

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Board Development Committee**

**Chair: Brian Stevens, ConferenceDirect**

Paul Van Deventer, MPI	Amanda Armstrong, CMP, Enterprise Holdings
Kaaren Hamilton, CMP, CMM, HMCC, Delaware North	Steve O'Malley, Maritz Travel
Bryan Quinan, CMP, Milken Institute	Lucy Giovando Watts, CMP, CMM, LASSO40, Inc.
Antwone Stigall, CMP, DES, Antwone Stigall & Co.	Tammy Kockaya, CMP, CMM, KPMG LLC

### **Finance Committee**

**Chair: Michael Massari, Caesars Entertainment**

Brian Stevens, ConferenceDirect	Amanda Armstrong, Enterprise Holdings
Steve O'Malley, Maritz Travel	Annette Gregg, AlliedPRA
Bonnie Carlson, Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau	Michelle Allgauer, CAE, CMM, CMP, Financial Services Institute

### **Grants & Scholarship Committee**

**Chair: Chandra Allison, Venetian/Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino**

Chandra Allison, Venetian/Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino	Karen Kitchen, Hotels Red Deer
Marti Winer, Drew University	Stephen Revetria, Giants Enterprises
Alda Egurrola-Wienke, CMP, CVENT	

## **INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**

### **Europe Advisory Council**

2018 Objective: Provide recommendations and input regarding the European MPI community and strategy that will elevate the MPI Global brand within Europe. Input focuses on membership growth, chapter stability and implementation of event strategies that consistently deliver education, networking and increase business development opportunities for global sponsorship and the MPI Foundation.

**Chair: Angeles Moreno, the Creative dots SL**

Pieter Allaerts, Dolce Hotels & Resorts	Giovanna Lucherini, Convention Bureau Napoli
Brigitte Boone, Owner @ dmire	Steen Moller, Open the World
Remy Cregut, 2m2c Montreux Music & Convention Centre	Hector A. Venegas, engaging meetings Ltd.
Heidi Huges, Anvil Centre, City of New Westminster	

**Staff Liaison:** Federico Toja, Director Chapter Business Europe

**Board Liaison:** Miguel Neves, Social Media Chefs

### Diversity & Inclusion Task Force

2018 Objective: Seeks to identify and understand diversity and inclusion issues within the MPI community and raise awareness of our Respect for Diversity as stated in MPI's Principles of Professionalism. The task force will recommend appropriate resolutions and assist in promoting MPI's diversity and inclusion initiatives.

**Chair: Maribel Denner, Marriott International Southwest Group Sales**

Kinyetta Alexander, Meridian Enterprises	Ronda Keys, Inspired Event Productions
Linda Anderson, GSMA	Daniel Love, In Your Service Events
Carla Fernandez, ASCRS	Gary Murakami, MGM Resorts International
Danny Findley, DSC	Soraya Shahrak, American Academy of Religion
Cherron Gardner, CMP, Porsche Cars North America	Kamala Srikar, AFSCME
Rania Hammad, Lowes Minneapolis Hotel	Antwone Stigall, Antwone Stigall & Co.

**Staff Liaison:** Thomas Blasucci, Manager of People & Performance

**Board Liaison:** Kaaren Hamilton, Delaware North

### Live Event Education Proposal Review Task Force

2018 Objective: Recommend relevant education by thorough review of speaker proposals for MPI's signature live events (e.g. WEC, EMEC, Smart Monday). Act as a sounding board and provide input for topics, speakers and educational format.

**Chair: Gail Grogan, Billy Bob's Texas**

Katie Conoyer, St. Charles Convention Center	Glenn Panner, chessweekend.com
Tracy Fairman, EproDirect	Carol Porter, Aero Events
Teresa Gitomer, heyRED Speakers Agency	Chantal Sargent, Consulting Engineers of Alberta
Rebecca Johnson, Kuoni Destination Management	Sarah Scheer, American Family Insurance
Jodie Kavanagh, American Poolplayers Association	Michele Yebba, Bose Corporation
Alyssa Kolat, National Rifle Association	Ebonee Wilson, Potomac Management Resources

**Staff Liaison:** Miranda Van Bruck, Program Director, Events & Lori Pugh, Manager, Events Production & Design

**Board Liaison:** Antonio Ducceschi, Starhotels Collezione

### Meeting Executive Task Force

2018 Objective: Assess the education and programming available to the senior meeting planner segment at MPI on a global and chapter level. The task force will recommend ways to engage and expand MPI's senior planner community and suggest relevant and timely curriculum.

