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## WSWA Confirms Doug Shaw of M.S. Walker, Inc. as Chairman of the Board

Chairman Shaw to Champion the Most Efficient and Safest Alcohol Distribution System in the World

**WASHINGTON, D.C., 09/20/2023** – Today, Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA) announced the election of M.S. Walker, Inc. President Doug Shaw as Chairman of the Board. Addressing the association at its annual membership meeting in Washington, D.C., Shaw urged distributors to continue strengthening the three-tier system, the most efficient and safest alcohol distribution system in the world.

"Every WSWA member is a champion for the value of the wholesaler, our industry partners, and key stakeholders in the system that works so well to serve consumers during an exciting time of innovation," said Shaw. "WSWA members nationwide are energized and committed to working with the entire WSWA team who leverage tremendous passion, energy, and expertise, every day."

On the future of the association and its strategic priorities, Shaw detailed ongoing efforts to continue building upon important diversity and women's leadership initiatives, elevating Access LIVE as the premier industry event, developing WSWA's SipSource into a best-in-class data product, advocating for the comprehensive federal regulation of cannabis, and countering state-by-state efforts to bypass the robustly regulated marketplace.

"Chairman Shaw brings a tremendous amount of experience, knowledge and genuine concern for the success of not just wine and spirits wholesalers, but industry partners who have been pivotal in making the U.S. alcohol marketplace the global standard-bearer," said WSWA President and CEO Francis Creighton.

## About Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America

WSWA is the national trade association representing the distribution tier of the wine and spirits industry, dedicated to advancing the interests and independence of distributors and brokers of wine and spirits. Founded in 1943, WSWA has more than 380 member companies in 50 states and the District of Columbia. To learn more, please visit www.wswa.org or connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.