



The
Lost Summer
Awards Show

Thursday, December 10, 2020
On The Levee

featuring

The 44th Annual MPI D/FW
Awards of Excellence

&

The 2020 Colleen Rickenbacher
Leadership Award

The Lost Summer Awards Show

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Cocktail Reception

Lost Summer Awards Ceremony

Strategic Partnership of the Year Award

Committee of the Year Award

Special Event of the Year Award

Venue of the Year Award

Educational Program
of the Year Award

Volunteer of the Year Award

Dinner Service

Colleen Rickenbacher
Leadership Award

Rising Star of the Year Award

Supplier of the Year Award

Planner of the Year Award

The Lost Summer Awards Show Sponsors





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Jesh Batra, CTA

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Strategic Partnership of Excellence Award

The Strategic Partnership of Excellence Award is presented to an MPI D/FW Chapter member or company that has made significant contributions between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020 either by cash sponsorships, in-kind sponsorships and/or whose strategic efforts have resulted in outstanding advancement of the chapter.

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Award Finalists

Committee of the Year Award

The Committee of the Year Award is presented to the chapter committee making a significant contribution to the chapter between July 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. Award criteria includes: outstanding single or multiple achievement(s) during the year; excellence in committee leadership and operations; communication within the chapter and membership; and overall impact to the chapter based on the nature of the contribution to the chapter.

Emerging Leaders

Stefanie Simmons, CMM, CED, DES
Denisha Jones
Joyce M. Martinez
Jesh Batra, CTA
Betty Garrett, CMP

CMP Study Group

Chair, Charlene Edwards, CMP

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Alison Kieckhafer, CMP
Amanda Wells, CMP
Kristi Walker, CMP

Mara Jackson, CMP
Erin Wilson, CMP
LaShonda Versey, CMP
Danielle Dillow, CMP
Hayley Hamre, CMP
Stephanie Roper, CMP
Tricia Hill, CMP

Special Event of the Year Award

The Special Event of the Year Award is presented to the event chair and committee members for a well-organized and skillfully executed chapter event, making a significant positive impact on the attendees, our chapter and/or our local community between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020.

Venue of the Year Award

The Venue of the Year Award is presented to the venue having the highest venue survey score amongst the monthly programs between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. This award is limited to venues that graciously host a regular monthly chapter event.

Educational Program of the Year Award

The Educational Program of the Year Award is presented to the monthly program chair and committee members whose monthly program contained a major educational component and had the highest average score from the surveys completed by those attending between the months of July 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020.

Award Finalists

Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to a MPI D/FW member who has consistently and significantly contributed to the chapter and has volunteered their services time after time. Their active dedication, enthusiasm and numerous hours of volunteerism has demonstrated unparalleled commitment to the advancement of our chapter. This award is open to any chapter member in good standing except for current* Board of Directors members.



Randy Allen Davis, CMP



Nicole Chattin, CMP



Codi Missimo

**Please note that the above awards are for the 2019-2020 year. Randy Allen Davis and Nicole Chattin are members of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors and are therefore eligible for these awards.*



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Menu

Mini Veggie Taco

with savory tofu salad, fresh avocado and pico de gallo

Crystal Creek Beef Short Rib

brie, herb gremolata on a crostini

Lump Crab Meat Tostada

with curried jicama slaw

FIRST COURSE

Spring Heirloom Tomato and Cucumber Salad

with fresh parsley, English cucumber, Kalamata olives, shaved shallots and herb vinaigrette

SECOND COURSE

Roasted Boardwalk Chicken Breast

with tomatillo avocado crème sauce and Fresh Cilantro, served
with grilled baby zucchini, patty pan squash, charred plum
tomatoes, baby wild mushrooms and vegetarian wild rice pilaf

THIRD COURSE

Grand Marnier Crème Brulee Shooter

with fresh berries

and

Petite Sacher Torte

with chocolate sauce

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Chapter Lifetime Members

Lisa Brannum, CMP, CMM, CSEP

Suzanne Buyck, CMP, CAE

Mary Cowart-Huizinga

Phyllis Craig, CMP

Barbara Cummins, CMP, CMM

Greg Elam

David R. Gisler

Edwin Griffin, CAE

O.D. O'Donnell

Suzann J. Oliver

Lianne Pereira, CMM, CMP

Eugene Rondeau

Judy Love Rondeau

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Past Chapter Presidents

Thank you to our past Presidents for their leadership and dedication in helping to make this MPI D/FW Chapter one of the most recognized chapters in the world.

