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ASMI's Chelsea Steadman Earns CAE Credential

July 7, 2026 (Falls Church, Va.) – Association and Society Management International, Inc. (ASMI) Account Executive Chelsea Steadman, MA, earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE®) designation. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry and is conferred by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

"ASMI is proud of this achievement, demonstrating Chelsea's commitment to superior service to nonprofit organizations," stated President Clay D. Tyeryar, MAM, CAE. "Chelsea is ASMI's seventh CAE on staff, and as part of our commitment to clients and staff, we encourage continuous professional development."

To be designated a Certified Association Executive (CAE), an applicant must have experience in nonprofit management, complete 100 hours of specialized professional development, pass a rigorous examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must engage in ongoing professional development and activities in nonprofit management. More than 4,500 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential, which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

With a decade of experience in association leadership and emergency management, Chelsea serves as assistant executive director for the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), where she oversees the staff team and manages governance, strategic planning, and the annual budget process. Chelsea has worked in all areas of IAEM's scope, during which she led AMS and website implementations, built volunteer and professional development programs, improved the Certification program, and supported federal grant budget development.

Chelsea began her career at ASMI as the whole-community project manager for a FEMA-funded initiative assessing spontaneous volunteer engagement in disasters, successfully managing a \$300K project and delivering all federal contract requirements on time and within scope.

She received her B.S. in Biochemistry from Villanova University in 2014. In 2015, she received her M.S. in Healthcare Emergency Management from Boston University.

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ASAE is a membership organization of more than 50,000 association executives and industry partners. Since its establishment more than 100 years ago, its members have led, managed, worked in, or partnered with organizations across more than a dozen association management disciplines, from executive management to finance to technology. With the support of the ASAE Research Foundation, a separate nonprofit entity, ASAE is the premier source of learning, knowledge, and future-oriented research for the association and nonprofit profession and provides resources, education, ideas, and advocacy to enhance the power and performance of the association and nonprofit community. Visit ASAE at www.asaecenter.org.