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**BOWEN EARNS  
CERTIFIED ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE CREDENTIAL**

Washington, D.C., January 29, 2019 – The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) has announced that Amanda Bowen, President, Nancy D. Stephens & Associates, LLC, has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry.

To be designated as a Certified Association Executive, an applicant must have a minimum of three years experience with nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 100 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. Some 4,300 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential. The CAE program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

Ms. Bowen is a graduate of Florida State University. She holds a Six Sigma Green Belt Certification from the Florida Sterling Council; was recognized as the Emerging Leader of the Year from the Tallahassee Leadership Academy in 2015; was named Association Executive Rising Star by the Florida Society of Association Executives (FSAE) in 2018; serves as Chair of the FSAE Marketing Committee; serves on the Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; and is a gubernatorial appointee to the State Emergency Response Commission. Ms. Bowen is a frequent public speaker on generational communication strategies, digital marketplace transitions, and personal branding; she is active in her community through various volunteer groups; is a member of ASAE and FSAE; and is a native of Tallahassee, Florida.

Nancy D. Stephens & Associates, LLC, (NDS) is an association management company with headquarters in Tallahassee, Florida. The company and its team work with associations and nonprofits from a statewide to national scale, providing services ranging from executive board governance and management, government relations, communication and social media production, financial accounting, event production and management, to strategic planning. NDS is globally recognized with the AMCI accreditation from the AMC Institute, the highest credential among association management companies, and is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year of business.

ASAE is a national membership organization of more than 44,000 association executives and industry partners representing 7,400 organizations. Together, the members create a vibrant community that makes the world smarter, safer, and better every day. With the support of ASAE 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.

