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AMC INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Francis of The HARRINGTON Company Named Board President

PHILADELPHIA (June 12, 2008) – AMC Institute, the trade association that represents the association management company (AMC) industry, recently announced the election of 10 board members for the 2008-2009 term. John P. Francis, president of The HARRINGTON Company in Minneapolis, has been named the 41st president of the board of AMC Institute. Steve Drake of Drake & Company in St. Louis will serve as president-elect; John Dee, CPA of Bostrom Corporation in Chicago will assume the role of vice president; and Francine Butler, CAE, CMP of The Resource Center for Associations, based in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, will act as secretary/treasurer. AMC Institute's 2007-2008 board president, Robert Waller, Jr., CAE of Association Headquarters, Inc. in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, will continue on the board as immediate past president.

An AMC Institute board member for 10 years and an AMC professional for more than 20 years, John Francis is president of The HARRINGTON Company. One of Minnesota's largest association management firms, the company offers professional management and consultation services to state, regional, national and international associations, societies and foundations, as well as event planning for a number of for-profit groups. John is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the Midwest Society of Association Executives (MSAE).

“In my many years with AMC Institute, I've been privileged to be a part of the organization's strategic initiatives to provide increased value to AMCs and associations at large,” said Francis. “As incoming president of the board, I look forward to many continued successes in 2008-2009, working to build greater awareness of the AMC management model and improving best practices among AMCs.”

Board president-elect Steve Drake is president and owner of Drake & Company, a full-service association management company servicing regional, national and international associations from its headquarters in Chesterfield, Missouri, and offices in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition to comprehensive event, communications and financial management, Drake & Company specializes in developing and implementing cause marketing programs

for associations. Recent projects include the award-winning Trees for Troops for the Christmas Spirit Foundation, and a Katrina Relief work trip for the fraternity of Alpha Zeta.

John Dee, CPA, serves as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Bostrom Corporation, with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C. A recognized expert in developing program-based financial statements for associations, Dee has more than 15 years of experience working with both 501(c) 3 and 501 (c) 6 groups as well as for-profit organizations. His experience spans various industries including education, finance, healthcare, manufacturing, marketing, publishing, and technology.

A 24-year industry veteran, Francine Butler, PhD, CAE, CMP is president and founder of The Resource Center for Associations, a Colorado-based association management consulting firm. Her experience includes serving as secretary/treasurer of the Federation of Cognitive, Behavioral and Psychological Sciences and its Foundation, and as President of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). She also served as President of the Colorado Society of Association Executives.

The full 2008-2009 AMC Institute board of directors roster includes:

President	John Francis of The HARRINGTON Company (Minneapolis)
President-Elect	Steve Drake of Drake & Company (St. Louis)
Vice President	John Dee, CPA of Bostrom Corporation (Chicago)
Secretary/Treasurer	Francine Butler, PhD, CAE, CMP of The Resource Center for Assoc. (Wheat Ridge, Colo.)
Directors	Gregg Talley, CAE of Talley Management Group, Inc. (Mt. Royal, N.J.) Jaime Nolan, CAE of IntrinXec Management, Inc. (Minneapolis) Jay Hauck, J.D., CAE of Hauck & Associates, Inc. (Washington, D.C.) Michael LoBue, CAE of LoBue & Majdalany Management Group (San Francisco) Rick Cristol of Kellen Company (Washington, D.C.) Russ Snyder of SmithBucklin Corporation (Washington, D.C.) Susan Cabrera of Association Management Resources (Tallahassee, Fla.)
Associate Directors	Richard Green of Marriott International (Washington, D.C.) George Valenzuela of Intelligent Evolution, Inc. (Alexandria, Va.)
Past President	Robert Waller, Jr., CAE of Association Headquarters, Inc. (Mt. Laurel, N.J.)

Member headshots are available upon request.

To find out more about AMC Institute, visit www.AMCInstitute.org.

About AMCS

AMCs are professional service firms that provide leadership in association management and other specialized association services through experienced staff, proven practices and shared resources. Services include executive, administrative and financial management; strategic planning; membership development; public affairs and lobbying; education and professional development; statistical research; meetings management; and marketing and communication services. Since 1986, the AMC industry has grown by 150 percent, and now spans more than 670 association management companies in the U.S. and abroad.

About AMC Institute

A trade association headquartered in Philadelphia, AMC Institute represents the association management company industry and boasts more than 150 AMC members throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia. AMC Institute promotes service excellence among association management companies, and strives to raise awareness of a burgeoning AMC industry by establishing its member companies as the recognized and preferred choice for quality association management and professional services. For more information, visit www.AMCInstitute.org.

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