



CAI Austin Names Patrick Watkins 2008 President *Advocating Responsible Communities*

AUSTIN, TX March 7, 2008. Patrick Watkins, president of Watkins Insurance Group, has been named the 2008 president of the Austin chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), which serves the educational, business and networking needs of community associations in the Greater Austin area.

“I’m excited about the future of CAI Austin. My key objectives include increasing membership, driving networking opportunities and educating members on key issues impacting community associations. I look forward to working with members to meet their needs in serving our communities across the region.” said Watkins.

CAI Austin members include home and condo association board members as well property managers and businesses serving them. The Austin chapter has 125 members and is one of 56 Community Associations Institute chapters in the nation.

Last year, a poll taken for the National CAI revealed 71 percent of people who have community association experience think of it as a positive. CAI Austin is striving to get its chapter score to 100 percent.

“Our members have confirmed they want to be advocates for responsible communities. It’s an ongoing process for CAI Austin to help our members achieve this goal,” continued Watkins.

Watkins term runs through November 30, 2010. Other officers elected to CAI Austin’s board include: Rosalyn Peterson, Plateau Property Management; Bonnie Carlisle, Southwest Management Services; Angela Drabik, CAI president elect; Glenn Weichert, Weichert Law Firm; Connie Niemann Heyer, Niemann & Niemann; Bill Brooks, CAI vice president, Alliance Association Management; John Latchford, The Woods HOA; Debby Cole, Greater Texas Landscapes; Lu Fonteno, Mary Davis, Beth Bentley, CAI Austin executive director.

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About Community Associations Institute

Community Associations Institute (CAI) is a national organization dedicated to fostering vibrant, competent, harmonious community associations. For more than 30 years, CAI has been the leader in providing education and resources to the volunteer homeowners who govern community associations and the professionals who support them. National members include community association volunteer leaders, professional managers, community management firms, and other professionals and companies that provide products and services to associations.

About Watkins Insurance Group

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