1977-78	Ron Trammell
1978-79	George Gallagher
1979-80	Charlotte St. Martin
1980-81	Greg Elam
1981-82	Harmon Hodge
1982-83	Sally Gibbons
1983-84	Jerry Swiggert
1984-85	Ellen Beckert
1985-86	Latrelle Smart, CMP
1986-87	Pat Smith
1987-88	Norbert Dettman, CMP, Ph.D.
1988-89	J. William Boyd, Jr., CMP
1989-90	Mary Jo Malone
1990-91	July Love Rondeau
1991-92	Lisa South Brannum, CMP, CSEP
1992-93	Mary Cowart
1993-94	Lesley Meyer, CMP
1994-95	Diane Smith, CMP
1995-96	Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP
1996-97	Mary Lynn Novelli, CMP
1997-98	Gregory Pynes

Past Chapter Presidents

1998-99	Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CPECP
1999-00	Steven G. Foster, CMP, CTA
2000-01	Steve Kemble
2001-02	Betty E. Garrett, CMP
2002-03	Cheryl L. Beasley, CMP, CMM
2003-04	Melissa S. Logar, CMP
2004-05	Melissa S. Logar, CMP
2005-06	Tamra Gaines, CMM
2006-07	Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM
2007-08	Nancey Hernandez, CMP
2008-09	Carol Benavidez, CMP
2009-10	Jason Ware
2010-11	Jesh Batra, CTA
2011-12	Sue Wykes
2012-13	Lauren Dunnaway, CTA
2013-14	Alison Kieckhafer, CMP
2014-15	Amanda Wells, CMP
2015-16	Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM
2016-17	Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM
2017-18	Erin Lucia
2018-19	Paige Mejia, FPO
2019-20	Tuula Westlake MBA, PMP

Past President's Awards

The Chapter President presents awards at their discretion to individuals or companies who have provided exceptional support to the President during their term.

1999	Anna Squire
2000	Denise Hawkins Randie Charnes
2001	Wendy Foster, CMP Gene Garrett
2002	Sy Retsky Linda Swindling
2003	Tracey Smith, CMP, CMM
2004	Steven Foster, CMP, CTA
2005	Pat McCain, CMP, CTA
2006	Lynn Lewis-Bjostad, CMP
2007	Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM Marti Fox, CMP, CTC, CMM Laura Jordan, CMP Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP Terri White
2008	Elizabeth Chandler Karen Fogle, CMP Bill Reeser, CMP, CTS Yvette Remschel, CMP
2009	Randie Charnes Betty Garrett, CMP Steve, Parker, CMP Jason Ware
2010	Jesh Batra, CTA Steven Foster, CMP, CTA Connie Kizziar Christine Nathan, CMP

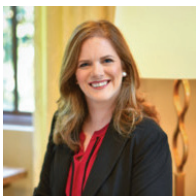
2010	Patty Stern Markley, CMP Leigh Ann Stockard, CMP
2011	Wendy Batra Steven Foster, CMP, CTA Matthew Massengale, CMP OD O'Donnell Sue Wykes
2012	Jesh Batra, CTA Bruce Dalton Lauren Dunnaway, CTA Brigit Sybolt, CMM
2013	Tamra Gaines, CMM, CUDE Betty Garrett, CMP Alison Kieckhafer, CMP OD O'Donnell
2014	Nicole Knoderer, CMP Marti Fox, CMP, CMM Randie Charnes
2015	Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM Steven Foster, CMP, CTA Betty Garrett, CMP Alisa Caldwell, CMP Mike Mecham, CMP, CTSM
2016	Alisa Caldwell, CMP Kelly Moore Kim Reynolds, CMP, CMM
2017	Michael Quijano Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CPECP
2018	Alison Kieckhafer, CMP Tara Liaschenko, CMM O.D. O'Donnell Trish Cubias
2019	Erin Lucia Steven Foster, CMP Stephanie Roper, CMP



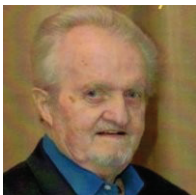
2020 President's Awards Winners



Roma Giordano



Paige Mejia, FPO



O.D. O'Donnell

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Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Awards Past Recipients Panel

