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COMBINED AGENTS OF AMERICA ELECTS NEW 2011 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
New Chairman John V. Shropshire Jr. Announced as Members Convene for Annual Meeting

AUSTIN, Texas, May 24, 2011 — Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) at its annual meeting May 11-12, Dallas, Texas, announced its newly elected 2011-12 Management Committee, including CAA's new Chairman John V Shropshire Jr., CEO of The Shropshire Agency, Lubbock, Texas, new Second Vice President Bill Martin, President of Grona Boles Martin Bloxsom Insurance, San Antonio, Texas, re-elected Executive Vice President Don B. Hudson, Vice-President of JHC Insurance Agency, Victoria, Texas, and new Past Chairman Bill Bridges, Executive Vice President of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, Pampa, Texas. With 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.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Combined Agents of America LLC," said John V Shropshire Jr. "With a decade-long record of growth behind us, we at CAA plan to continue to grow our presence in the marketplace and to make 2011 another record-breaking year!"

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 2011-12 Management Committee includes:

- **President** – Lloyd Eisenrich, President of The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., headquartered in Andrews, Texas with two other locations in Granbury, Texas, and in Odessa, Texas as Edgmon-Eisenrich Insurance.
- **Chairman of the Board** – John V Shropshire Jr., CIC, CEO of The Shropshire Agency, Inc., Lubbock, Texas.
- **Executive Vice President** – Don B. Hudson, CIC, Vice-President of JHC Insurance Agency, Inc., Victoria, Texas.
- **Second Vice President** – Bill Martin, President of Grona Boles Martin Bloxsom Insurance, San Antonio, Texas. Martin serves on the American First Agents Advisory Council.
- **Secretary** – Roger Luttrell, CIC, president of Benton-Luttrell-Brown, headquartered in Van Alstyne, Texas with another office in Sherman, Texas. Luttrell also serves on the State Auto's National Agents Council.
- **Treasurer** – Denny Bryan, CIC, president of Bryan Insurance Agency, Graham, Texas.

- **Past Chairman** -- Bill Bridges, CIC, executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, Pampa, Texas and Edmond, Deaton & Stephens Insurance Agency, Amarillo, Texas. He is also the CEO of Sun West Insurance, Arlington, Texas. Bridges serves as a Director of The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT), and the Texas Mutual Agents' Council.

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 Tenison Park Golf Course (Dallas, Texas),
- New member presentation to independent agency prospect from TexasChec,
- Insurance carrier presentations by AmWINS, Allied, Republic, Chubb and AmTrust,
- Guest speaker presentation by Scott Addis on "Organic Growth Engine,"
- AmTrust hosts social and dinner at The Adolphus,
- AmWINS hosts lunch at The Adolphus, and
- Award presentation to outgoing CAA officers, including former chairman Bill Bridges, former second vice president Michael T. Siegeler, CIC, president of the Siegeler Insurance Agency, and former past president Don C. Jones, CIC, president of Crockett Insurance Service.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997, Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and is comprised of 47 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. In 2009, CAA generated over \$411 million in combined property and casualty annual premiums, and works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. 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, Bibby-Brilling & Associates, 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 LLC, Elliott Insurance Group, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, First Texas Insurance Services LC, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., HC&H Insurance Group, Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles Martin & Bloxsom Insurance, Hill County Insurance Agency, Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, Lake Insurance Agency, Inc., 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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