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### Kearney Receives KSAE Executive Member of the Year

TOPEKA, KS – December 12, 2013, Steve Kearney, president, Kearney & Associates, Inc. was honored as the KSAE Executive Member of the Year by the Kansas Society of Association Executives (KSAE) as part of the KSAE Annual Expo.

Kearney was nominated for this award for his capabilities as the president of Kearney and Associates for the last 20 years, his skills in lobbying, his knowledge of association management, and his involvement in the Topeka community. Kearney & Associates, Inc. is a business offering full-service government affairs and association management solutions to fit the needs of any organization.

In addition to association management, Steve works tirelessly as the head lobbyist for associations as well as many other government affairs clients. Steve has a background in government affairs as a legislative staffer and lobbyist prior to starting his own business. His experience in government affairs creates an atmosphere of trust and confidence for his clients.

Steve is currently a member of the KSAE Board of Directors, a capacity he has served in since December of 2011. In addition to serving on the KSAE Board, Steve has served on the Topeka Family Service & Guidance Center Board since 2010. He is currently Vice Chair of the FSGC Board of Directors and will become Chair in 2014. In 2011, the Kansas Board of Regents appointed Steve to the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Educating Authority; under that authority he is Chairman of the TEA Marketing Committee.

The Governor appointed Steve to the Employee Pay Plan Oversight Committee in December of 2011 and recently appointed him to the Workers Compensation and Employment Security Boards Nominating Committee.

He is deserving of acknowledgement and praise for the work he does day in and day out that goes beyond his office walls.

The KSAE Executive Member of the Year award has been given out since 1997 and is presented to an association executive to recognize outstanding professionalism, leadership and

participation in KSAE activities over time. It recognizes someone who exemplifies the best in association management by continually bringing credit to his or her profession and to the association management community. He or she has contributed their time, energy and expertise to KSAE and other voluntary organizations.

The Kansas Society of Association Executives represents over 300 Association Executives that manage trade associations, individual membership societies and voluntary organizations. KSAE advances associations through educational support, resources and networks.

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