Hotel Muehlebach

**Minutes of Organizational Meeting** 

National Association of Convenience Stores Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Missouri

August 13, 14, 15, 1961

The following attended a meeting at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri on August 13, 14, 15, 1961 at which time the National Association of Convenience Stores was formed:

Henry Boney, President, Speedee Mart, La Mesa, California Lloyd Detlofsen, President, Minute Market, Seattle, Washington John Gillett, President, Circle K, El Paso, Texas Frank Kerr, President, Jiffy Stores, Ocala, Florida Ralph Kulk, Operations Manager, Speedee Mart, La Mesa, Calif. Abner Lichtenstein, Owner (Proposed Stores), Atlanta, Ga. Lloyd Lind, General Manager, Little Giant, Ocala, Fla. Robert McCaughey, Manager, American Bakeries Co., Kansas City, Mo. Ben A. McKnight, Manager, American Bakeries Co., Miami, Florida Leon Melvin, General Manager, E.Z. Food Shops, Atlanta, Ga. W. C. Metzger, Chairman of Board, Pic Quik, Inc. Tampa, Fla. Clarence Powers, National Accounts Rep., American Bakeries, Dallas, Tex. Harley Riedel, President, Pic Quik, Inc. Tampa, Florida William Riedel, President, Handy Food Stores, Houston, Texas John Roscoe, President, Big Top, Denver, Colorado Erich Wendl, Owner, Maverick Markets, Corpus Christi, Texas John Wilson, Owner, Pick Kwik, Clearwater, Florida

The meeting was put together by Henry A. Boney, President, Speedee Mart, LaMesa, California. Mr. Boney stated that the reason for the meeting was that he felt sufficient growth of convenience food stores throughout the country was such that it warranted the formation of an association to cover that segment of the food industry. Others in attendance were in unison and the following were elected as officers of the newly formed National Association of Convenience Stores:

President – Henry Boney, President, Speedee Mart, La Mesa, Calif. Vice President – Leon Melvin, Gen. Mgr. E.Z. Food Shops, Atlanta, Ga. Sec-Treas. – W. C. Metzger, Chair of Board, Pick Quik, Inc. Tampa, Fla. Director – Frank Kerr, President, Jiffy Food Stores, Ocala, Fla. Director – John Gillett, President of "Circle K", El Paso, Texas Director – John Roscoe, Pres of Big Top, Denver, Colorado

Those in attendance were unanimous in hoping that Harry C. Hunter, currently associated with California Food Grocers Association would see fit to accept the position of Executive Director of

the association in response to Henry Boney's Contact with Mr. Hunter yesterday by telephone. It was hoped that this matter could be settled before the first meeting of the association which is scheduled as follows:

November 2, 1961 – Dallas, Texas - Directors Meeting 4 PM

Cocktails 6 PM to 8 PM Dinner 8 P.M.

November 3-4, 1961 Dallas, Texas (75 people expected)

November 3 – Luncheon at Noon – Cocktails 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Dinner 8 P.M. November 4 – Luncheon at Noon – Open in P.M.

Cliff Wheeler of 7-Eleven Stores and LeRoy Melcher of Utotem sent telegrams stating that their firms could be counted on as members of the National Association of Convenience Stores prior to the upcoming November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Henry Boney stated that he and others in attendance would like to go on record of expressing sincere thanks to Ben McKnight, Clarence Powers, and Bob McCaughey of American Bakeries Company for their fine hospitality during the meeting and especially for the Dinner given by American Bakeries Company at the Phillips Hotel, Monday night, August 145h.

The Meeting Adjourned after Breakfast at the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, Tuesday Morning, August 15, 1961.

Minutes Recorded by Ben McKnight, August 15, 1961.