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NEWS RELEASE

THE LOUISIANA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

October 14, 2013– The Louisiana Retailers Association elected the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Officers at the Annual Membership Meeting in St. Francisville on October 9, 2013.

Newly elected directors include:

- Tom Olinde, Olinde's Furniture. Baton Rouge, LA
- Bob Durand, Associated Wholesale Grocers. Pearl River, LA
- Andrew Lawrence, Smokers Paradise Plus. Winnsboro, LA
- Jay Breaux, Breaux Mart. Metairie, LA
- Kel Villarrubia, The Coca-Cola Company. Harahan, LA
- Patrick Stephens, Best Buy. Baton Rouge, LA
- Tice White, Wal-Mart Stores. Ridgeland, MS

The following directors were re-elected:

- David Caplan/ Brent Caplan, Caplan's Inc. Alexandria, LA
- Bob Smith, Albertsons Market. Fort Worth, TX
- Brian Hudson, The Home Depot. Atlanta, GA
- Buddy Gossom. Sunshine, LA
- Angela Hoover, Walgreen Co. Deerfield, IL
- Ginger Clarke, Clarkes Jewelers. Shreveport, LA
- Gary Huddleston, The Kroger Co. Irving, TX
- Bud Dunaway, Baton Rouge Coca-Cola. Baton Rouge, LA
- Sandy Grimm/ Mark Cooney, Winn-Dixie Stores. Jacksonville, FL
- Chad Guidry, Brookshire Brothers. Sulphur, LA
- Ali Malik, Target. Mandeville, LA
- Paul Imbrone, Macy's Inc. Miami, FL
- Joey Bethancourt, Sears Holdings, Inc. Lafayette, LA
- Marcy LeBlanc, LeBlanc's Food Stores. Gonzales, LA
- Jason Cooper, Brookshire Grocery Company
- Roger Mayes/ Mitch Mayes, Louisiana Nursery. Baton Rouge, LA
- Brian Bernard, Associated Grocers. Baton Rouge, LA

Elected officers include:

- Chairman David McLemore, McLemore Enterprises. Winnsboro, LA
- Vice-Chairman Ricky Landry, Zuppardo's Supermarket. Metairie, LA
- Secretary Neal Whitson, J.C. Penney. Baton Rouge, LA
- Treasurer Cal Simpson, Blue Bell Creameries. Baton Rouge, LA

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The Louisiana Retailers Association was chartered in 1946 and is the non-profit trade organization for the retail industry in the state of Louisiana. Our members include all retail formats and channels of distribution including department, specialty, discount, restaurants, drug stores and grocery stores as well as the industry's key trading partners of retail goods and services.

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