



**ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC® ANNOUNCES
NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS
& ACM LIFTING LIVES ANNOUNCES FULL BOARD FOR 2009-2010**

ENCINO, CA (November 17, 2009) – The Academy of Country Music is announcing its new board of directors. This year, there are six qualifying professional categories that are elected by the Academy’s membership. In addition to those elected, director-at-large positions have been appointed by Chairman **John Grady**, President **Bill Mayne** and Vice President **Sarah Trahern**. Directors are elected from each category based on the number of members in that category. Each director serves staggered two-year terms, with half the board membership changing each year.

"I’m excited to welcome our new board of directors and our continuing board," said **Grady**. "2010 is shaping up to be an extraordinary year for the Academy. These dedicated professionals are the core of the Academy and will help build our awards and other television endeavors moving forward."

ACM Lifting Lives is also announcing its new board of directors for 2009-2010. ACM Lifting Lives along with Chairman **Gary Haber** and President **Gayle Holcomb** are announcing six new directors and a new vice president for their board of directors.

"We are thrilled to be a growing part of the Academy," said **Haber**. "2009 was a great year for us and we are pleased to now have these 16 members on our board to continue the work Lifting Lives has been dedicated to since its inception."

Those newly elected and appointed directors (below) will be added to our existing board of directors (full board listing attached):

CATEGORY

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Affiliated

Tony Brown, TBE
John Briggs, ASCAP Nashville

Artist/Entertainer/MBI

Craig Morgan
Dave Pomeroy, American Federation of Musicians
Blake Shelton

Club/Casino/Venue Operator

Ed Warm, Joe’s Bar

Manager

Mark Hartley, Fitzgerald Hartley

Music Publisher

Pat Higdon, Universal Music Publishing

Record Company

Fletcher Foster, Universal South
Butch Waugh, Sony Music Nashville

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Scott Borchetta, Big Machine Records/The Valory Music Co.
Duane Clark, Flood, Bumstead, McCready & McCarthy
Benson Curb, Curb Records
Steve Dahl, PARADIGM
John Esposito, Warner Bros. Records
Matt Fischer, iTunes
Pete Fisher, Grand Ole Opry
Gary Gilbert, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Gary Haber, Haber Corporation
Gayle Holcomb, William Morris Endeavor
Wade Jessen, *Billboard*
Bill Lardie, Anderson Merchandisers
Ken Levitan, Vector Management
Eddie Montgomery, Montgomery Gentry
Fran Romeo, Romeo Entertainment Group
Ben Vaughn, EMI Music Publishing

In addition to **Mark Hartley** being elected vice president of the ACM Lifting Lives board, these newly elected directors (below) will be added to the existing ACM Lifting Lives board of directors (full ACM Lifting Lives board listing also attached):

DIRECTORS

Lori Badgett, Sun Trust Bank
Debbie Carroll, MusiCares
Mike Dungan, Capitol Nashville
Ann Edelblute, 19 Entertainment
Fletcher Foster, Universal South
Gary Gilbert, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009-2010**

OFFICERS

Chairman	John Grady , Borman Entertainment
President	Bill Mayne , Mayne Street Consulting
Vice President	Sarah Trahern , GAC
Treasurer	John Dorris , Hallmark Direction
Parliamentarian	Jim Murphy , Dial Global
Secretary	Tiffany Moon , Academy of Country Music
Chairman Emeritus	Rod Essig , CAA

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Affiliated	Clay Bradley , BMI Buddy Cannon Tony Brown , TBE John Briggs , ASCAP Nashville
Artist/Entertainer/MBI	Craig Morgan Dave Pomeroy , American Federation of Musicians Randy Scruggs Blake Shelton
Club/Casino/Venue Operator	Jerry Hufford , Buck Owens Enterprises Ed Warm , Joe's Bar
Composer	Jeffrey Steele
Manager	Mark Hartley , Fitzgerald Hartley T.K. Kimbrell , T.K.O. Artist Management Clarence Spalding , Spalding Entertainment
Media/Public Relations	Schatzi Hageman , Hot Schatz PR
Music Publisher	Dale Bobo , Warner/Chappell Music Pat Higdon , Universal Music Publishing
On-Air Personality	Bob Kingsley , "Bob Kingsley's Country Countdown"
Radio	Mike Culotta , WQYK/WYUU
Record Company	Mike Dungan , Capitol Nashville Fletcher Foster , Universal South Butch Waugh , Sony Music Nashville
Talent Agent	Darin Murphy , CAA
Talent Buyer/Promoter	Suzanne Wilson , Wilson Events
TV/Motion Picture	Jay Frank , CMT

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Duane Clark, Flood, Bumstead, McCready & McCarthy
Charlie Cook, KKGQ-FM-Go Country
Benson Curb, Curb Records
Steve Dahl, PARADIGM
Tim DuBois, Dottore-DuBois Management
John Esposito, Warner Bros. Records
Matt Fischer, iTunes
Pete Fisher, Grand Ole Opry
Blair Garner, “Blair Garner’s After Midnite”
Gail Gellman, Gellman Management
Gary Gilbert, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Gary Haber, Haber Corporation
Gayle Holcomb, William Morris Endeavor
Wade Jessen, *Billboard*
Mike Kraski, Tenacity Management
Bill Lardie, Anderson Merchandisers
Steve Lassiter, APA
Ken Levitan, Vector Management
Greg McCarn
Eddie Montgomery, Montgomery Gentry
Mark Montgomery
Paul Moore, William Morris Endeavor
Doug Nichols, Turner & Nichols and Associates
Brian O’Connell, LiveNation
Ken Robold, Universal Music Group
Fran Romeo, Romeo Entertainment Group
Kimberly Schlapman, Little Big Town
Ben Vaughn, EMI Music Publishing
Kirt Webster, Webster & Associates
Dwight Wiles, Smith, Wiles & Co., PC

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Vice President	Mark Hartley , Fitzgerald Hartley
Treasurer	Tiffany Moon , Academy of Country Music
Secretary	Erin Spahn , ACM Lifting Lives

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Lori Badgett, Sun Trust Bank
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John Briggs, ASCAP
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Teresa George, Cornerstone Communications
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Beth Moore
Dwight Wiles, Smith, Wiles & Co., PC