

2019 Board of Directors



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 18 years to a leather maker and they have two children, Sydney (14) and Blair (12).

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.



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.



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).



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.



Tom Atwell: Gerry Volunteer Firemans Rodeo

Tom is a third-generation member of the Gerry Rodeo, with the last 15 years as the Rodeo Chairman. He started assisting with the rodeo at age 5 and worked his way up doing various duties until appointed chairman. He is also a 29-year volunteer fireman, holding an assistant chief's position for the last 26 years and has been a basic EMT for 23 years.

Tom works at a local commuter hub airport in maintenance, and he enjoys photography, hunting, fishing and spending time with his wife Sharon and family.



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 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.



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.

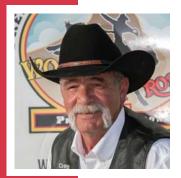
He also serves as a board member of the California 6 Pack Rodeos, and has served on the board of the Animal Welfare Council. In 2004, Mike was awarded the honor of being selected the Justin Committee Man of the Year.



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.





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.



Kent Meshishnek: Lewiston Round-Up

Kent has been a member of the Lewiston Roundup board of directors for 18 years, serving on the executive board for several years. While on the rodeo board he has filled numerous committees the last being the facilities chair and arena director for the past 10 years. He has been a member of ARC since 2001.

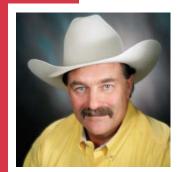
He was born and raised in the Lewiston area, graduated from Lewiston High School and has worked for the US Postal Service for 36 years. Kent is married to his wife Patti for 40 years, has one son and one grandson.



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 Director.

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.



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.





Justin Watada: Greeley Stampede

Justin has held multiple positions during his 13 years at the Greeley Stampede and has been the General Manager for the past 4 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. Justin has been married to his wife, Cara, for 12 years and has three children- Gavin (9), Elin (6) and Dylan (3).



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.



Glen Alan Phillips: San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Glen Alan Phillips first began his professional career in the Stock Show & Rodeo (Fair) industry at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, by serving as the Livestock Director from 1998-2000. He has been with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. since 2000 and is currently the Rodeo & Competitive Events Senior Officer.

Glen Alan is currently serving as the President of the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association and on the Texas FFA Board of Directors. He is also a member of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions, PRCA Rodeo Committee Advisory Council, and is the immediate past Chairman of the Board for the ARC.



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.

