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**Executive Director of Booth Western Art Museum
Elected President of Museums West Consortium**

CARTERSVILLE, GA – During the annual meeting of the Museums West Consortium on May 22, Booth Western Art Museum Executive Director Seth Hopkins was elected President of the prestigious organization. Consisting of the 13 largest and most important Western art museums in America, the Consortium exists to advance the study, exhibition, publication, and interpretation of the art, history, and cultures of the North American West.

The Booth Museum joined the organization in 2008, and Hopkins has been an active member on behalf of the Booth Museum. “When we first began constructing the Booth in 2000, it was a long-term goal of ours to eventually be part of Museums West,” stated Hopkins. “It was a great honor when we were asked to join the esteemed organization three years ago, and an even greater one to now be elected to serve as President. I look forward to the continued collaboration between all of our museums as we share the story of the American West for generations to come.”

Founded in 1991, the Consortium seeks to expand the awareness and appreciation of the art of the region for an increasingly diverse audience. Each of the museums in the group has been selected because of its nationally renowned collection, commitment to the study of the West, and outstanding programs and exhibitions.

In addition to Booth Museum, other members of Museums West include the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas; Autry National Center in Los Angeles, California; Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming; Denver Art Museum in Denver, Colorado; Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis, Indiana; Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska; National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Rockwell Museum of Western Art in Corning, New York; C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana; and Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas.

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Upper level members of each of these museums, including members Friend Level and above at the Booth, receive free admission to any of these museums through the Consortium's reciprocal membership program. For more information about Museums West, visit the website at www.museumswest.org.

About the Booth Western Art Museum

Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is a 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia. Guests are invited to See America's Story through contemporary Western artwork, Presidential portraits and letters, Civil War art, more than 200 Native American artifacts, and Sagebrush Ranch children's gallery. Open since August 2003, the Booth Museum is the second largest art museum in the state of Georgia, and houses the largest permanent exhibition space for Western art in the country. To learn more about the Booth Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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