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**ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC®
ANNOUNCES OFFICERS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTED FOR 2009-2010 TERM**

Encino, CA (September 30, 2009) - The Academy of Country Music has announced new officers for its Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 term, following elections held last week.

Those newly elected Officers include:

Chairman of the Board	John Grady
President	Bill Mayne
Vice-President	Sarah Trahern
Treasurer	John Dorris
Secretary	Tiffany Moon

The Academy of Country Music will announce its full slate of Board Members in October, following membership voting which begins next week.

The officer positions were voted on by the Board of Directors, and not the Membership, following a bylaws amendment that was passed in 2008. It is anticipated that the Vice President will serve a one-year term, after which the Vice President will become President for a one-year term; and the President will become Chairman for a one-year term. This succession plan provides extended continuity in the strategic planning, guidance, and operation of the Academy.

About the Academy of Country Music

Founded in 1964, the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC** is an artist and industry-driven organization, providing the financial resources to ensure the on-going philanthropic work of **ACM Lifting Lives**, the charitable arm of the Academy which works to improve lives through music. The Academy is comprised of more than 3,800 professional members and more than 180,000 associate members and is headquartered in Encino, Calif. For more information, log onto www.acmliftinglives.org or www.acmcountry.com.

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