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# Achievers Announcement

## Announcing New Chair, Members to the Billings Chamber/CVB 2009-2010 Board of Directors and Executive Committee Roster

**Billings, MT, July 24, 2009:** The Billings Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to announce new members to its 2009-2010 Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Five new members were recently added to the Chamber/CVB Board. All members of the Board are critical to the governing of the organization which works to nurture the Billings' business climate and help improve the quality of life at Montana's Trailhead.

### **2009-2010 Chairman of the Board**

#### **Allan Karell**

Karell Dyre Haney PLLP

Allan Karell will lead the Billings Chamber/CVB Board of Directors through Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Mr. Karell will preside over Board meetings and will be a key consultant to the organization. Karell is a partner in the law firm Karell Dyre Haney PLLP and has been an active and committed Chamber/CVB member and Board member for many years.

### **New to the Chamber/CVB Board of Directors:**

#### **Jeff Junkert**

Jeff Junkert Construction

With 36 years worth of experience in residential and commercial construction, Jeff Junkert has built a solid reputation in the building industry. As president and owner of Jeff Junkert Construction, he is passionate about what he does for a living. It's probably the reason why he was voted "Builder of the Year" multiple times and was recently elected by his peers statewide to serve as president of the Montana Building Industry Association.

#### **Butch Bratsky**

Stockman Bank

Butch Bratsky is the Senior Banking Executive of Stockman Bank of Montana. His responsibilities include enhancing statewide commercial, Ag and business development efforts for Stockman Bank and serving as an ambassador to increase public awareness and understanding of the Stockman organization. Mr. Bratsky has been with Stockman Bank for the past 16 years.

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**Kate Hamlin**

Life Launch, Inc. /Century 21 Hometown Brokers

Kate Hamlin graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering with an emphasis in Construction Management and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kansas. She began her career with MKK Consulting Engineers in Denver, Colorado, but soon discovered Real Estate was her passion. She's been a top producer with Century 21-Hometown Brokers, Inc. founded a company, Life Launch, Inc.

**Ron Yates, Jr., CPA**

Eide Bailly LLP

Ronald J. "Ron" Yates, Jr., is a Tax Partner with the Billings office of Eide Bailly LLP, a top 25 regional consulting and certified public accounting firm. Mr. Yates is a 2008 graduate of Eide Bailly's Leadership Training Program and serves as the primary student recruiter for the Montana region.

**Karen Fagg**

DOWL HKM (HKM Engineering)

Ms. Fagg previously was President and majority owner of HKM Engineering Inc., Billings, Montana, a 200 person engineering and physical science services firm. In 2008, HKM merged with DOWL Engineers of Alaska and Ms. Fagg became Vice President of DOWL HKM, a 400 person firm. She is responsible for all projects, activities, and employees located in 12 offices throughout Montana, Wyoming, Washington and Arizona.

**Introducing the 2009-2010 Billings Chamber/CVB Executive Committee:**

Allan Karell.....Chair  
Karell Dyre Haney PLLP

Keith Cook.....Chair Elect  
First Interstate Bank

David Irion.....Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee  
St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation

Mike Gullede..... Immediate Past Chair  
Billings Gazette Communications

Chris Johnson.....Chair, Convention & Visitors Bureau  
The Crowne Plaza Hotel

Mike Schaer..... Chair, Member Development  
Computers Unlimited, Inc.

John Brewer..... President/CEO  
Billings Chamber/CVB

**The complete Chamber/CB Board Roster is available at: [www.billingschamber.com](http://www.billingschamber.com).**

**About the Billings Chamber/CVB:** The Billings Chamber of Commerce/CVB is a non-profit organization devoted to the development of a strong business climate and healthy economy by serving as a business advocate for the Billings area. The Chamber/CVB is comprised of business and professional people working together to make Billings a better place to live and work.

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***Billings is Changing. Your Chamber/CVB is Leading the Way!***

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