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New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists Teams with Association Headquarters, Inc.

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. – Association Headquarters, Inc. (AH), a leading association management company, is pleased to announce the New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NJANA) as a new client partner.

NJANA represents more than 600 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and student nurse anesthetists practicing in New Jersey. Celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2009, the NJANA promotes safe, cost-effective anesthesia care for surgical, obstetrical, and trauma patients across the state. The association also provides educational and networking opportunities for its members, and protects nurse anesthetist scope of practice through extensive lobbying efforts at the state and national levels.

CRNAs are advanced practice nurses who have been providing anesthesia care since the Civil War. In New Jersey, CRNAs care for patients in community and university-based hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and physicians' offices. CRNAs are the predominant anesthesia providers in the military, and many New Jersey CRNAs are currently serving their country overseas.

The educational requirements to become a CRNA cover more than seven years and include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or other appropriate baccalaureate degree, a current license as a registered nurse, a minimum of one year experience in a critical care setting, and a master's degree from an accredited nurse anesthesia program. Currently, New Jersey is home to two nurse anesthesia educational programs: Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center Nurse Anesthesia Program, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, N.J. 08103, and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Nursing, University Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program, 65 Bergen Street, Newark, N.J. 07101.

The NJANA is affiliated with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, a professional association representing the nation's 39,000 nurse anesthetists.

“As we look forward to a historic year for the New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists in 2009, we are excited to embark on this new partnership with Association Headquarters,” said Russ Lynn, CRNA, MSN, NJANA president. “AH has a sterling reputation in its field, and we are fortunate to have this opportunity to work with them.”

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, trade show management, meeting and convention planning, public relations, marketing, creative services, membership development, and administrative support for 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 about nurse anesthetists and the NJANA, visit www.njana.com. To learn more about Association Headquarters, call 856-439-0500 or visit the Web site at www.associationheadquarters.com.

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