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JPEG AWARDED TOP INDUSTRY HONOR



ABOUT THE AWARD

Over 140 national associations competed for 30 Gold Awards from the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE).

This year was a first for JPEG or any ALFN program to be nominated for the Power of A Awards and marks the first time the Association has been recognized by its trade group and professional society peers.

JPEG will publish its second annual *Picture the Future* publication, showcasing stand-out young professionals during a special luncheon and mixer on Monday, July 20 during ANSWERS.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

JPEG is open to any young professional employed by an ALFN member (attorney/trustee, associate or servicer). Members must be less than 40 years of age or have fewer than five years of industry experience.

JPEG hosts quarterly teleconferences for Group members; periodic webinars open to all ALFN members; hosts two mixers each year; annually publishes the *Picture the Future List*, a publication of standout young professionals in the servicing industry; and offers a mentorship program to its members.



JPEG [JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS & EXECUTIVES GROUP] WINS GOLD POWER OF A AWARD FROM AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES, INDUSTRY'S TOP HONOR FOR INNOVATIVE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 [St. Louis, MO] The ALFN has earned a 2015 ASAE Power of A Gold Award for its Junior Professionals and Executives Group (JPEG), a young professionals network created to help legal staff under 40 years of age gain exposure and opportunities to career-building relationships.

“Over 140 associations from across the country nominated the very best of their member services and innovative programs. Even among such esteemed programs, JPEG stands out as a best-in-class young professionals network and we’re proud of this recognition from the ASAE,” said Matt Bartel, President & CEO of ALFN.

“Congratulations to ALFN for helping make their community a better place,” said Hugh Cannon, MPA, CAE, Executive Director of ACEC of Metropolitan Washington, and chair of the Power of A Awards Judging Committee. “Their program exemplifies how associations make a difference every day – not just to the industry or profession they represent, but to society at large.”

“Over 350 young professionals benefit from our mixers, webinars and other face-to-face events throughout the year,” said Kelly Gring, JPEG Chair and ALFN Board Member. “We’re helping young attorneys who face one of the most daunting challenges of any industry: ever increasing numbers of competing graduates, dwindling legal jobs, fewer roads to partnership, and a workload that means very few survive the first three years.”

JPEG helps young professionals who experience few volunteer opportunities at the national level where the competition is fierce for the few slots that offer career development, exposure and positioning. JPEG coordinates networking mixers, regular teleconferences, publishes an annual profile of emerging leaders, and operates as a platform for JPEGs to access other leadership roles within the Association and to position themselves as subject matter experts through authorship and education. There is also a strong mentorship component to the program.

ASAE’s Power of A (association) Awards, the industry’s highest honor, recognize the association community’s valuable contributions on the local, national and global level. The Power of A Awards reward outstanding accomplishments of associations and industry professionals for their efforts to enrich lives, create a competitive workforce, prepare society for the future, drive innovation and make a better world.

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