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**RE: Inaugural Certified Professional Organizers**  
First Inaugural Certified Professional Organizers Announcement

**Details:**

In April 2007, the Board of Certification for Professional Organizers ([BCPO](http://www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org)) and its sister organization, the National Association of Professional Organizers ([NAPO](http://www.napo.org)) held the first exam for certification on April 25, 2007, at NAPO's Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN.

NAPO Oregon congratulates our local chapter members who are recipients of this prestigious Certified Professional Organizer<sup>®</sup> (CPO<sup>®</sup>) designation:

- Anne Blumer, CPO<sup>®</sup>, Solutions For You, Inc., Portland, Oregon
- Julie Job, CPO, Organizing Solutions, Gresham, Oregon
- Bethanne Kronick, CPO, SIMPLIFY!, Camp Sherman, Oregon
- Harriet Steinberg, CPO, Overall Organizer, Lake Oswego, Oregon

**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.

**What is CPO<sup>®</sup> Certification?**

CPO<sup>®</sup> Certification is a voluntary, industry-led effort which benefits the public and members of the organizing profession. CPO<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>.

**About BCPO ([www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org](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