Carrie Abernathy Named Chair of Green Meetings Industry Council Sustainable Meetings Foundation

Continues to advance the importance of sustainable meetings

October 27, 2014 (Reston, Virginia) – Practice Greenhealth is pleased to announce that Carrie Meadows Abernathy, CMP, CEM, CSEP, Director of Education, Training & Events, was named Chair of the Green Meeting Industry Council Sustainable Meetings Foundation (GMIF) along with its 2014-2015 Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ending May 2015. The GMIF and its parent organization, the Green Meeting Industry Council (“GMIC”) are the leading resource for meeting professionals who seek to better understand and prepare for the tough challenges and the potentially transformative opportunities in their immediate future.

“As one who is committed to advancing sustainability in meetings, I am honored to take on the role of GMIF Chair,” said Abernathy. “Practice Greenhealth holds a rigorous RFP process to ensure that we sustain resources for the next generation, and I look forward to sharing and expanding that guiding principle in my role.”

As Chair, Abernathy plans to spearhead fundraising efforts for GMIF so that they can provide scholarships and education about sustainable meetings to planners and others in the events industry, as well as support the mission of the Green Meeting Industry Foundation in creating more sustainable tomorrows for the next generation. GMIF also supports the annual meeting of the Green Meeting Industry Council, held in the Spring.

Abernathy’s recent accomplishments include being named Young & Aspiring Association Professional by Association Trends. She spoke as a subject matter expert at the Professional Convention Management Association’s Convening Leaders 2012 conference in San Diego, and also speaks on the circuit for MPI and International Association of Exhibitions and Events as a subject matter expert in the field of personal branding for young professionals. For more information about the Green Meeting Industry Foundation, visit http://www.gmicglobal.org/?page=Foundation.

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**About GMIF:**
The GMIC Sustainable Meetings Foundation and its parent organization, the Green Meeting Industry Council ("GMIC"), are the leading resource for meeting professionals who seek to better understand and prepare for the tough challenges and the potentially transformative opportunities in their immediate future. The GMIC Sustainable Meetings Foundation supports projects that align the global meetings industry with the three pillars of sustainability: economic, environmental and social. The primary focus of the GMIC Sustainable Meetings Foundation is to secure the future sustainability of the global meetings industry through research, scholarship and education programs that expand sustainable practices.