

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**SME Executive Director receives Professional of the Year award**  
*David L. Kanagy honored at CSAE Annual Meeting*

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is proud to announce that Executive Director David L. Kanagy was awarded the Association Professional of the Year by the [Colorado Society of Association Executives](http://www.csaenet.org) (CSAE) at CSAE's annual meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014 in Snowmass, CO.

The Association Professional of the Year award is presented to a CSAE member in recognition of exemplary service and support to the association profession, community service or activities that have furthered the industry in which they serve, and to the CSAE organization as a whole. In the 62 years of CSAE's existence, this award has been presented to only 23 people. It is the highest award presented by the organization, and is not given annually. Nominees are reviewed by the awards committee and voted on by the board of directors. Results of voting are confidential, as is the recipient's name until presentation of the award at an annual meeting.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this prestigious award. Recognition by one's peers is the ultimate compliment and I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all the members of CSAE," said David Kanagy in accepting the award. "I am lucky to be surrounded by some of the most talented people in the association community within Colorado."



David L. Kanagy

A past president and board member of CSAE, Kanagy spearheaded the creation of a scholarship program to provide funding to young professionals to attend programs like the CASE Annual Conference as well as encourage the development of professional programs to enhance the education of all association professionals. A new CSAE group membership program was also created, and SME became the first association to take advantage of the new program.

Kanagy has more than 28 years experience in the non-profit association industry and has been Executive Director of SME since 2004. During his tenure, SME has tripled revenues, increased global membership to more than 15,000 and has positioned itself to provide greater value for its members.

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SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose more than 15,000 members represent all professions serving the minerals industry in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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