



# 2020 Board of Directors



**CHAIRMAN**

**Darci Owens:** San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

*Darci has worked for the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo since October 2014 and currently serves as the Rodeo Officer.*

*Darci's family ranches in Crockett County where they raise cattle, goats and sheep and run a hunting operation. In addition to her time spent with the rodeo, she enjoys playing basketball, traveling and spending time with her niece and nephew.*



**VICE CHAIRMAN**

**Kynan Vine:** Calgary Stampede

*Kynan grew up in the sport of rodeo with a father who was a bullfighter and a mother who was a barrel racer. He started competing in rodeo at a young age and began his professional bullfighting career at age 17. While competing in rodeo at a professional level was always a goal, it was not his only passion. Kynan began his career in rodeo production at age 15 when he produced his first bull riding event. After graduating college he began working with the Pro Rodeo Canada and was the Rodeo Administrator there for 5 years. He currently work as the Manager for Rodeo and Chuckwagons at the Calgary Stampede and has been with the organization for 4 years.*



**SECRETARY**

**Johnny Philipello:** Rodeo Corpus Christi

*A graduate of Texas A&M University, Johnny has spent his entire career in the fair and rodeo business. He is currently in his 4th year of serving as President and CEO of the Buccaneer Commission (Rodeo Corpus Christi).*



**TREASURER**

**Jim Williams:** Canby Rodeo

*Jim has been a member of Canby Rodeo for more than 26 years. He is a life-member of the PRCA as a Gold Card member. Jim has held numerous positions on the ARC board and has been the Treasurer for the past 5 years.*



**Wes Allison:** Heart O' Texas Fair

*Wes is President and CEO for the Extraco Events Center Home of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo and has served in his current role since 2002. Currently, the Events Center host over 225 events per year ranging from large equine event to sports events to concerts. The annual Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo has an attendance of 220,000 and awards over \$250,000 per year in scholarships and premiums to Texas Youth. Wes has also served as the president for the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association and the Texas Association of Fair & Events.*



**Randy Bracher:** Pendleton Round-Up

*Randy is a 5th generation farmer and rancher on a diversified operation north of Pendleton, Oregon. They raise wheat, cattle, various irrigated crops and pears. He has been married for 19 years to a leather maker and they have two children, Sydney (15) and Blair (13).*

*He enjoys the sport of rodeo, and improving it with an emphasis on stock and production entertainment value. Randy has served on open rodeo and college rodeo boards before joining the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors as the Livestock Director since 2013.*



**Elaine Gall:** Dodge City Roundup

*Elaine is a life-long resident of Dodge City and began volunteering at Dodge City Roundup in 2002. She was elected to the board in 2010 and served briefly as Treasurer before being employed full-time as the Office Manager in 2012. She is currently an active member of the local Tourism Coalition and chairs the Convention & Visitors Bureau advisory board. She has served as co-chair of ARC's Global Rodeo Conference for the last 3 years. Elaine loves promoting Dodge City wherever she goes, and is proud to be a part of Kansas' Richest Rodeo. In her spare time, she enjoys playing in pool leagues, spending time with her two young grandsons and traveling with friends*



**Julie Graber:** Kansas Largest Night Rodeo

*Julie Graber grew up in Pretty Prairie on the same farm where the rodeo was started before it was moved to town in 1936 to later become Kansas Largest Night Rodeo. In addition to her being the Executive Secretary of the organization that produces Kansas Largest Night Rodeo, she is also the secretary and treasurer of the Prairie ProRodeo Circuit, serves on the SPPR Committee at Faith United Methodist Church, a Chamber Ambassador and is a member of her local Rotary Club. Julie is a Commercial Loan Officer at Kanza Bank in Hutchinson. A die-hard Wildcat, she graduated from K-State with a B.S. in Business Management.*





**Chris Graff:** Prescott Frontier Days World's Oldest Rodeo

*Chris has lived in the Prescott, Arizona area since 1999. He is employed by Asphalt Paving & Supply Inc. a Heavy Highway Contractor. He has a huge passion for Rodeo and the Western way of life. His focus is youth and how we continue to grow the sport moving forward in these changing times.*



**Mike Lucke:** Reno Rodeo

*Mike Lucke is a native of Reno, Nevada; he has been the owner of "Lucke's Saloon" in Reno, for 40 years, where he resides with his wife Wynn. Mike has been affiliated with the Reno Rodeo Association since 1981, serving on the board of directors since 1986, 15 years on the executive board, along with being the arena director or co-director for over 13 rodeos, he had the honor of being Reno Rodeo President in 2011.*

*He also serves as a board member of the California 6 Pack Rodeos, and has served on the board of the Animal Welfare Council. In 2004, Mike was awarded the honor of being selected the Justin Committee Man of the Year.*



**Matt Matthews:** Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel

*Matt has been a member of the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel rodeo for 27 years. He has been on the Board of Directors for 10 years and served as the Chairman of the Rodeo in 2009. He has been the Rodeo Arena Director for the past 7 years with past roles with grounds, pens and chutes areas.*

*He is employed at Nutrien Ag Solutions for the last 11 years. Matt is married and enjoys spending time with his two children and one grandchild.*



**Kent Meshishnek:** Lewiston Round-Up

*Kent is a former member of the Lewiston Roundup board of directors, where he served for 19 years, several of those years were as an executive board member. Kent joined the ARC in 2001.*

*Kent is born and raised in the Lewiston area, graduated from Lewiston High School and is employed by the US Postal Service for 38 years. Married to his wife Patti for 41 years, has one son and one grandson.*





**Jim Slaten:** California Rodeo Salinas

*Jim has been a part of California Rodeo Salinas for more than 30 years including being an Officer for 6 years and President for 2 years. Currently, he now leads the largest rodeo in California as the event's General Manager.*



**Leon Vick:** National Western Stock Show & Rodeo

*After 21-year career competing in professional rodeo, Leon joined the NWSS Staff in 2005. Leon managed sponsorships for National Western before taking on rodeo production in 2013 along with the duties of overseeing additional 13-ticketed events and the National Western's horse shows.*

*Leon and his wife, Taleen, hail from Byers, Colorado and have two adult children who both compete in rodeo.*



**Justin Watada:** Greeley Stampede

*Justin has held multiple positions during his 14 years at the Greeley Stampede and has been the General Manager for the past 5 years. Justin is responsible for daily operations, finance, marketing, sales and sponsorships while working with a 12-member Board of Directors, 5 full-time staff, and top-notch volunteers. He enjoys leading Colorado's premier western summer celebration while giving back to the community.*



**Cal White:** Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

*Cal is a resident of Decatur, Texas. He is married to his beautiful wife, Vianey – with whom they have two sons, Ryett (5 years old) and Ryder (2 years old). After 13 years of riding bulls, he obtained a Bachelor of General Studies and Master of Communications degrees from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX.*

*Since Cal was old enough to hold a shovel, he have been assisting his father with his irrigation and landscaping business. Currently, in his spare time, he owns and operates a sprinkler repair and back flow testing business in Wise County, TX and runs a small cow/calf operation with his father.*





**Doug Corey:** Pendleton Round-Up

*Doug is the Veterinarian Chairman and a member of the PRCA Livestock Committee. He has been involved with PRCA Livestock since 1981.*

