



ASCO staff member LaShawn Sidbury was selected for a highly competitive leadership program for association managers and leaders from diverse backgrounds.

Ms. Sidbury, who serves as ASCO's Director of Meetings and Special Interest Groups (SIGs), was chosen by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) as one of 12 candidates selected from a large pool of association executives for its Diversity Executive Leadership Program (DELP).

DELP is an accelerated leadership program of education, mentoring, and volunteer service in the association community. Candidates who have at least three years of mid-senior level association management experience or at least one year of experience as an association CEO (as of the date of their application) and are members of a racial/ethnic minority group, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender, or have a disability are eligible to apply.

"Congratulations to the new class! Over the past 18 years, the DELP program has provided association professionals an opportunity to enrich their knowledge and leadership skills. It has also shaped many talented association executives, and this class will extend that legacy," said ASAE President and CEO John H. Graham IV, FASAE, CAE.

During this two-year program, 12 DELP scholars will experience membership and volunteer service in ASAE. They will also have access to industry leaders who could serve as career coaches or mentors. ASAE is a membership organization of more than 21,000 association executives and industry partners representing 9,300 organizations.

"We are extremely proud of Ms. Sidbury's recognition on the national level," said ASCO Executive Director Dawn Mancuso. "She is a vital part of our staff leadership team, and we are thrilled that she has been given this great opportunity for higher level training and a broader networking at the national level."

"As a person who is deeply committed to the association profession, I am honored to have been selected to participate in this unique program," said Ms. Sidbury. "I thank ASAE for this opportunity and look forward to growing my network, as well as gaining additional knowledge and skills that can be used to help me thrive within the association sector."