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MPIOH Mission Statement:

To enhance the overall quality and awareness of the meetings industry by ensuring the professional development and growth of its membership through targeted educational programs and networking opportunities.

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President's Column

Amanda Stredney Account Executive, Marriott International



How I've Gotten Better

MPI's mission is to connect the global meeting and event community to learn, innovate, collaborate and advocate. The vision we use to achieve this mission is to lead and empower the meeting and event community to change the world. We try to take this mission, and vision, and apply it at your local level here in the Ohio Chapter.

There are core values that MPI Global communicates to us and we look to invest in them as well. Focus on our people, dedicate our energy to collaboration, carry out events with enthusiasm and passion, and remain empowered by trust and integrity.

I think I speak for each member when I say personal development is important to me. MPI has helped me to advance myself in both my career and on a personal level over the past several years.

By stepping into a leadership role on the Board of Directors, I've become more confident, able to address adversity, and understand the way my approach on certain subjects can impact others. By attending and participating at our monthly meetings, I've become more educated on what's impacting my customers, networked with the right people to advance my own career, and developed a more objective vision on how our industry affects the worldwide economy. Lastly, the sense of "family" that MPI has given me, helps me to have better perspective on how business should be done and how colleagues should work together to achieve winwin scenarios.

Whether it is growing your personal/professional network, increasing your knowledge on a specific topic related to your career, going for your CMP, or achieving any type of higher education – our goal is to make MPI a vehicle for you in order to get where you want to be development wise. We want to hear from you. My presidency of the association has been enlightening. I urge you to use the tools MPI offers in order to achieve the goals you've set in place for yourself – both personally and professionally.

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Amanda Stredney

G I'd Like to Thank the MPI Academy!

Whether personal or profession development is what you seek, resources are a lot closer and easier to access than you might think. We know you might hear it a lot, but with the MPI Academy, it's never been easier to get better!

Rather than spend hundreds of wording singing the praises of all the trainings, webinars and continuing education credits, we thought we'd let the resources do the talking.

And here's your step by step, actionable guide to taking advantage:

- 1. Unlock your phone's passcode (we won't look) or turn on your tablet, laptop, or computer. Make sure nobody is on your phone line and begin your dial-up internet...yeah right, just kidding.
- 2. But seriously, log on to academy.mpiweb.org
- 3. Scroll to a training session that would benefit you, click registration, sign up, and start getting better.
- 4. That's it. We weren't kidding when we said it's never been easier!

The training sessions and resources you have access to within MPI are way too many to list, but here are just a few coming up in the next few months:

- June 26: EMPLOYMENT LAW SERIES: OSHA in Hospitality and Service Organizations
- June 28: Change Your Mindset: From Sales to Strategic Partner
- July 10: The Science Of Healthcare Professional Meetings
- July 18: Basics Boot Camp 1: Meeting Planning Sourcing & Strategy (7/18)
- July 18: Basics Boot Camp 2: Meeting Planning Design & Logistics (7/18)
- July 31: EMPLOYMENT LAW SERIES: Immigrant Workers in Hospitality and Service Organizations

And remember, this list is just a small taste. There are dozens of on-demand sessions, courses, and trainings available any time you want.

Now it's up to you. LET'S GET BETTER!



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Earning my CMP has been one of my best professional – and personal – achievements in recent years.

By Adriane Cesa, MPI Ohio Board Member

Not everyone loves reading long articles, so I'm going to get right to the point. Here's what the CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) Program has done for me and my career:

Professionally:

- Increased opportunities "CMP preferred"
- MPI Ohio
- CMP committee
- Director of Professional Development
- Director of Education
- Networking
- Knowledge that when I'm working with other CMPs, we're going to "speak the same language:

Personally:

- Created strong bonds
- Lasting friendships
- Mentors both gaining and being



If you have an interest or curiosity in the CMP Program, please visit www.mpioh.org/ membership/cmp-training — Or, contact me!!!

Oh, and while you're still here, take a moment to read what a few others have said about the CMP:

"Getting my CMP certification was right for me because I view it as an investment in my future. This is something I worked hard for and makes me feel valued as a professional in our industry. Obtaining my CMP also shows I have a high level of knowledge, skills, and experience in the meetings industry."

