ASPA APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

William P. Shields Named

Washington, DC – The National Council of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) has selected William ‘Bill’ Shields as ASPA’s next executive director. Shields is vice president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and has more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit management field. He will take up his new position on January 2, 2014.

ASPA President Stephen Condrey, in announcing Shields’ acceptance, said, “This marks an important transition in ASPA’s history. As we mark our 75th Anniversary, we are embracing a new leader committed to continuing ASPA’s growth, raising its profile and preparing us for our next 75 years. The National Council is excited that Bill has accepted this opportunity and look forward to working with him to keep ASPA moving forward.”

Shields previously held executive, senior management and research positions at the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA). He served as vice president of board and Fellow relations and vice president of administration. He also served as director of the Chief Executives Organization, a nonprofit representing more than 2,000 chief executives across the globe. He has been involved with research studies for the Departments of Defense, Housing and Urban Development and Transportation. He also edited 50 NAPA panel reports on a wide range of public administration issues.

Shields serves on the adjunct faculty at American University, his alma mater. He has taught in the Department of Government, Department of Public Administration and Washington Semester Program.

“As someone committed to public service, I am honored by the trust that the National Council has placed in me,” said Shields. “ASPA has a critical role to play in raising the profile of those dedicated to the public good and promoting effective governance at the local, state and federal levels. I look forward to continuing its rich tradition of advancing excellence in public service and lending its voice to the important conversation about strengthening our public service.”

ASPA is the leading professional organization working to advance the art, science and practice of public administration. Its membership of more than 8,500 represent individuals working at the local, state and federal levels of government, as well as those engaged in academic research and teaching of public affairs.

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