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AAGP NorCal Announces Upcoming Free Workshops

EMERYVILLE - The American Association of Grant Professionals (AAGP) Northern California Chapter, or AAGP NorCal, is pleased to announce a new schedule of free intermediate and expert level educational workshops designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of local agency grant writers and consultants. Co-sponsored by the Foundation Center, the following public events have been planned for 2009:

- Robert Weiner, an independent consultant who specializes in information technology solutions for nonprofits, will present **“Ten Common Mistakes in Selecting Grants Management Systems (And How to Avoid Them)”** on Monday, August 24 from 12:00-2:30 pm at the Berkeley Public Library in Berkeley, CA. Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch.
- Julie Mozena of Mozena & Associates will present **“From SAMHSA to *Say What?* Making Sense of Government Grants”** on Tuesday, September 22 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm at the Arab American Cultural Center of the Silicon Valley in San Jose’s Hougue Park.
- In October, fundraising consultants Cheryl A. Clarke and Susan Fox will present their signature **“Reality Grantmaking ®”** workshop in Sacramento. The event is sponsored by AT&T and will take place on Wednesday, October 14th.

While these events will be open to the public, AAGP NorCal membership provides various benefits, including:

- Discounted participation in the AAGP CharityUniversity series, which provides Grant Professional Certified (GPC) and Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) approved continuing education credits
- Networking opportunities in various Northern California regional networks
- Active discussion forums among AAGP members nationwide
- Free listing in AAGP NorCal Consultant’s Directory

For a full list of member benefits, information on joining AAGP NorCal and registering for upcoming educational events, please call (415) 686-6239 or visit the Chapter’s website at www.aagpnorcal.org.

AAGP NorCal was established in October 2008 and has a service region that extends from Fresno, CA to the Oregon border. The Chapter is working closely with the AAGP National Office to reach out to new and prospective members throughout Northern California. With over 1,200 current members, AAGP is an international organization formed in 1998 to support the advancement of grantsmanship as a specialized fundraising profession.

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