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**CAA ELECTS NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND RAPIDLY GROWS TO 41 MEMBERS STRONG**

*New Chairman Bill Bridges and One New Member Announced
as Members Convene for Annual Meeting*

AUSTIN, Texas, May 26 -- Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) at its annual meeting May 13-14, Dallas, TX, announced its newly elected 2009 management committee, including CAA's new chairman of the board Bill Bridges, CIC, executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, Pampa, TX and CAA's new executive vice president, Don Hudson, vice-president of JHC Insurance Agency, Inc. Victoria, TX. CAA also welcomed its 41st member Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., San Angelo, TX, and its fourth new member in 2009. With recent expansion into Oklahoma and Kansas, Texas-based CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) committed to further expansion across the country to strengthen the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth and exceptional service for its member agencies.

"Last year we experienced rapid growth by welcoming in four new members to CAA. So far in 2009, we've already matched that growth while expanding into two new states in the midst of a sluggish economy," said Don C. Jones, CIC, CAA president and president of President of Crockett Insurance Service Inc. (Crockett, TX). "We're always looking for good people to join our team, and our new chairman Bill Bridges will continue to steer CAA in a direction of outward expansion in Oklahoma, Kansas and the southwest region of the country."

Each CAA management committee member is elected to serve a staggered two-year term and is selected by its board of members based on their leadership abilities and contributions to the organization. The new 2009 management committee includes:

- **Chairman of the Board** – Bill Bridges, CIC, executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, Pampa, TX. Bridges serves on the board of directors of The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT), and the Texas Mutual Agents' Council and the Travelers' Regional Agents Council.
- **President** – Don C. Jones, CIC, president of Crockett Insurance Service, president of Houston-Walker Counties Insurance Service & Crockett Financial Service, Crockett, TX.
- **Executive Vice President** – Don Hudson, vice-president of JHC Insurance Agency, Inc., Victoria, TX.

- **Second Vice President** – Michael T. Siegeler, CIC, president of the Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Giddings, TX.
- **Secretary** – Lloyd Eisenrich, president of The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., headquartered in Andrews, TX with two other locations in Odessa, TX as Edgmon-Eisenrich Insurance and in Granbury, TX as InSCO Insurance. Eisenrich serves on the national advisory board NorthStar, the agency advisory board for Allstate Corp./Encompass Insurance.
- **Treasurer** – Jim Norris, CEO of Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Lamesa, TX. Norris is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a BBA in Insurance.
- **Past Chairman** – Brent Borgstedte, president of GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Bellaire, TX. Borgstedte is also a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Houston’s board of directors.

“CAA is thrilled to move into San Angelo with our newest member agency, Mr. Insurance. We gain both a strong member and a better spread of risk in West Texas,” said Michael Bosworth, AAI, CIC, CWCA, CAA chairman of the new member committee and president of Bosworth & Associates (Tyler, TX). “The agency’s owners -- Tom Abbott, Larry Smith, Rodney Floyd -- and their entire staff exemplify the types of professionals that CAA continues to partner with across Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.”

Founded in 1938, Mr. Insurance Agency serves the San Angelo and surrounding counties areas by writing all lines of insurance, including commercial, personal, and life and health policies. The independent insurance agency also specializes in providing truck insurance. URL: www.mrinsuranceinc.com

CAA’s member agencies convene on a quarterly basis to knowledge share, discuss industry issues, review its relationships with insurance carriers, and assess CAA operations. Highlights from the recent board meeting include:

- Golf tournament at Bear Golf Club (Dallas, TX),
- New member presentation to independent agency prospects from Texas and Oklahoma,
- Insurance carrier presentations by Hartford Personal Lines Insurance, Liberty Mutual, Foremost Insurance Group, GuideOne Insurance, and Philadelphia Insurance Companies,
- Philadelphia hosts social event at Hyatt Regency DFW, and
- Award presentation to outgoing CAA officers, including former CAA chairman Brent Borgstedte and CAA past president Bill Bridges.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997 Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and comprised of 41 independent insurance agencies located throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. By funneling the agencies’ combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume commitments to insurance companies, while empowering its members to realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts and other incentives.

CAA works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. CAA is nationally ranked as the number one independent agency in the southwest region by many of the top rated insurance companies and ranked 18th of the “Top 100” independent agencies in the nation by the *Insurance Journal* in 2008. All CAA member agencies remain independent and are recognized by insurance companies as a key component to their future growth and goal commitments. Additional information is available at www.combinedagents.com.

CAA member agencies include: Aars & Nelson Insurance Agency, Barnard Insurance Agency, Bartlett, Baggett & Shands, Benchmark Insurance Group, Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company, Bigham-Kliwer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bridges Group Inc., Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens-Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Ed Berrong Insurance Agency, Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds LCC, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles and Martin Insurance Agency Inc., Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., Pierson-Fendley Insurance, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy & Company, The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Walthall-Sachse & Pipes, Inc., The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., Western Insurance Agency, and Whorton Insurance Services.

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