Angela Gruver, CMP Assurex Global

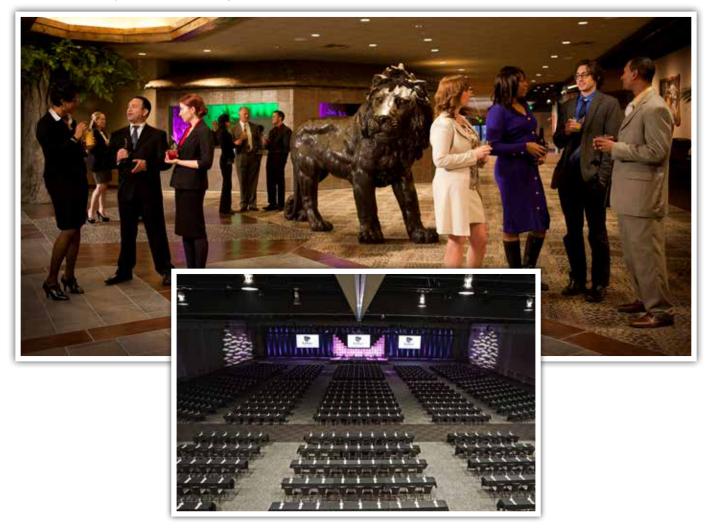
"Becoming a Certified Meeting Professional elevated my understanding of the events industry standards, which made me more effective in organizing and communicating the needs and requirements of my events. When my dream job became available, being certified as a CMP gave me a professional boost that made my resume stand out and proved I had the professional knowledge to bring to the team. I have found my CMP certification to be invaluable."

> Katie Suty Experience Columbus

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

We're known for going beyond expectations at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions – delivering first-class service and top-notch amenities. Our Sandusky, Ohio, location offers 215,000 square feet of flexible meeting space – including three spectacular ballrooms and imposing prefunction rooms, additional load-in and load-out capabilities, and extensive registration and client office spaces.

Our modular meeting spaces will feature the state-of-the-art amenities you've come to expect at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions. You'll find high-def monitors and projectors along with superior lighting and AV controls for colorful and sharp presentations. Guests will have free access to high-speed Wi-Fi, plus ergonomic chairs designed to keep attendees comfortable for up to 10 hours – a key factor in attendee satisfaction.



One thing meeting planners have always loved about the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions experience is that the meeting spaces, guest rooms and leisure activities are all under one roof. And that's not going to change as we double in size. Guests will continue to have easy access to the world-class Spa Kalahari & Salon. They can visit the fitness studios and explore different entertainment options and our varied dining experiences – including the new B-Lux Grill & Bar – and admission to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks is always included with overnight stays!

There's another reason meeting planners keep coming back to Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, and that's the people. When you plan your meeting at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, you'll get a dedicated and experienced team to assist you. From media and activity suggestions to catering and room layouts, your skilled team will take care of everything.

Our location in Sandusky, Ohio, makes Kalahari Resorts & Conventions an easy option for attendees we're under two hours away from major cities. It's convenient enough for your guests, but just enough to feel they're a world away.

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Mark Your Calendar!

JUNE 20, 2018 BEST PRACTICES ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Blue Ocean Facilities – Cincinnati, OH

AUGUST 15, 2018 CHAPTER MEETING The Summit, A Dolce Hotel – Cincinnati, OH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING WITH OSAE & PCMA Hilton Easton Columbus

OCTOBER 25, 2018 CHAPTER MEETING Huntington Convention Center – Cleveland, OH

NOVEMBER 9, 2018 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING AUCTION Columbus, OH

DECEMBER 12, 2018 IN DEPTH EDUCATION DAY

Marriott RiverCenter Cincinnati/NKY



MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY: All Essential Level members or nonmembers are limited to no more than two events in one fiscal year and must pay the Essential Level/Non-member rate. MPI Preferred or Premier Level members are welcome to attend all chapter events at the Member Price.

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MPI Brainstorming WE WANT YOU!

We at MPI Ohio are always improving, innovating and evolving. We want you to know, without a doubt, that you're in this journey with us. So, in the spirit of getting better, let's do some brainstorming.

Here's how this works:

- 1. Answer one or more of the following questions.
- 2. Connect with us by email or message on any of the social media channels listed below. Using your choice of those media, send us your best answer, ideas or thought.
- 3. The MPIOH Board of Directors will review and vote on the most original and helpful ideas to improve our outstanding Chapter.
- 4. The Winner or Winners will receive their choice of prize options. Prize options will be dictated to the winners, and may include:
 - a. Membership Discounts
 - b. Gift Cards
 - c. Travel/Accommodation rewards
 - d. Others
- 5. <u>The deadline is July 31st, so take 30 minutes or less,</u> and get your brainstorming on!

Brainstorming Questions:

- 1. If you could wave a magic wand, what would transform your meeting into a magical experience?
- 2. If you had three wishes (can be anything) to create the perfect association, what would they be?
- 3. What is the One Small Thing that makes the biggest difference between a good meeting and an unforgettable meeting?
- 4. If you had to go All-In on one social media platform, and all others disappeared, what would that one be?
- 5. What was the best meeting you experienced in the past year and why?

