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Nicole Stephenson of The Main Line Chamber of Commerce Graduates from Institute for Organization Management
A Leadership Training Program Produced by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce that Main Line Chamber of Commerce Society of Professional Women Executive Director Nicole Stephenson, IOM, has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM. Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 credit hours of course instruction in non-profit management. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since it began in 1921, the Institute program has educated tens of thousands of association, chamber and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at four different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance and membership, Institute participants can enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

"Participating in IOM provides knowledge, resources and connections to experienced professionals sharing common challenges and key successes," said Stephenson, "And the opportunity to connect with other industry professionals from across the nation provides an invaluable exchange of ideas and diverse perspectives."

Main Line Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Bernard Dagenais, IOM, who received his IOM designation in 2014, said the knowledge gained from chamber leaders and faculty at Institute will serve Stephenson well as one of the leaders of the Chamber. "Our involvement in national organizations provides us with ways to identify and share great ideas with and from across the nation," he added.

The Society of Professional Women is the region's largest women-in-business peer group and one of the Main Line Chamber's largest programs. The Chamber is Southeastern Pennsylvania's large suburban chamber, with member businesses and non-profits in Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties along with several regional Philadelphia-based entities.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations.

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