**Cornerstone League President/CEO Earns CAE Credential**

**PLANO, TEXAS, Feb. 4, 2022** – Caroline Willard, president and CEO of Cornerstone League, has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation, the highest professional credential in the association industry.

To obtain a CAE designation, an applicant must have experience with nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 100 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management.

“Cornerstone League’s member credit unions depend on their league’s leadership to stay engaged with and current on best practices so we can provide them with the best value for their dues dollars,” said Willard. “Obtaining my CAE certification reinforces my commitment to help advance credit unions’ success.”

More than 4,700 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential. The CAE program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

***About American Society of Association Executives***

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***About Cornerstone League****Cornerstone League is a regional credit union trade association serving more than 450 credit unions in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Cornerstone exists to advance the success of credit* *unions* *in the region through legislative and grassroots advocacy; regulatory and compliance support; training, educational, and networking opportunities; essential communications related to news and information affecting the credit union industry; and other products and services that establish Cornerstone as the essential partner for credit unions. For more information, visit* [*cornerstoneleague.coop*](http://www.cornerstoneleague.coop)*.*

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