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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONCESSIONAIRES PRESENTS SPECTRA’S CHARLIE NEARY WITH DISTINGUISHED MICKEY WARNER AWARD

LAS VEGAS, NV. (April 10, 2016) – April 10, 2016 (Las Vegas, NV) – The National Association of Concessionaires today presented Spectra’s Charlie Neary, Division Senior Vice President, with the prestigious Mickey Warner Award during the Association’s Board of Directors Meeting.

The Mickey Warner award is presented to an individual who exemplifies leadership and significant accomplishments in the non-theater concession industry. The award honors the late Mickey Warner; the father of the NAC Concession Manager Certification Program and one of the greatest innovators and educators of the concessions industry.

Neary oversees Spectra Venue Management and Food Services & Hospitality properties in the Western half of North America, coordinating with the Regional Vice Presidents and local management to facilitate best practices. With three decades of experience and a long list of professional accomplishments, the secret of Neary’s success in food services is a unique combination of entrepreneurship and tireless dedication to developing lasting relationships with his colleagues, clients, and company. Recently, Neary helped lead Spectra’s rebrand from Ovations Food Services, and has helped to geographically re-align the field operations.

“Charlie is an integral part of our team at Spectra,” said Glen Brandenburg, President and COO, Spectra Venue Management and Food Services & Hospitality. “Charlie’s experience, ingenuity, and his ability to lead make him a valuable asset to the success of our company.”

Neary’s began his career by working concessions at the Greek Theatre in Berkeley, California, for Fillmore Fingers before climbing the ranks and serving as their Director of Concessions. Ultimately, Neary’s strong business sense led him to start FanFare Enterprises, the successful food service company he co-founded with fellow Spectra Food Services & Hospitality VP, Nick Nicora. In 2001, FanFare merged with Ovations Food Services (now Spectra Food Services & Hospitality). Since 2001, Neary has been an integral part of the tremendous growth of Spectra Food Services & Hospitality.

Neary was awarded this distinguished award for his active involvement in the National Association of Concessionaires. He provides positive leadership direction and makes significant contributions to the development, education, quality and professionalism of the concessions/hospitality industry. His significant accomplishments and longevity to the non-theatre concessions industry and current involvement in non-theatre concessions at the executive level are invaluable.

“Knowing who has won this prestigious award in the past, including Shelley Feldman, Gary Horvath and (Spectra Food Services & Hospitality President and Founder) Ken Young makes me feel both honored and humbled at the same time,” said Neary. “Winning this award would not have been possible without the great team members that have helped grow Spectra every day. I am very appreciative of the NAC for even considering me as this years’ Mickey Warner recipient.”
A San Francisco native, Neary attended the University of California, Berkeley and San Francisco State University, majoring in Business Administration.

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