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8 CAA Insurance Agents Elected to 2015 KAIA Leadership Positions

CAA's Dusty Davis Serves as President-Elect & Robert Wood as Past President of Kansas Association of Insurance Agents

Austin, TX, October 22, 2014 – Today, Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) announced that eight of its members and agents were elected to the 2015 Kansas Association of Insurance Agents (KAIA) board of directors. Additionally, four of these members will serve on its executive committee. **Dusty Davis**, a broker at ICI Insurance (a CAA member agency), will serve as president-elect of the KAIA board of directors for 2015. CAA member **Robert Wood**, president of Wood-Dulohery Insurance, Inc., will serve as immediate past president. CAA member **Scott Strong**, president of Strong's Insurance, will serve as secretary, and CAA member **Lyle Davidson**, manager of Fouts, Davidson, Burks Agency LLC, will serve as treasurer. With members in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, CAA is an agency partnership committed to strengthening the independent insurance agency system by providing superior service to our customers and insurance companies across the country.

Last week, CAA member Alan Schlesener, owner of Keller-Leopold Insurance, was newly elected to the 17-member board of directors. Elections were held at KAIA annual meeting October 15, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas.

Additionally, the following three CAA agents will continue to serve out their 3-year term on the board of directors in 2015: Chad Fuqua, owner of Fuqua Ruth Typer Insurance, Jim Runnebaum, president of SBS Insurance Agency, and JoErin Stuteville, at Elliott Insurance Group.

"It's an honor to serve as the president-elect of the KAIA. And I'm looking forward to working with a strong board of directors, almost half of whom are also CAA members," said Dusty Davis, CIC, broker at ICI Insurance, a CAA member agency. "The Kansas "contingent" of CAA members have worked together for years in KAIA leadership, and our strong industry relationship forged in KAIA continues to fuel our rocketing growth trend at CAA."

The Kansas "contingent" at CAA includes 8 members many with a long history of serving in leadership positions at KAIA. CAA first expanded into Kansas in 2008. This year among the group, Scott Strong, president of Strong's Insurance Inc., joined CAA.

In another prominent Kansas group of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA), Jeremie Krehbiel, a CAA producer at Keller-Leopold Insurance, will serve on the Kansas PIA Board of Directors.

URL: <http://kansaspia.org/directors.html>

CAA members and agents elected to KAIA leadership in 2015 include:

2015 KAIA Board of Directors, Executive Committee

President Elect, Dusty Davis, CIC, broker at ICI Insurance, a CAA member agency, has served on the KAIA board since 2006, and will become president in October 2015. Davis was first elected to the executive committee in 2012, and most recently as treasurer in 2013. He has also served as chairman of the communication/Trusted Choice, golf and young agents committees. Davis also served as president of the Agency Services Corporation of Kansas (ASCK). ICI Insurance has four locations in Kansas, including El Dorado, Emporia, Derby and Wichita. URL: <http://www.icblueskies.com>

Immediate Past President, Robert Wood, president of Wood-Dulohery Insurance, Inc. and CAA member, has served on the KAIA board of directors since 2003, most recently as vice president, president-elect and this year as president. In 2001, the local chamber named him Business Person of the Year. That same year, he was recognized with KAIA's Agent of Merit award for service to his community. Wood-Dulohery Insurance has locations in Parsons and Pittsburg, Kansas. URL: <http://wooddulohery.com>

Treasurer, Lyle Davidson, AFIS, manager of Fouts, Davidson, Burks Agency LLC and CAA member, will serve as treasurer. Davidson is also chairman of the KAIA crop insurance committee, while also serving on the golf committee. He is past chairman of the technology and Trusted Choice committees. Additional Davidson serves on a national IIABA committee as a crop insurance task force member. Fouts, Davidson, Burks Agency has seven offices in Beloit, Osborne, Jewell, Delphos, Minneapolis, Bennington and Assaria in Kansas.

Secretary, Scott Strong, CIC, president of Strong's Insurance, Inc., will serve as secretary, and continue to serve on the government affairs committee. Strong's Insurance is a family-owned business based in Nashville, Kansas and serving South Central Kansas.

Once elected to the executive committee of the KAIA BOD, members serve a 5-year term.

2015 KAIA Board of Directors

Alan Schlesener, owner of Keller-Leopold Insurance headquartered in Garden City, Kansas, was elected to the KAIA board of directors in October 2014. He will serve a 3-year term. URL: <http://kellerleopold.com>

Chad Fuqua, AAI, AIS, owner of Fuqua Ruth Typer Insurance and CAA member, is a current KAIA board member serving since 2012. Fuqua also sits on the KAIA government affairs committee, and has been the KAIA golf chairman since 2006. Fuqua Ruth Typer Insurance has locations in Hesston, Lindsborg and Newton, Kansas providing insurance solutions to clients in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. URL: <http://www.fuquainsurance.com>

Jo Erin Stuteville at Elliott Insurance Group, a CAA member agency, is a current KAIA board member who also serves as chairman of the education committee. Stuteville also served as president of the KAIA's young agents group in 2011. The agency serves Kansas and Missouri. URL: <http://www.elliottinsurancegroup.com>

Jim Runnebaum, AFIS, president of SBS Insurance Agency and CAA member, is a current KAIA board member serving since 2010. Runnebaum is also chairman of the KAIA technology committee, while serving on the KAIA communication/Trusted Choice and golf committees. He also serves on the board of ASCK. SBS Insurance Agency has six locations in northeast Kansas providing insurance solutions to clients in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. URL: <http://www.sbsins.com>

Past KAIA leadership positions include:

Rick Elliott, president at Elliott Insurance Group, a CAA member agency, is a KAIA past president from 2009-2010.

Roy Frey, at SBS Insurance Agency, a CAA member agency, served in 2009 as president of the KAIA's young agents group, and on the board of directors. He also serves on the KAIA events committee.

Ryan Murry, CIC, broker of ICI, a CAA member agency, served on the KAIA board of directors as Chairperson of the Young Agent Committee in 2014.

Tom Murry, president of ICI and CAA member, was a KAIA past president in 2000-2001.

Trent Richmond, VP of Business Development at Keller-Leopold Insurance, a CAA member agency, served on the board of directors in 2008-2009.

About Kansas Association of Insurance Agents

KAIA is governed by a 17-member board comprised of independent agents and owners from across the state. KAIA represents more than 500 independent insurance agencies and branches in Kansas. Its members are small businesses that employ more than 3,000 licensed agents in communities throughout the state.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997, Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and is comprised of 52 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 2013, CAA generated more than \$707.8 million in property and casualty premium, and currently works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. CAA is ranked #4 for the second year running on *Insurance Journal's* Top 20 list of largest agency partnerships 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 Brillling & Associates LLP, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, DFB Insurance Group LLC, 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 LLC, Fouts, Davidson, Burks Agency LLC, Fuqua Ruth Typer Insurance, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles Martin & Bloxson Insurance, Hill County Insurance Agency, HC&H Insurance Group, ICI Insurance, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, Keller-Leopold Insurance, Inc., McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., NTX Insurance Group, Inc., Pierson-Fendley Insurance Agency, LLC, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy Insurance Agency, LTD, SBS Insurance, The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Southern Star Insurance, Strong's Insurance Inc., Walthall-Sachse & Pipes, Inc., The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., Western Insurance Agency, Whorton Insurance Services, and Wood-Dulohery Insurance, Inc.