

The Board of Certification for Professional Organizers (BCPO®)

Who We Are

The Board of Certification for Professional Organizers (BCPO®) (www.certifiedprofessionalorganizers.org) is the independent certifying body whose charter is to increase the professionalism of the organizing industry by:

- Identifying a body of knowledge in the organizing profession
- Establishing the level of knowledge and experience required for certification
- Advancing the practice of professional organizing.
- Increasing the value of organizing practitioners to their employers.
- Recognizing and raising industry standards, practices and ethics
- Maximizing the value received from the products and services provided by a Certified Professional Organizer® (CPO®)

Mission Statement

The BCPO®'s mission is to affirm and acknowledge the passion for the organizing profession by advancing industry credibility, professionalism, and ethical standards through credentialing.

In recognizing the experienced organizer, the BCPO® seeks to inspire all organizers to provide superior client services and to continue to develop expertise in the transfer of higher-level organizing skills.

History

The process to create a certification for professional organizers began over 10 years ago. A task force to create the current certification program was formed in 2005 by the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO). In 2007, the BCPO® became a self-governing organization formed to recognize and raise industry standards, practices and ethics through independent certification. The resulting CPO® designation is a measure of the industry's maturity and long-term viability in the marketplace.

CPO® certification is a voluntary effort that recognizes professionals who have met specific minimum standards, and proven through examination and client interaction that they possess the body of knowledge and experience required for certification.

While the CPO® designation is not an endorsement or recommendation, the public can rely on this certification to maximize the value received from the products and services provided by a CPO®.

The inaugural CPO® examination was given in April 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since then, over 275 individuals around the world have earned the right to be called Certified Professional Organizer®.