**Chair: Angie Callaway, Touch Associates**

Dahlton Bennington, Profound Planning	Sandy Pizzarusso, Fiserv
Michael Bergman, HelmsBriscoe	Rita Plaskett, Agendum, Inc.
Arial Crohn, Coverys	Allison Rocca, Orasoptic
Cathy DosSantos, Maritz Travel	Cameal Soverall, Eventum
TJ Johnson, International Naval Technology Association	Erin Tench, Penn State
Tammy Kockaya, KPMG, LLP	Shari Westmoreland, The Eventors
Edie I. Leibman, LPC Consulting, LLC	Sarah Whitlock, Fresenius Medical Care

**Staff Liaison:** Matthew Marcial, Senior Director-Events, Crystal Shipps, Program Manager

**Board Liaison:** Annette Gregg, AlliedPRA, Inc.

### **MPI-MD Advisory Council**

2018 Objective: Provide focused input and guidance to MPI staff concerning the design and implementation of medical/pharma meeting professionals' education and value-added support for the community.

**Chair: Jacqueline Beaulieu, Healthcare Compliance**

Betsy Bondurant, Bondurant Consulting	Erika Pumphrey, Experience Scottsdale
Kathi Donovan, Bristol-Meyers Squibb	Aura Reyes, eXL Events
Aleka Garcia, Pacific Communications	Pat Schaumann, Maritz Travel
Mozelle Goodwin, Eisai, Inc.	Cheryl Smith, Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority
Bonnie Grant, PHL Life Sciences, a Division of Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau	Debi Smith, McKesson
Deborah Hinson, The Hinson Group	Elizabeth Tovar, Turenlaces Del Caribe, S.R.L.
Gavin Houston, Ashfield Meeting & Events	Michael Varlotta, Janssen Biotech
Kristen Knauer, Fogo de Chao	Bonnie Weiss, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts Corporation
Lisa Leary, Imedex – an HMP Company	Dawn Will, Regeneron
Michael Mahoney, Genentech	Rebecca Yousif, Cvent
Diana McClure, Hilton Worldwide	Maggie Young, Medtronic Vascular
Colleen McQuone, McQ1 Meeting & Event Services	Tanya Zuckerman, Bayer CropScience
Taya Paige, ITA Group	

**Staff Liaison:** Kristi Sanders, Director-Digital Marketing Strategy

**Board Liaison:** Steve O'Malley, Maritz Travel

### **Professional Development Task Force**

2018 Objective: Participate in the identification of new educational opportunities for the MPI community, including certificate opportunities, JV partnership programs, curriculum development and the review of course materials. Evaluate and develop opportunities for higher education partnerships. Advise management on the professional development strategy and roadmap.

**Chair: Angela Layton, National Association of State Boards of Accountancy**

Rob Adams, Bishop-McCann	Sean McCray, TISOH
Brian Avery, Event Safety & Security Services	Sherry McKinney, Anthem
Carrie Donahue, KPMG LLP	Johanna McQuoid, Self
Debbie Farnum, ExcelEvent Planning	Rodolfo Musco, Motivation & Events
Frank Fricano, CMP, Bridgewater Marriott	Melissa Perry, Ball State University
Julie Holtgrave, American College of Lifestyle Medicine	Kelly Stump, Signet Jewelers
Michelle Johnson, The Anchor Group, LLC	Karin Weber, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Yuyang Lu, YY Fair Convention	

**Staff Liaison:** Misty Helm, Manager-Career Development Program

**Board Liaison:** Bonnie Carlson, Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau

### RISE Awards Judging Panel

2018 Objective: Assess the perception of the RISE Awards across the MPI membership and provide recommendations to increase number of award applications. Evaluate RISE Awards applications in individual and community categories with judgements delivered to the International Board of Directors for ratification.

**Chair: Lori Goldfarb, World Class Corporate Events, Inc.**

Penny Allphin, Aris Hospitality	John Ehlenfeldt, Huntington Beach Conference & Visitors Bureau
Daniela Caputo, Montreal Event Planner Daniela Caputo Event Management	Lyndi Smith, BBC Destination Management
Krzysztof Celuch, Warsaw School of Tourism and Hospitality Management	Jill Stark, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Brenda Dempsey, Nashville CVC	

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Levi, Manager, Volunteer Experience & Rachel Schelter, Volunteer Experience Coordinator

**Board Liaison:** Stephen Revetria, Giants Enterprises

### RISE Up Task Force

2018 Objective: Develop a process for 2017 Rise Award winner programs (e.g. CMP Institute and Mentorship Café) to be rolled out across the MPI chapter network. Beta test, implement and gather chapter feedback for review by the International Board of Directors.

