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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Tallahassee, FL-- The Florida Society of Association Executives Foundation has granted a total of \$10,360 this year to 19 professionals across Florida. The executives selected by the Foundation will use the 2010 awards for educational opportunities that help advance their careers in the non-profit arena.

“The individuals who are receiving these awards are dedicated to their organizations, and to their communities. They each demonstrated a personal commitment to furthering their careers in Association Management through continuing education and certification. These skilled Association Executives will continue to be a credit to the Association community throughout the State of Florida,” said Eleanor Warmack, CAE, Executive Director of the Florida Recreation and Park Association and the Chair of the FSAE Foundation’s Professional Development Awards Committee.

The FSAE Foundation Chair, Al Pasini, CAE, Executive Director of the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority said, “The Foundation is fortunate to have committed donors, sponsors, and a diligent volunteer corps who work throughout the year to assure fellow Association Executives have the opportunity to become the best in their chosen field, through professional development and continuing education. Congratulations to all the award winners!”

The award winners for 2010 are:

- Larry Scovotto, CAE, Program Coordinator, Friends of Florida State Forests
- Michael Dvorak, Executive Director, Atlantic Coast Dental Association
- Wanda Taylor, Deputy Executive Director/ Member Services, FAPSC
- Deborah Beck, Executive Director, Diversified Business Events
- Jeanice Caskey, Meeting Planner, Florida Association of Health Plans, Inc.
- Tondra Matthews, CMP, Executive Director, American Society of Civil Engineers
- Latoya Washington, Membership and Marketing, Florida Association of Counties
- Letreze Gooding, Director of Education and Events, Florida Association of Counties
- Peter Dyga, IOM, VP Government Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors
- Danie Lyons, Executive Director, Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
- Barbara Ann Cox, CMP, Executive Director, Podium Power Speakers Bureau
- Mark Fontaine, CAE, CAP, CCJAP, Executive Director, Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
- Sharon Heierman, CAE, IOM, CEO, NAIFA - Florida

- Drew McLeod, Vice President, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- Elaine Mann Carpenter, CAE, IOM, CPS, Vice President, Florida Retail Federation
- Alina Cataldi-Cooper, Certification Manager, American Culinary Federation
- Deidra "Dee" Kring, CMP, CAE , Director of Continuing Education, Florida Engineering Society
- Stephanie Thomas, CMP, Senior Conference Manager for FICPA, Florida Institute of CPA's
- Gail Beitelman, CAE

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