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**CAA ASSEMBLES FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

*Member Agencies Gather to Celebrate at Quarterly Meeting*

**Austin, TX, November 12, 2007** – Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA), at its quarterly meeting November 6-7, 2007, celebrated its tenth anniversary at The Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, TX. A tenth anniversary dinner was held complete with slide-show and retired members sharing their memories. CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) committed to strengthening the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth, quality and service for its member agencies

“Listening to our retired members share their stories really confirmed that CAA is about people and building strong relationships – it goes deeper than business,” said Michael Sachse, CAA executive vice president and vice president of Walthall Sachse and Pipes, Inc., San Antonio, TX. “It was the hard work and thoughtful planning of our founding members that continues to guide us today. Our core values have not changed: quality members and strong company relationships produce great results.”

These relationships have also been evident with insurance carriers, as CAA strives to benefit not only its member agencies, but also the companies it represents. Many companies have been with CAA from the beginning and seen remarkable growth happen over ten years. At the meeting it was announced that CAA generated over \$365 Million in combined property and casualty premiums in 2006 and continues to grow in 2007.

“Our management committee stays in constant communication,” said Bill Bridges, CAA president and executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, Pampa, TX. “This combined with our strict standards for member agencies and insurance carriers are the keys to our success.”

A dozen insurance carriers attended the two day meeting, including Travelers, Safeco, Central, Texas Mutual, The Hartford, Republic, Utica, America First, Ohio Casualty, CNA, Service Lloyds, Colemont, and Chubb. CAA’s member agencies assemble on a quarterly basis to knowledge share, discuss industry issues, review its relationships with insurance carriers, and assess CAA operations.

**About Combined Agents of America, LLC**

Founded in 1997 Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and comprised of 35 independent insurance agencies located throughout the state. By funneling the agencies' combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume commitments to insurance companies, while enabling its members to greatly improve their bottom line and realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts, profit sharing and other incentives. All CAA member agencies remain independent and are recognized by insurance companies as a key component to their future growth and goal commitments. CAA is the leading independent agency with many of the top rated insurance companies in Texas, and is also one of the fastest growing. Additional information is available at [www.combinedagents.com](http://www.combinedagents.com).

CAA member agencies include: Bartlett, Baggett & Shands, Benchmark Insurance Group, Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company, Bigham-Kliwer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens/Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Services, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Edmond, Deaton & Stephens Insurance Agency Inc., Evans, Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, First Southwest Insurance Agency, 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, Lynn, Kiecke, Lackey Insurance Group, Inc., McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Stephens, Henry Norris Insurance Agency Inc., Pierson & Fendley Insurance Agency, LLC, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy & Company, Bill Russell Insurance Agency Inc., The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Walthall, Sachse & Pipes, Inc., Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., and Whorton Insurance Services.

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