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## Steve Stomel Inducted Into Convenience Distribution Association Hall of Fame



**FEBRUARY 17, 2026 – ARLINGTON, TX** - Steve Stomel, ProCat Distribution Technologies, Gibbsboro, NJ, was inducted into the Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) Hall of Fame at the Convenience Distribution Marketplace Awards Dinner Feb. 17, 2026.

Stomel has spent nearly his entire life in the distribution industry. At age 15, he began working for his family's New Jersey-based tobacco and candy distribution business. Serving newsstands and restaurants, the company also owned vending machines, which Stomel stocked during the summers for five dollars a day.

After graduating from college with a degree in mathematics, he returned to the business as a full-time order-checker. In 1980, the family began computerizing the company, a year-long effort Stomel credits with educating him about distribution and operations.

Following the 2001 sale of his family's company, Stomel founded ProCat Distribution Technologies with a mission to provide cost-effective technology for foodservice and convenience distributors. In 2002, he formed Tax-Right LLC, bringing the TaxRight software to market. In 2008, ProCat introduced PickRight, which is now used to pick over 10 million items each week. ProCat's comprehensive suite of software solutions streamlines critical warehouse functions and provides essential tools for distributors' businesses.

Stomel has supported CDA through decades of event participation, going back to the association's days as the American Wholesale Marketers Association. He has been a mainstay at CDA events, building relationships and providing software tools that help distributors make their businesses more successful.

"Steve is a great listener," said Ross Haynes, Mydad, LLC dba Hardec's, Inc., Elizabethtown, KY. "He asks relevant questions about your business, then listens intently to what you have to say before deciding how he may be able to help you."

"Steve's personality is such that he is naturally a problem-solver," said Randy Emanuelson, Team Sledd, Wheeling, WV. "The way Steve and his organization designed the product, how they rolled it out and how it worked was very much in-tune with the challenges of helping distribution companies."

Away from the job, Stomel—married to wife, Andrea, for 41 years—likes eating good food, biking and skiing. The couple have three adult children—two boys and one girl—and welcomed their first grandchild in January.

CDA Hall of Fame inductees comprise the industry's most valued participants—those whose careers are highlighted by exceptional accomplishments on the industry's behalf, and who have demonstrated unquestionable dedication to CDA's highest values.

### **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](http://www.cdaweb.net).

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