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**Two Association Headquarters Executives Earn CMP Designation**

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. – Association Headquarters (AH), a leading association management company, is proud to announce that meeting professionals Cheryl Gallagher and Robin Geary achieved the prestigious Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation.

Gallagher, a resident of Glendora, N.J., is Meeting Manager for the National Association of Professional Organizers and the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society. Geary, a resident of Fairless Hills, Pa., is Meeting Manager for the Dermatology Nurses Association and Exhibits Manager for the American Transplant Congress and the American Association for Aerosol Research.

The foremost certification program of today's meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry, the CMP program recognizes individuals who have achieved the industry's highest standard of professionalism. Established in 1985, the CMP designation is a program of the Convention Industry Council designed to increase the professionalism of meeting managers in the industry. In order to achieve CMP designation, the applicant must first qualify to sit for the exam by exhibiting knowledge, education, and experience in meeting management. A three month study is required before passing the challenging CMP exam.

"We are committed to having the top meetings, exhibits, and trade show management team," said Pam Ballinger, CMP, Vice President of Meetings and Trade Shows/Exhibits. "We are very excited and proud to add Cheryl and Robin to the number of Certified Meeting Professionals AH currently has on staff which now stands at nine."

Gallagher's work experience includes nine years in the association management and meeting planning business. She has been with AH since 2007.

"Receiving the CMP credential means that all my hard work and dedication to my clients has paid off," said Gallagher. "I am proud of having accomplished this goal that I've been reaching for and studying for over the past few years."

Geary, a graduate of Trenton State College, has 23 years of experience as a meeting planner and has been a member of the AH team for three years.

“The CMP designation is a professional and personal accomplishment that I have been wanting to achieve,” said Geary. “I’d like to thank my colleagues and mentors at AH for making this possible.”

The meetings, exhibits and trade shows department within Association Headquarters houses nearly 30 professionals who specialize in a variety of hospitality services. The talented team manages more than 200 meetings and trade shows that range from 6,500 attendees with \$2.5 million budgets to intimate board meetings for less than 20 people. The meetings and exhibits segment of the medical and trade association market is a fast-growing aspect of the association management company industry and AH continues to keep up with the rising demand.

Association Headquarters, Inc. (AH), based in Mt. Laurel, N.J., is a leader in the field of voluntary organization management. For more than 30 years, the company has provided executive management, strategic planning, trade show management, meeting and convention planning, public relations, marketing, government relations, continuing education management, creative services, publications management, Web services, membership development, and administrative support for professional societies and trade associations. AH holds a dual charter accreditation with the AMC Institute to ANSI standard and the American Society of Association Executives.

For more information about Association Headquarters call 856-439-0500 or visit the Web site at [www.associationheadquarters.com](http://www.associationheadquarters.com) and see how AH is redefining association management.

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Editors Note: Photos of Gallagher and Geary are available by emailing [yreyes@ahint.com](mailto:yreyes@ahint.com).

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