



Recap of KAMC Annual Meeting July 18, 2025

The 2025 KAMC Annual Meeting was conducted at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown Lexington immediately following a KAMC Board of Governors meeting.



Tod Griffin, President of the Kentucky Retail Federation gave an update regarding legislative items that may impact the membership. He recommended that the members stay in contact with the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Kentucky task force as their decisions may strongly impact our industry. He recommends staying in close contact with all legislators.

Lauren Janes, NAMA Manager of Government Affairs, presented a review of national legislative items and strongly encourage member engagement. One of NAMA's current objectives is lobbying for tariff exemptions for any products not grown sufficiently in the US to meet consumer demand. An example of this is coffee, an item heavily used by KAMC members. She also urged us to pay attention to MAHA legislation at the federal level.

Bob Owens, NAMA COO, spoke via video link, concerning some benefits of NAMA membership and how NAMA can bring value and support to state councils.



Chris Stave announced the names of the KAMC 2025 Past Presidents Scholarship awards. The winner's names and details are on the Scholarship tab.

Justin Ferrarella, GM of the Lexington Legends, presented the historical background of the baseball team and discussed the unique approach of this non-MLB affiliated organization. The KAMC sponsored a night with the Legends and dinner buffet, after the meeting.



Brad Giles, Canteen Regional Manager KY/WV, was announced as the new President of KAMC and his son Tyler threw the ceremonial first pitch of the game! Legends WON 11 -1