

Amy Kemp

Association management has been the career of choice for Amy Kemp. Beginning as a technical editor in 1995 for a peer-reviewed journal published by a distinguished professional animal science society and equipped with a B.A. in English, Amy went on to expand her publications experience to include many other facets of association work, including public relations, communications, fundraising, and event planning. While advancing her professional career, Amy simultaneously pursued a M.S. in Broadcast Journalism, providing her with both field experience and a wealth of relevant education to apply to association management.

Amy's primary areas of interest have been publications and professional continuing education via the development of one-day seminars on hot topic issues. Amy has successfully served as the Managing Editor for two of the top agricultural, dairy, and animal science journals produced internationally. Under her direction, over 10,000 pages of scientific material have been published annually to the credit of the association and the association management company.

In addition, under Amy's purview, the Professional Series Seminars were introduced for her former employer, the Federation of Animal Science Societies. Such events, held in high-profile U.S. cities, united producers, scientists, commodity groups, and government officials to address pressing issues such as avian influenza and research animal welfare. These events have consistently been well received and financially successful.

Amy is native of Illinois, having spent her childhood in the southern portion of the state. After graduating from the University of Illinois with her undergraduate degree in 1993, Amy chose to make Central Illinois her home. Amy's personal interests include singing, baking, and spending time with her two children, Tess (age 7) and Sadie Belle (age 5). Her husband of 13 years, Keith, is a stay-at-home dad primarily, but also teaches private music lessons (drums and guitar) and substitute teaches in the public schools in the area. Keith formally taught junior high school for 8 years.