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Collier Named MGA Chairman

St. Paul, MN – September 19, 2016 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is pleased to announce Mark Collier of Collier’s Supermarkets, Inc. in St. James, MN was named Chairman of the Minnesota Grocers Association. He took over the position on July 31, 2016, from Patrick Miner of Miner’s, Inc. in Hermantown, MN. Miner was honored for his two-year term as chair at the MGA's Annual Convention in Brainerd, MN, an event attended by more than 300 members of the Minnesota food industry.

Following in his grandfather’s and father’s footsteps he is the third generation to own and operate their store. The company employs 60 people, and Mark is active in the day to day operation of the store, which is notably in its 54th year of business.

Mark’s father, Dick was a longtime member and past chairman of the MGA. He truly believed in the efforts of the association, and Mark credits him with his involvement in the MGA. As Mark looks to the future of the MGA he holds a strong commitment to continuing the work of those before him in building a viable organization that advances industry’s priorities.

Collier’s dedication to the vitality of the retail food industry and community service will be the cornerstone of his two year term as MGA Chairman. He is a strong advocate of the MGA’s legislative agenda and has a great understanding of the political process; he knows firsthand the value of engagement and letting the voices of the industry be heard. Collier will engage the support of all MGA industry partners to educate consumers on industry’s commitment to the communities they serve. Additionally, Collier is vested in promoting careers within the industry.

Mark and his wife Lisa live in St. James with their four children.

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,100 stores statewide, as well as approximately 100 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 125,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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