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### Meeting Planners Receive Certification Designation

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J., May 19, 2010--Association Headquarters, Inc. (AH), a company that provides association management to 27 national non-profit associations, announces two Meeting Managers, Shannon Fagan and Meredith Weiner, have received the industry-regarded Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation.

The CMP program was established to recognize individuals who have achieved the meeting planning industry's highest standard of professionalism. The requirements for certification are based on two to three years of professional experience, and a comprehensive written examination. The designation signifies credibility of a meeting professional's opinions and ideas, both at work and in the greater meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry.

Shannon Fagan has worked as a meeting and exhibit manager at AH since 2004. In this role, she manages and coordinates all aspects of an association's meetings, including annual and international conferences, for multiple non-profit medical associations. Currently, Shannon is the Meeting Manager the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), the American Transplant Congress (ATC), the International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS) and the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA).

Meredith Weiner works in conjunction with the volunteer program planning committees for several associations at AH, including the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses (AAHFN) and the International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA). In this role, she also manages all pre-meeting and on-site logistics.

"We're very proud of Meredith and Shannon. Their achievement exemplifies the levels to which our employees strive to better themselves professionally, while also improving the service they can provide to our client partners," said Association Headquarters President and COO Bob Waller, CAE. "The dedication of staff members like Shannon and Meredith is the reason we have achieved the Best Places to Work in the Philadelphia region by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* three times."

Through the CMP program, individuals who are currently employed in meeting management have the opportunity to pursue continuing education, increase their industry involvement and gain industry-wide recognition by achieving the CMP designation.

A Certification Board designated by Convention Industry Council (CIC) governs the CMP

program. The elite CMP community now numbers 13,000, with representatives from every sector of the industry in 32 countries. Fagan and Weiner join the ranks of 13 CMPs at Association Headquarters.

**About Association Headquarters, Inc.**

Mt. Laurel-based Association Headquarters, Inc. (AH) is a leader in the field of voluntary organization management. For 32 years, the company has provided executive management, trade show management, meeting and convention planning, public relations, marketing, creative services, membership development and administrative support for trade associations and professional societies, and today, manages 27 non-profit trade associations and professional societies. AH holds a dual charter accreditation with the AMC Institute to ANSI standard, and the American Society of Association Executives. For more information, visit [www.associationheadquarters.com](http://www.associationheadquarters.com), connect with Association Headquarters on Facebook and follow @AssociationHQ on Twitter.

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