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## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK OF STEAMBOAT SELECTS INAGURAL BOARD**

*Community Organization looks ahead to 2010*

**Steamboat Springs, CO** – The Young Professionals Network (YPN) of Steamboat Springs is looking ahead to another successful year with a newly formed board that will shape and guide the future of the organization. YPN, a community development committee under the umbrella of the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, began in April 2009 and currently has 118 members representing 82 companies from the Yampa Valley.

“We are thrilled to have our first YPN board selected,” says Sandy Evans-Hall, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber “YPN has started with such success and we are excited to have our members take over and guide the future of the organization. The members selected to our board represent the finest young professionals in the Yampa Valley and we know they will help make YPN something spectacular.”

The new board includes:

Chair: [Traci Day-Fenton](#), Development/Special Events, Healthcare Foundation  
Vice-Chair: [Stacy Huffman](#), Director of Owner Relations, Steamboat Grand  
Treasurer: [Amy McFadden](#), Regional Program Manager Snowboard Outreach Society  
Secretary: [Stacey Richardson](#), Hotel Reservations Sales Supervisor, Steamboat Grand  
Outreach Chair: [Loryn Kasten](#), Public Relations Manager, Steamboat Ski Resort  
Fresh Air Chair: [Ryan Marsden](#), Designer/ Project Manager, Kelly & Stone Architects  
Professional Development Chair: [Chris Tamucci](#), International Sales, Big Agnes  
Events & Networking Chair: [Mary Wirta](#), Human Resources Recruiter, YVMC  
Philanthropic Chair: [Blythe Terrell](#), City Editor, Steamboat Pilot & Today

During the first year, the organization was overseen by SSCRA staff while the foundation for the organization was created. The newly created board will now be responsible for creating and guiding the vision and mission of the organization, as well as setting long term goals, overseeing finances, and growing membership.

Board members serve a year to year term and will continue to be supported by the Chamber via the Chamber Liaison. The YPN Board reports to the Chamber Board of Directors, and the YPN Chair will sit as a new member on the Chamber Board of Directors.

“We have established a vibrant, excited and enthusiastic board,” says Traci Day-Fenton, Chair of the Young Professionals Board. “Our planning sessions have resulted in numerous exciting ideas and we are looking forward to carrying on YPN’s success through 2010.”

The Young Professionals Network of Steamboat Springs is a community development program committed to cultivating a community of young professionals by providing an outlet to build partnerships through a variety of opportunities. More information about the organization can be found online at [www.steamboatchamber.com/ypn](http://www.steamboatchamber.com/ypn).