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## **NAPO-GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS**

Radnor, PA — The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-GPC) is pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of the prestigious Certified Professional Organizer® (CPO®) designation. Four of the NAPO-GPC's members have received this designation. The inaugural CPO® exam was administered on April 25, 2007, at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) in Minneapolis, MN. An award ceremony will take place at NAPO's 20th Annual Conference in April 2008 in Reno, NV.

The international inaugural class of more than 200 professional organizers is recognized on both The Board of Certification for Professional Organizers' BCPO's and NAPO's Web sites. NAPO's referral directory also lists all NAPO members who have attained the CPO® designation.

"The program of certification for professional organizers acknowledges the importance and value of standards in our industry. The CPO® contributes to those evolving standards, and represents the epitome of competence, ethics, and professionalism," says BCPO President Audrey Lavine, CPO®.

"We are pleased to have a great representation of seasoned professionals from our area who have earned this designation," says Anna Sicalides, the current president of the NAPO-Greater Philadelphia Chapter.

### **Inaugural CPO® Class**

Ellen Faye, CPO®, Cherry Hill, NJ Lorraine Lindhult, CPO®, Hatboro, PA	Joanne Rinaldi, CPO®, Linwood, NJ Anna Sicalides, CPO®, Berwyn, PA
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*For a complete listing of CPOs by state, please visit  
[www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org](http://www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org).*

### **What is the NAPO-Greater Philadelphia Chapter?**

- The non-profit Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (also known as NAPO-GPC) has been in existence since 1996 and has more than 80 members.

- NAPO-GPC represents organizers located in eastern Pennsylvania, central and southern New Jersey and Delaware.
- NAPO-GPC members work with clients in their homes or offices to eliminate clutter, streamline systems and simplify their clients' lives.
- NAPO-GPC members provide support and information to those who are exploring professional organizing as a career.
- Organizing specialties include paper management, time management, home offices, business offices, records retention, closets, kitchens, living spaces, and storage spaces.
- Many NAPO-GPC members work not only as organizing consultants, but also serve as speakers, trainers, authors, coaches, and purveyors of organizing products.
- NAPO-GPC members bring more to their jobs than just organizing skills and talents; many have a wealth of experience in complementary fields, such as psychology, business, social work, teaching, training, management and interior design.
- More information can be found at [http://www.napo-gpc.org/about\\_media.php](http://www.napo-gpc.org/about_media.php)

### **What is CPO® Certification?**

CPO® Certification is a voluntary, industry-led effort which benefits the public and members of the organizing profession. CPO® Certification recognizes those professionals who have met specific minimum qualifications and proven through examination and client interaction to possess the body of knowledge and experience required for certification. The program recognizes and raises industry standards, practices, and ethics. While the CPO® designation is not an endorsement or recommendation, certification of professional organizers maximizes the value received from the services provided and products recommended by a CPO®.

### **What is a professional organizer?**

A professional organizer enhances the lives of clients by designing systems and processes using organizing principles and through transferring organizing skills. A professional organizer also educates the public on organizing solutions and the resulting benefits. Professional organizers help individuals and businesses take control of their surroundings, their time, their paper, and their systems for life.

### **About BCPO (<http://www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org/>)**

The Board of Certification for Professional Organizers (BCPO) is the certifying body whose charter is to increase the professionalism of the organizing industry by:

- Identifying a body of knowledge in the organizing profession
- Establishing the level of knowledge and experience required for certification
- Advancing the practice of professional organizing
- Increasing the value of organizing practitioners to their employers
- Recognizing and raising industry standards, practices and ethics
- Maximizing the value received from the products and services provided by CPOs

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