**Chair: Sherry DeLaGarza, Ernst & Young LLP**

Theresa Gatto, Ottawa Tourism	Carol Norfleet, Destination Nashville
Lucy Giovando Watts, LASSO40, Inc.	Colleen Rickenbacher, Colleen Rickenbacher, Inc.
Wendy Klein, Rialto Café/Concept Restaurants	Peter Ricci, Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
Tara Liaschenko, The Link Event Professionals, Inc.	

**Staff Liaison:** Melissa Majors, Director MPI Academy

**Board Liaison:** Brent Taylor, Timewise Event Management, Inc.

### Security & Risk Management Advisory Council

2018 Objective: Identify and understand members' needs in relation to safety and risk management. Evaluate MPI's inventory of products and resources and provide recommendations to ensure members have access to effective tools and education.

**Chair: Tyra Hilliard, College of Coastal Georgia**

Cherry Abel, TAAO	Michael Downs, Kiwanis International
Brian Avery, Event Safety & Security Services, LLC	Ginny Fountain, NC Association of Electric Cooperatives
Daniel Ayers, Reed & Mackay	Nancy Henkel, BroadWater
Kate Copland, University of Connecticut	K.C. Hopson, EventRebels
Paula Costa, McKesson Corporation	Jenn Houtby-Ferguson, Vancouver Island University
Julie-Michelle Davis, ACIG Insurance Company	Alan Kleinfeld, College of Charleston
Angie DeKleine, ADK Meetings+Events LLC	Linda Robson, Endicott College

**Staff Liaison:** Jessie States, Manager of Professional Development

**Board Liaison:** Vince LaRuffa, Universal Orlando Resort

### Young Leaders Advisory Council

2018 Objective: Assist in the development of projects designed to connect young leaders with MPI chapters and MPI Global offerings and support the transition from student to professional. Assess young leaders' needs and identify opportunities for the MPI Foundation to support them.

**Chair: Kerry Lambert, Cvent**

**Chair: Courtney Stanley, Michigan League of Conservation Voters**

Rebecca DeLuca, Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority	Sarah Piggott, BCD Meetings & Events
David Kliman, The Kliman Group	Andy Sharpe, SongDivision
Yequiang Lin, Cal Poly	Matthew Stone, Bluestone Productions, LLC
Lynn Miedzik, Canada Health Infoway	Shelsie St.Cloud, Freeman
Kathleen Persing, Peddler's Village	Akua Washington, Gwinnett Technical College

**Staff Liaison:** Drew Holmgreen, Senior Director, Marketing and Communications

**Board Liaison:** Michelle Allgauer, Financial Services Institute, Inc.

### Chapter & Membership Advisory Council

2018 Objective: Provide feedback and input on MPI global initiatives and strategy at the chapter level; including chapter-level member retention, member acquisition, resources and content.

**Chair: Melanie Clifford, M. Gibson Hotels**

Heidi Brumbach, Technisch Creative	Alexis LaBroi, Avitecture
Sunny Butler, The Garland	Denise Mongoven, Disney Destinations
Tammy Gilbert Cardona, Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation	Cheryl Oswald, Kohl's Department Stores
Joy DesMarais-Lanz, Synergos AMC	Emilie Perkins, LeadingAge Indiana
Molly Johnson, Wilmington & Beaches CVB	Jill Rasco, Attendee Management, Inc.
Jennifer Knapp, ITC	Marilee Sonneman, Spotlight Sojourns

**Staff Liaison:** Nicole Edmund, Director Member Acquisition & Retention & Holly Dotson, Lead Manager Chapter Business

**Board Liaison:** Jason Carroll, Tampa Riverwalk Organization

### The Meeting Professional Advisory Council

2018 Objective: Assist in the generation of ideas and the evaluation of content for MPI publications that is most relevant to MPI members. Provide feedback on the user experience across publishing platforms. Contribute to the review and outline of the TMP Readers Survey.

**Chair: April Ferguson, BCD M&E @ Cisco Systems, Inc.**

Sherry Cummins, Self	Jason Pierre, Events by Pierre, LLC
Elizabeth Kretchmer, Elizabeth A. Kretchmer, CMP, CMM, HMCC	Cindy Smith, Texas Mutual Insurance Company
Karen Kuzel, The Psychic Lady	Terri Woodin, Meeting Sites Resource
Kelly MacDonald, Fraser & Hoyt Incentives	

**Staff Liaison:** Rich Luna, Director Publishing

**Board Liaison:** Helle Svaneborg, Atrium Copenhagen