Send your best thought/idea to any of the following:

- Email: pete@cultureshoc.com (for Pete Honsberger, VP of Communications)
- Email: admin@mpioh.org (for Jessi Konnagan, Ohio Chapter Administrator)
- Twitter: @mpioh
- Instagram: @mpioh
- Facebook: MPI Ohio Chapter
- Linked In: MPI Ohio Chapter





2018 Rate Card

MPI's Ohio Chapter offers advertising solutions for members and non-members to showcase their services and facilities in ways

that are conducive to various types of marketing strategies. We have integrated both print and online options to allow you to create a marketing campaign to best suit your needs.

PRINT ADVERTISING (DEFINE Newsletter/Annual Directory - Circulation ~350)

DEFINE NEWSLETTER (3x/year - 1Q/2Q/3Q17) Ads include COLOR				
	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	1-2x Rate	3x Rate	1-2x Rate	3x Rate
Full page Half page Quarter page	\$775 \$600 \$525	\$2,100 (\$700/issue) \$1,650 (\$550/issue) \$1,425 (\$475/issue)	\$975 \$800 \$725	\$2,625 (\$875/issue) \$2,175 (\$725/issue) \$1,950 (\$650/issue)
Newsletter Insert	\$450 per issue (MEMBERS ONLY) Mail 500 copies to Chapter Administrator Up to 8 ½" x 11" in size Color or B&W One or two-sided			

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15% premium for special placement ads (back cover, IFC, IBC, p. 3)

Mail Inserts to: MPIOH Chapter Administrator | 4010 Executive Park Drive, Suite 100 | Cincinnati, OH 45241

The *Annual Directory* contains a wrap-up of the year's events, member lists, industry resources and more. It is mailed to MPIOH members, other MPI chapter members & industry professionals.

15% premium for special placement ads (back cover, IFC, IBC, p. 3)

ANNUAL DIRECTORY/4Q17 DEFINE (1x/year combined issue)				
	MEMBER		NON-MEMBER	
	B&W	Color	B&W	Color
Full page	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1350	\$1,650
Half page	\$700	\$1,000	\$770	\$1,100
Quarter page	\$500	\$700	\$550	\$770
Business card	\$200	n/a	\$220	n/a
Company logo	\$50 (MEMBERS ONLY) - Logo to appear next to company listing			

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WEBSITE BANNERS				
Ad Type	Rate	Specifications		
Tier 1	\$1,000/year	320 x 250 pixels		
Tier 2	\$750/year	720 x 90 (horizontal)		
Formats: GIF, JPG, PNG Size Limits: 12 KB Animation: 5 second max; GIF ONLY				

Website banner advertisements may be submitted for the MPIOH website. All banner ads will be linked to your company website and run on the site for one year.

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Submissions may be made via email attachments or on CD or other removable storage.

This *Weekly Electronic Newsletter* is sent to all MPIOH members and other industry professionals each Thursday or Friday. Select the week(s) that you want to run your advertisement and reach over 700 business professionals. Content is due two weeks prior to publication week.

WEEKLY eBLASTS			
Ad Type	Rate	Specifications	
Weekly eBlast	\$150 Member \$250 Non-Member (rate is per weekly eBlast)	Up to 30 words of text & company logo (PDF or JPG) for distribution in the weekly newsletter.	

MPIOH STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIPS

Platinum | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Monthly Program Partners | REACH Meetings | Custom Packages

Strategic Alliance partners assist the chapter with providing successful educational and networking events for members. We offer many opportunities to work with your colleagues in the industry, create valuable partnerships and to be a leader in the meetings industry. You receive exposure and visibility with the membership before, during and even after the event.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Four annual financially-supported sponsor levels offer valuable and continuing brand exposure to our influential membership including high-profile recognition through chapter communications, networking and educational events. Cash sponsorships are valued at 100% of the donated value.

PLATINUM - \$5,000

- Banner ad and hyperlink to your website from <u>www.mpioh.org</u> for twelve (12) months
- One (1) weekly email newsletter banner to be placed in newsletter of your choice
- Company profile (article) in one *Define* with circulation to our chapter membership of 300+ meeting professionals
- Full page (full color) *Define* advertisement in one (1) quarterly issue of your choice
- Quarter page (full color) Membership Directory advertisement
- Company logo next to your Membership Directory listing
- Three-minute commercial at podium at two (2) monthly chapter meetings
- Logos projected during lunch at all chapter events
- Tabletop exhibit during reception/registration at event to display materials at three (3) chapter monthly meetings
- One (1) complimentary sign at MPIOH Special Event that MPIOH will determine annually
- Listing in the Annual Recognition Program
- Two (2) complimentary registrations to all MPIOH's Monthly Educational programs for one (1) calendar year

