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Scott Hill, Jack Link's Protein Snacks, Honored as 2026 Dean of the Industry by the Convenience Distribution Association



SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – AVENTURA, FL - Scott Hill, Jack Link's Protein Snacks, was named the Convenience Distribution Association's (CDA) 2026 Dean of the Industry Sept. 15, 2026, at the Convenience Distribution Business Exchange (CDBX) in Aventura, FL.

The Dean of the Industry recognition highlights the value and importance of distributors' many trading partners. It honors manufacturers and other industry members who have demonstrated a strong, continual partnership with, and support of, the distribution class of trade. The Dean designation is a mark of excellence—in industry relations, initiative and understanding of the distribution industry—and a sign of wholehearted appreciation from fellow industry members.

As vice president of new business development at Jack Link's Protein Snacks, Hill is proud to have helped the company become a top protein snack brand in convenience stores.

Growing up, Hill worked on his family's dairy farm where he learned many skills that have defined his career. In high school, Hill entered the convenience arena at an Amoco service station where he worked as a "very light" mechanic, full-service gas attendant and third-shift cashier. Hill graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and earned an MBA from the University of St. Thomas.

Hill originally joined Jack Link's as national sales director. His roles included vice president of convenience and vice president of refrigerated sales. The leadership skills learned in industries ranging from convenience, dollar and grocery to home-hardware, e-tailing and sporting goods have allowed him to become a true partner in the convenience distribution industry.

Hill spends considerable time and effort supporting the distribution industry, serving on boards and committees across many associations. He has served on CDA's Board of Directors and currently sits on the association's Manufacturer's Advisory Council and the Education & Research Committee.

"Scott has been a trusted voice in the c-store supply chain for many years," said Jerry Nystrom, Core-Mark Iowa. "If you ever need a question answered or something important accomplished, Scott is always 'the guy.' His genuine commitment to helping others succeed has made him an invaluable partner and a respected leader. His professional expertise and willingness to share insights and support the broader industry truly set him apart."

"Scott is a reliable, trusted and valuable resource for our industry," said Chad Owen, Chambers & Owen, Inc. "His knowledge is second to none, and he is always willing to share that knowledge and help out. If we have a question about the meat snack category, or snacking category in general, we call Scott!"

"In addition to growing Jack Link's visibility in the marketplace, Scott is someone members can count on when they need answers, expertise or advice," said Richard Owen, CDA president and CEO. "I personally have benefited from Scott's expansive industry knowledge and have relied on his advice since I joined CDA. The lifelong connections he has made with customers and competitors alike show he is a true Dean of the Industry in every way."

Away from work, Hill values time with his wife, Christin, and two adult children. He has completed 14 half-marathons and enjoys kayaking, boating, hiking, hunting, spending time at the lake, and occasionally, a little cribbage. He is president of his church board, a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer, and an advocate for a teen safety shelter.

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 \$110 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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