

November 2025 Education & Networking Program Recap



We wrapped up the year with a meaningful and energizing November Quarterly Education & Networking Event at the DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond Midlothian. Meeting and event professionals from across the region gathered for two days of education, collaboration, and connection.

Attendees earned **4 CE hours** through engaging sessions, including Dr. Heather Williamson's powerful strategies for building employee trust and John Cario's inspiring conversation on sustainability, purpose-driven event design, and the broader community impact of the hospitality industry. In the spirit of giving back, attendees also participated in assembling care kits for individuals experiencing homelessness—an activity that highlighted how meetings can create real, lasting positive change. A big thank you to all our panelists on the Board Seats, Big Impact panel. This session offered valuable insights on how volunteer leadership can elevate careers and expand professional influence.

From the Wednesday evening networking reception to Thursday's MPI Connect session, attendees enjoyed multiple opportunities to build relationships, share ideas, and strengthen our vibrant community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this year's final event a success. We look forward to seeing you at our 2026 programs!

– Rachael Holt, CMP, VP of Education