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# Lynn Meyer O'Dowd Named Inaugural Certified Professional Organizer® (CPO®)

Chicago, IL—Lynn Meyer O'Dowd has received the prestigious designation of Certified Professional Organizer<sup>®</sup> (CPO<sup>®</sup>) from the Board of Certification for Professional Organizers (BCPO<sup>SM</sup>). She is a member of the **Inaugural Class of Certified Professional Organizers** and is recognized on both the BCPO<sup>SM</sup> and National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) Web sites. The **Inaugural Class of Certified Professional Organizers** is a group of little over 200 recognized individuals placing Lynn Meyer O'Dowd among the top 5 percent of organizers in the U.S.

"Certification sets me apart from other organizers not only in passing the exam but the qualification to take the exam required years of client experience and work," says Ms. Meyer O'Dowd. "It is a formal acknowledgment of my dedication to professional organizing over the years and I'm thrilled to receive this 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®.

"I congratulate Lynn Meyer O'Dowd on her initiative in being among the first to sit for the CPO® exam. Taking the CPO® exam demonstrates her commitment to the profession," says NAPO President Standolyn Robertson, CPO®.

Lynn Meyer O'Dowd will be honored in April 2008 at the major conference for the professional organizing industry, NAPO's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Reno, NV.

## What is CPO® 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>.

### 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.

#### **About All About Time**

All About Time was founded by Lynn Meyer O'Dowd in 1999. Lynn founded *All About Time* as a way of bringing together the two things she was best at and enjoyed most: organization and personal development. Today, *All About Time* has a diverse client list that helps busy professionals make room in their lives for their own successes. For more information, please contact her at 773-202-9394; 4320 N. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60634; <a href="Lynn@All-About-Time.com">Lynn@All-About-Time.com</a>; www.all-about-time.com