spirits in Annapolis, MD; Melvin Gitler of Herbert's Billiards in Secaucus, NJ; Warren Scheidt of Cork Liquors in Columbus, IN; and Treasurer Jane Springer of the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association. Darrell Keck of the Dixie Inn in Shelby, MT and Bob Sprenger of Bubba's in Marion, WI will serve as at-large members to the Executive Committee.

About American Beverage Licensees (ABL)

American Beverage Licensees (ABL) is the preeminent national trade association for retail alcohol beverage license holders. Its members are comprised of on-premise and off-premise retailers who provide hundreds of thousands of jobs and annually infuse billions of dollars into the American economy.