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## **STACY DEFOE EARNS CERTIFIED ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CREDENTIAL**

SACRAMENTO, CA – The American Society of Association Executives announced that Stacy DeFoe, executive director of the California Physical Therapy Association, has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Fewer than 5 percent of all association professionals have earned the CAE.

To be designated as a CAE, an applicant must have a minimum of three years experience in nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 75 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management. Approximately 3,600 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential, which was first awarded in 1961.

The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) is an individual membership organization of more than 22,000 association executives and industry partners representing nearly 11,000 organizations. Its members manage leading trade associations, individual membership societies and voluntary organizations across the United States and in 50 countries around the globe as well as provide products and services to the association community. ASAE also is a leading voice for the nonprofit sector advocating for voluntary organizations, so they may continue to improve the quality of life in the United States. ASAE and The Center for Association Leadership accomplish this mission by fostering a learning community of association professionals, industry partners, outside thought leaders and other stakeholders who embrace their vision.

For more information on the ASAE and The Center for Association Leadership, visit [www.asaecenter.org](http://www.asaecenter.org).

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*The California Physical Therapy Association exists to educate the people of California as to the attributes, benefits and value of physical therapy; meet the physical therapy needs of the people of California through the development and improvement of physical therapy education, practice and research; meet the needs of the Chapter members through identification, coordinated action, communication and fellowship.*