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**SHRM-ATLANTA PROMOTES MARY LYNN MILLER
TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

ATLANTA (December 1, 2009) – The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) – Atlanta Chapter is pleased to announce that Mary Lynn Miller, CAE, its current executive director, has assumed a new role as chief operating officer. Ms. Miller will execute the day-to-day operations of the chapter and work in partnership with the volunteer president and board chair to oversee operations, implement strategic plans and manage the financial resources of the chapter.

Under Ms. Miller's executive direction, SHRM-Atlanta has grown its membership by 40%, to over 2500 human resources professionals representing over 1300 companies. It is this growth that necessitated the creation of the chief operating officer role and a corresponding clarification of the volunteer board positions.

"Our chapter continues to grow, evolve and offer continuously improving member value as well as new initiatives, products and programming to develop HR professionals in Atlanta," commented Steve Szafarz, 2009 President. "We are very pleased to be in the position that we need to expand Mary Lynn's role to COO."

SHRM-Atlanta's president will focus on developing strategic initiatives, with more attention paid to leading and motivating volunteers to achieve the organization's mission, strategy, goals and objectives. The president also ensures volunteer succession planning, and that volunteers are recognized and rewarded for their service and their achievements.

SHRM-Atlanta's board of directors continues to serve in a governance role, providing leadership and guidance in setting overall policy and strategy. 2009-2010 Board Chair Nancy Vepraskas added, "Our executive leadership team and our board of directors have worked to develop a new strategy enabling SHRM-Atlanta to be a respected, pivotal player in developing Atlanta as a great business town with robust HR leadership, skilled workforces and engaged workplaces. This vision, still in the developmental stages, will broaden our scope and enable us to grow in a number of new directions. This realignment of our professional and volunteer leadership will support that."

Ms. Vepraskas' comments are echoed by Elizabeth Wysong, Incoming 2010 President, "SHRM-Atlanta has exciting plans to grow, provide broader products and programming designed to serve our various constituencies and to simplify and standardize many of our processes and procedures. By streamlining operations, more volunteer energy can be focused on growing the membership and engaging members in new ways."

SHRM-Atlanta

SHRM-Atlanta, the Atlanta Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, was founded in 1965 and currently enjoys a membership of over 2500+ members representing over 1300 companies human resource professionals. While affiliated with SHRM, the Chapter operates independently to provide a wide variety of professional development and networking opportunities for Atlanta area HR professionals. The Chapter's diverse membership represents more than 1,300 large and small organizations in the metro area, ranges in experience from entry to senior level, and varies in practice from specialist to generalist roles. In 2010 the Chapter celebrates *45 years as Atlanta's Most Active Resource for Advancing HR Professionals*, proudly serving and advancing the HR profession for over four decades.

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