

Chad Owen Presented with Convenience Distribution Association's Distinguished Leadership Award



FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - TAMPA, FL - Chad Owen, president of Chambers & Owen in Janesville, WI, was surprised with the Convenience Distribution Association's Distinguished Leadership Award Feb. 8 at the Convenience Distribution Marketplace in Tampa. This award, which has only been given three times before, is in recognition of a member that has continually gone above and beyond in leadership and support of CDA.

Already a convenience distribution veteran, Owen has grown up in the industry. He has been a part of Chambers & Owen since his youth, working in the company's warehouse, on the merchandising crew and with the sales department until his graduation from the University of Iowa in 2001. Owen has since worked his way up through the company's leadership and now serves as its president, representing the fifth generation of the business' family owners.

Owen brought that same commitment and vision to CDA through his work on various committees over the years. He became a member of the Executive Committee is 2013 and was an integral part of mapping the direction of CDA during its reorganization and reinvention from the American Wholesale Marketers Association (AWMA) to the Convenience Distribution Association (CDA). In 2016, he served as CDA Chair at the age of 36 – the youngest to hold the position in the association's history.

Today, Owen is a very active member, serving on the Board of Directors, the Past Chair's Advisory Council, the Events Planning Committee, the CBD/Cannabis Task Force and on the Industry Affairs Committee as co-chair of the tobacco sub-committee. He continues to champion the importance of innovation and a focus on the future and will be a mainstay within CDA and the industry for years to come.

The award was presented by Kevin Barney, Atlantic Dominion Distributors, Virginia Beach, VA. "This individual has exhibited an unwavering commitment to the association, its members and the industry," said Barney. "He is an example and resource for industry colleagues."

"Due to his continual involvement and deep commitment to CDA, Chad Owen is especially deserving of the Distinguished Leadership Award," said Kimberly Bolin, CDA president & CEO. "Chad has led with integrity, empathy and tremendous vision, and has continued to protect and promote CDA's initiatives to best serve its members and the industry as a whole."

About CDA:

The Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) is the trade organization working on behalf of convenience product distributors in the United States. Its distributor members represent more than \$102 billion in U.S. convenience product sales, serving a wide variety of small retail formats. Associate members include leading convenience product manufacturers, brokers, retailers, suppliers, and others allied to the industry. For more information visit: www.cdaweb.net.

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