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## **Twelve ‘Thought Leaders’ Named to ASAE & The Center’s 2007 Class of Fellows**

**WASHINGTON, DC**— Twelve leaders of the association community have been named to ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership’s 2007 class of Fellows. The Fellows program recognizes individual accomplishments and contributions to ASAE & The Center and the association community, and is a call to service for the profession.

“Interest in this year’s Fellows program is at an all-time-high, which made the job of the selection committee all the more challenging,” said Ty Helms, chair of the Fellows Nominating Committee and senior vice president of sales for Global Hyatt Corporation. “The 12 Fellows chosen represent the best and brightest of the association community, and I’m excited they will be recognized for their outstanding commitment to the industry.”

The Class of 2007 includes:

**Lorraine Cole, Ph.D., CAE**  
Chief Executive Officer  
YWCA USA

**Loretta DeLuca**  
President  
DelCor Technology Solutions, Inc.

**Anne Hamilton**  
Vice President, Resort Sales & Services  
Walt Disney Parks and Resorts

**Diane James, CAE**  
Executive Director  
Women's Transportation Seminar

**Chris McEntee**  
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Vice President  
The American Institute of Architects

**Robyn Morriss, CAE**

Vice President, Finance and Business Operations,  
Reinsurance Association

**David Nielsen**

CEO  
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland

**R. Norris Orms, CHE, CAE**

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer  
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

**Stacy Tetschner, CAE**

Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer  
National Speakers Association

**Myrl Weinberg, CAE**

President  
National Health Council

**Dean West**

President  
Association Laboratory Inc

**Jay Younger**

Vice President  
McKinley Marketing

The 2007 Fellows join over 200 association professionals to receive this designation since the program's inception in 1986. Serving as role models and ambassadors for the association community, Fellows seek out opportunities to serve on boards and committees, and by participating as speakers, authors, reviewers and mentors.

The Fellows selection process includes nomination by a peer; an in-depth application describing the individual's innovation, leadership and commitment to the profession; an interview with a member of the selection committee; and ultimately selection from among a group of highly-qualified candidates.

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The Center for Association Leadership is the premier provider of learning, knowledge, and future-oriented research for the association profession. The Center delivers innovative learning experiences, performance-enhancing resources, new thinking and models for the profession, opportunities for peer-to-peer collaboration, and strategic tools and data designed to advance the association profession. Offerings include nearly 100 professional development programs through Center University, environmental scanning and other future focused research, a peer-reviewed journal, and more than 5,000 online articles, models, and case studies. Together, ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership provide resources, education, ideas and advocacy to enhance the power and performance of the association community. Visit [www.asaecenter.org](http://www.asaecenter.org).