GOLD - \$2,500

- Banner ad and hyperlink to your website from <u>www.mpioh.org</u> for twelve (12) months
- One (1) weekly email newsletter banner to be placed in newsletter of your choice
- Company profile (article) in one *Define* with circulation to our chapter membership of 300+ meeting professionals
- Half page (full color) *Define* advertisement in one (1) quarterly issue of your choice
- Company logo next to your Membership Directory listing
- Logos projected during lunch at all chapter events
- Tabletop exhibit during reception/registration at event to display materials at two (2) chapter monthly meetings
- One (1) complimentary sign at MPIOH Special Event that MPIOH will determine annually
- Listing in the Annual Recognition Program
- Two (2) complimentary registrations to all MPIOH's Monthly Educational programs for one (1) calendar year

SILVER - \$1,250

- Promotional Insert in one (1) *Define* issue of your choice (advertiser provides 500 copies to chapter administrator)
- One (1) weekly email newsletter banner to be placed in newsletter of your choice
- Tabletop exhibit during reception/registration at event to display materials at one (1) chapter monthly meeting
- Company logo next to your Membership Directory listing
- Logos projected during lunch at all chapter events
- One (1) complimentary sign at MPIOH Special Event that MPIOH will determine annually
- Listing in the Annual Recognition Program
- Two (2) complimentary registrations to all MPIOH's Monthly Educational programs for one (1) calendar year

BRONZE - \$750

- Tabletop exhibit during reception/registration at event to display materials at one (1) chapter monthly meeting
- Logos projected during lunch at all chapter events
- Listing in the Annual Recognition Program
- Two (2) complimentary registrations to one (1) of MPIOH's Monthly Educational program

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MPIOH 2018 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

Publication	Commitment Deadline	Artwork Deadline
1 st Quarter DEFINE	1/12/2018	1/19/2018
2 nd Quarter DEFINE	4/6/2018	4/13/2018
3 rd Quarter DEFINE	7/6/2018	7/13/2018
Annual Directory/ 4 th Quarter DEFINE	10/5/2018	10/12/2018

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Let's all give an #MPIOH welcome to a few of our newest MPI Ohio members. We are excited that you have become a part of our organization and look forward to helping you grow and reach your goals.

Here's some information about each of them – and if you get a chance introduce yourself the next time you see them!



AMY YOUNG NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE EXPERTS / NWAN

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WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE

IN YOUR LIFE? My wonderful husband, James, and our children Zenon (15), Fiona (9) and Hugo (2). In addition, my life wouldn't be as great as it is without the influence and guidance from my boss, our CEO Kelly Price. She provides a fantastic work environment, abundant educational opportunities, and a friendship that I didn't know was possible between a CEO and an employee!

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR AND WHAT IS YOUR ROLE? I work for a Northcoast 99 company called National Automotive Experts / NWAN. I was promoted to the newly formed role of Corporate Events Manager at the end of 2017. I. Love. My Job.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR

JOB? I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to bring our CEO's vision to life when planning and executive our events. I have never experienced such appreciation and trust

before and am grateful every single day.

WHAT ARE THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS YOU USE AT WORK? 1. Attention to detail. 2. Being proactive. 3. Organization.

WHAT ONE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE BEGINNING THEIR CAREER IN THE MEETING INDUSTRY? Never underestimate the power of paying

attention to detail. No matter how small the gesture may seem, personal attention and individualized service will help you build rapport and earn respect from your bosses and clients.

WHAT SUPER-POWER WOULD YOU LOVE TO HAVE TO HELP YOU DO YOUR JOB BETTER?

I would LOVE to be able to actually read people's minds! I try my hardest to anticipate expectations, but would like to be right 100% of the time!



JAN MARIE KINKOPF, CMP GREAT WOLF LODGE, SANDUSKY 567-998-4028 WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE? Sister; Cousins and best friend from High School

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR AND WHAT IS YOUR ROLE? Great Wolf Lodge, Sandusky, Senior Sales Manager

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB? My clients and fellow colleagues in all of the operations' departments

WHAT ARE THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS YOU USE AT WORK? Always be an advocate for the client, Time management and consistency

WHAT ONE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE BEGINNING THEIR CAREER IN THE MEETING INDUSTRY?

A) Expect the unexpected everyday B) Learn from everyone you meet, moving forward and throughout your entire career C) Network, network network!

WHAT SUPER-POWER WOULD YOU LOVE TO HAVE TO HELP YOU DO YOUR JOB BETTER? Cloning

Welcome to Our New Members!

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