



BCPO Announces Inaugural Certified Professional Organizers

Glenview, IL and Dunedin, FL - The Board of Certification for Professional Organizers (BCPO) and its sister organization, the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), are pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of the prestigious Certified Professional Organizer (CPO) designation. The inaugural CPO exam was administered on April 25, 2007, at NAPO's Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN. An award ceremony will take place at NAPO's 20th Annual Conference in April 2008 in Reno, NV

The inaugural class of more than 200 professional organizers is recognized on both 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

Inaugural CPO Class

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Cynthia Braun, CPO, Lake Grove, NY
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Karen Bryant, CPO, Waterford, CT
Kathleen Burns, CPO, Encinitas, CA
Hellen Buttigieg, CPO, Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Jane Campbell, CPO, Rockville, MD
Dawn Cannon, CPO, Loomis, CA
Deborah Carney, CPO, Mentor, OH
Jane Caroo, CPO, Palatine, IL
Allison Carter, CPO, Marietta, GA
Laurie Clarke, CPO, Fort Collins, CO
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Robin Davi, CPO, Pasadena, CA
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Ellen Delap, CPO, Kingwood, TX
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Barbara Friedman, CPO, Milwaukee, WI
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Additional names may be added to this list after audits have been completed. For a complete listing of CPOs by state, please visit <http://www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org> CPO-CD is a separate designation under the authority of the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization (NSGCD), an organization affiliated with NAPO.

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 signation 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.

Organizers are not mental health practitioners. We don't diagnose or treat. However sometimes the line between organizers, therapists and coaches can get pretty fuzzy.

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