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### **2009 Awards & Scholarship Presentations**

At the 2009 Annual Conference at Caesars Atlantic City, NJSAE President Ray Saputelli presented the following with these special awards:

**NJSAE Positive Impact Award** was presented to the **National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)** for their webinar program entitled “Meeting the Immunization Needs of Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care.” This educational initiative addressed the importance of meeting immunization requirements for the over 500,000 children in foster care in our country. These children have higher rates of health problems and do not have appropriate access to health care. Pediatric Nurse Practitioners are often these children’s major point of contact in the healthcare system and NAPNAP saw the need to address this issue and meet the needs of this at-risk community. Their national live webinar was broadcast to caregivers across the U.S. and spotlighted the expertise and resources available through the association’s volunteers, staff and nurse practitioner members. The Foster Parent national webinar assisted NAPNAP expand their outreach to a community that was underserved.

**Points of Light Award** was presented to **Robert Waller** of Association Headquarters, Inc. in recognition of his great contributions to helping his community and instilling this ideal in the people who work with him. Bob is a dedicated volunteer for Kids in Distressed Situations and has personally helped raise over \$60 million dollars in money, toys, clothes, and other juvenile products to assist these kids in need. He also works with the First Candle organization in their fight against infant mortality. Bob was a founder of the Social Responsibility Committee within ASAE and leads his own team at AH in biennial blood drives for the American Red Cross, backpacks for kids, and Habitat for Humanity efforts. Bob was nominated for this award by one of his staff members and in her words: “Bob continues to inspire each of us at AH to become active in our professional careers and to serve those most in need.”

**Excellence in Association Management Award** was presented to **Taylor Fernley** of Fernley & Fernley for his vision and leadership in the field of association and non-profit management through innovation, collaboration, and leadership. Taylor Fernley not only has contributed to NJSAE, DVSAE, and ASAE as a speaker, author and committee member for over 35 years, but he has worked with the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Mid-Atlantic Employers Association, the National Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America, and many other local and civic associations to improve the quality of life for all those involved.

**Special Recognition Awards** were presented to **Ray Saputelli** (NJSAE President) and **Michael Taylor** (DVSAE 2008-09 President) for their dedicated work in leading the Joint Merger Task Force and bringing the merger and creation of the Mid-Atlantic Society of Association Executives to fruition.

**Hyatts of New Brunswick, Princeton, and Morristown Scholarship Awards** were presented to Heather Evans of Association Associates who was awarded the Hyatt CAE Scholarship and Maggie Hoyer of the Association of Food Industries who was awarded the NJSAE Annual Conference scholarship. Many thanks to the Hyatt Hotels for their support of these scholarships.

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