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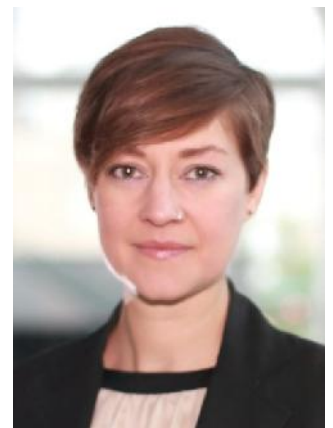
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***CHMS Association Executive to Receive Rising Star Award  
from the Empire State Society of Association Executives***

Capitol Hill Management Services (CHMS) is pleased to announce that Sara-Becca Smith, an Association Executive at the firm, has been chosen as the recipient of the Rising Star Award from the Empire State Society of Association Executives (ESSAE).

The Rising Star Award recognizes an ESSAE member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential for future leadership in association or hospitality management.

Smith joined the CHMS Team in 2012 and quickly proved herself as a creative and effective association executive, serving several national, state, and regional clients. She previously served as Director of Operations at the Lark Street Business Improvement District in Albany. She earned an MBA through Union Graduate College, and later expanded her knowledge and experience by earning an Advanced Certificate in Management and Leadership from Union Graduate College.



“Sara-Becca’s intelligence, critical thinking skills, maturity and sense of humor have served her well. She has developed into one of the finest association executives I have ever known,” said John Graziano, Jr., CHMS President, “We are very pleased that she is being recognized by ESSAE and honored by her professional colleagues across the state.”

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