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NSBA Honors Michael Stanek of Cleveland

Washington, D.C. — NSBA today recognized Michael Stanek, co-owner and chief financial officer of Hunt Imaging, LLC in Berea, Ohio, and co-owner and president of Cleveland Cycle Tours, as a finalist for the 2017 Lewis Shattuck Small Business Advocate of the Year Award. The award honors small-business owners who go above and beyond in advocating for policies to improve America’s small-business community.

“Mike Stanek is an active and extremely insightful representative for small business throughout Ohio and in Washington, D.C.” stated NSBA President and CEO Todd McCracken. “Mike spends countless hours working on issues and policies to improve America’s small-business climate, and his fervent dedication to entrepreneurship is commendable.”

Stanek, while running successful businesses, has served as a city councilman in three different communities covering more than 13 years. He chaired the Advocacy Committee for COSE in Cleveland for three years and has been a member for seven. Stanek has served in various leadership positions on NSBA’s Board of Trustees and has testified before the House Small Business Committee on international trade. More recently, Stanek was appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich as the sole representative of employers to Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee.

In addition to honoring Stanek, NSBA also named David Ickert of Air Tractor as the overall award winner and recognized the following small-business owners for their excellence in advocating on small-business issues: Curtis Richardson, C&J Electrical Services, LLC; Deborah Rutledge, Rutledge Group, Inc.; and Diane Sumpter, DESA, Inc.

“I’ve been active in NSBA for nearly two decades, and I can attest first-hand to Mike Stanek’s stellar reputation as an outspoken, passionate advocate for small business,” stated NSBA Chair Pedro Alfonso of Dynamic Concepts, Inc. in Washington, D.C. “Mike works on issues far beyond those which will impact his businesses, and is a true champion for small business.”

Celebrating 80 years in operation, NSBA is a staunchly nonpartisan organization advocating on behalf of America’s entrepreneurs. NSBA’s 65,000 members represent every state and every industry in the U.S., and we are proud to be the nation’s first small-business advocacy organization. Please visit www.nsba.biz or follow us at @NSBAAdvocate.

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