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Bob Doyle and David Hockman Join NMPA Board of Directors

Washington, DC – November 21, 2005 – The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA), the leading U.S. trade association for the music publishing industry, announced today that two new members have been named to the Board of Directors, Bob Doyle of Major Bob Music and David Hockman, Chairman and CEO of Sony/ATV Music Publishing. They are replacing Mary Jo Mennella, formerly of 20th Century Fox – Fox Music Inc., and Donna Hilley of Sony/ATV. Mennella ceased to be a Director when she left Fox Music earlier this year; Hilley had resigned. As per the NMPA By-Laws, the Board of Directors filled their positions by majority vote.

“We are so pleased that publishing veterans Bob Doyle and David Hockman have joined the NMPA Board of Directors,” said Irwin Z. Robinson, Chairman of the NMPA Board. “Both Bob and David are very active in the music publishing community, and deeply understand the issues that we are confronting in this digitally-driven environment. The NMPA Board, the NMPA’s President and CEO, David Israelite, and I look forward to working with them.”

The seventeen members of the NMPA Board are:

Martin Bandier, EMI Music Publishing
Freddy Bienstock, Carlin America, Inc.
Helene Blue, Anna Teresa Music
Arnold Broido, Theodore Presser Co.
Bob Doyle, Major Bob Music
John Eastman, MPL Communications, Inc.
Nicholas Firth, BMG Music Publishing
David Hockman, Sony/ATV Music Publishing
Dean Kay, Demi Music Corp.

Maxyne Lang, Williamson Music
Leeds Levy, One Four Three Music
Evan Medow, Windswept Pacific Holdings LLC
Stanley Mills, September Music Corp
Jay Morgenstern, Warner/Chappell Music
Ralph Peer, peermusic
David Renzer, Universal Music Publishing
Irwin Z. Robinson, Famous Music Publishing

With the recent passing of Beebe Bourne of Bourne Music, there is one vacant position, to which the Board may elect a new member to complete the term.

Bob Doyle is owner and President of Major Bob/Rio Bravo Music, a publishing and production entity, and Bob Doyle & Associates, a successful artist management firm. As a publisher, Doyle’s companies are responsible for such hits as “If Tomorrow Never Comes,” “Unanswered Prayers,” “The River,” and “Rodeo,” and is credited with forty ASCAP publisher awards and four BMI Million Performance Songs. Chart hits include “What Do You Say” (Reba McEntire), SESAC Song of the Year “The Fool” (Lee Ann Womack), “Commitment” (Lee Ann Rimes), “There Goes My Life” (Kenny Chesney), and “Fast Cars and Freedom” (Rascal Flatts). Doyle’s prior positions include Director of Membership Relations at the ASCAP Nashville office.

David Hockman has served as Chairman, Sony/ATV Music Publishing since 2003. In his role, Hockman supervises all activities of Sony/ATV Music Publishing, works closely with Sony Corporation of America’s senior management team to develop and implement new strategic initiatives, and oversees the company’s publishing activities in locations around the world. In his over 20-year career, Hockman served as Chief Executive of edel Publishing GmbH; CEO, PolyGram International Music Publishing Limited, and Assistant General Manager, Chappell International Music Publishers Limited.

About the NMPA

Founded in 1917, The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA) is a trade association representing over 600 American music publishers. The NMPA's mandate is to protect and advance the interests of music publishers and their songwriter partners in matters relating to the domestic and global protection of music copyrights.

Music publishers control the copyrights for the underlying compositions of songs on behalf of the songwriters they represent. The NMPA is the leading trade association in the United States for music publishers, and advocates for their interests, as well as for their songwriter partners, by protecting, upholding, and advancing their valuable copyrights. The Harry Fox Agency, Inc., a subsidiary of the NMPA, is the premier U.S. mechanical rights organization.