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Association Headquarters Executive Awarded ‘Planner of the Year’

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. – Association Headquarters, Inc. (AH), a leading association management company, is proud to announce that staff member Maria Ramos, CMP, was elected ‘Planner of the Year’ by the Philadelphia Area Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (PAMPI). A member of the AH team since 2008, Ramos serves as Meeting Manager for the International Symposium on Atherosclerosis 2009, the International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Liver Disease/American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the Office Business Center Association International, and the Association for Accounting Marketing.

The ‘Planner of the Year’ award is presented annually to a member of PAMPI in recognition of outstanding association/industry/community contributions, leadership and professionalism. The award is based on international and chapter participation, presentations relating to the industry in general, articles written in the hospitality industry press, community service, and industry recognition previously received. The award recognizes a career of involvement, commitment, and achievement with a focus on the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year. The presentation of the award will take place during the PAMPI Awards Gala being held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia.

“Being awarded the PAMPI 2009 Planner of the Year is a tremendous honor,” said Ramos. “The recognition provides me with the confidence in my performance that I have always strived for in my career. I am truly grateful for this and truly appreciative to my peers for recognizing my accomplishments.”

Ramos received a master’s degree in Tourism Administration from The George Washington University and the prestigious Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation from the Convention Industry Council.

Ramos has been an active member of PAMPI since 2005 and has served the association in numerous roles including Chair of the Silent Auction Committee and CMP Study Group Facilitator. In addition, Ramos is a Lifetime Member of the Philippine Community of Southern New Jersey, Inc., a Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Member of the International Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, and a Member at Large of the International Association of Exposition Executives.

Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the world’s largest association for the \$102.3 billion meeting and event industry, is committed to positioning meetings and events as a key strategic

component of an organization's success. The Philadelphia Area Chapter of MPI, established in 1978, empowers its members to increase their strategic value with education, professional development and business growth opportunities.

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, membership development, publication management, Web services, 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.

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Editors Note: A high-resolution photograph of Ramos is available by emailing yreyes@ahint.com.