1999	Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP
2000	Pat McCain, CMP
2001	Phillis Firebaugh, CMP
2002	Mary Lynn Novelli, CMP
2003	Bill Boyd, CMP, CMM, CITE
2004	Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM
2005	Dana Rhoden, CMP, CMM
2006	Betty Garrett, CMP
2007	Steven G. Foster, CMP
2008	Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP
2009	Hattie Hill, CMM
2014	Wendy Foster, CMP
2015	Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTA
2016	Dara Hall, CMP, CMM
2017	Tamra Gaines, CMM
2018	M.T. Hickman, CMP CPECP
2019	Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM

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Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award

To qualify for the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award, the Nominee must be a leader who:

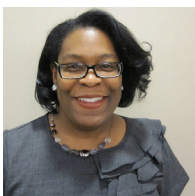
- Is a member of and has a history of service to the MPI D/FW Chapter
- Holds a current CMP and/or CMM designation
- Makes a difference in the meetings industry through leadership, volunteerism and service
- Achieves personal and professional goals and continues to excel
- Champions education and professional certifications as a pathway to success as indicated by their professional development activity, and by their encouragement of others as indicated by their role(s) as a leader, mentor or educator
- Serves as a role model and inspiration for others in the industry
- Contributes to the success of others through vision, inspiration, creativity and action
- Instills professionalism, integrity and high ethical standards for themselves and others



Sherri Cook, CMM, CMP



Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM



Charlene Edwards, CMP

Award Finalists

Rising Star of the Year

The Rising Star of the Year Award is presented to a member of the chapter of less than four years. The member exhibits a strong sense of initiative on behalf of the chapter and meetings industry, shows promise as a future leader based on a track record of committee service, overall volunteerism and participation in chapter activities. Past award recipients are not eligible to receive the award again.



Randy Allen Davis, CMP



Stacey Brooks



Blair Green

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Rising Star of the Year Past Recipients

1994	Cindy Hamilton Hartner
1995	Kathi Thompson
1996	Kristi Carter
1997	Ester Wigley, MAS
1998	Brenda Miller, CMP
1999	Patty Stern Markley
2000	Gloria Ford
2001	Dvorah Evans
2002	Carol Benavidez
2003	Thomas White
2004	Nicole Hahn
2005	Lawana Gladney, PhD
2006	Jayna Monroe
2007	Tina Bavemark
2008	Neva Lamb
2009	Chris Arredondo
2010	Lauren Dunnaway, CTIP, HMCC
2011	Trent Culler
2012	Amanda Wells, CMP
2013	Shanika Davis
2014	Mark Stinson, CTA
2015	Martina Fundaro
2016	Chris Roach
2017	Cori Dossett, CEM, CMP
2018	Charlene Edwards, CMP
2019	Stephanie Roper, CMP

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Award Finalists

Supplier of the Year Award

The Supplier of the Year Award is presented to a chapter supplier member for substantial and cumulative contributions to the chapter and meetings industry. Their professionalism and dedication furthers the aim of MPI, its members, our chapter and its vision and serves as a role model for others. Selection is based on a member's overall history of accomplishments in our chapter and industry and active role(s) in the most recent years, as determined by the Awards Nomination Committee; contributing their time, energy and experience to the chapter; with at least five years of service. As a legacy award, a past Supplier of the Year, current President, Immediate Past-President, or President-Elect are ineligible.



Erin Donohue, CITP



Dena Eichhorst, CSEP



Cassie Poss, CMP

Supplier of the Year Past Recipients

1987	Latrelle Smart, CMP
1988	Suzann Oliver
1989	J William Boyd, Jr, CMP, CMM
1990	Judy Love Rondeau
1991	David Gisler
1992	Phyllis (Firebaugh) Craig
1993	O.D. O'Donnell
1994	Sue Fry
1995	Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CPECP
1996	Pat McCain, CMP
1997	Mary Lynn Novelli, CMP
1998	Peg Wolschon, CMP
1999	Micelle Carter, CMP
2000	Steven Foster, CMP
2001	Betty Garrett, CMP
2002	Stephanie Schroeder
2003	Wendy Foster, CMP
2004	Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP
2005	Tony Cummins, CMP
2006	Bill Reeser, CMP, CTS
2007	Nancey Hernandez, CMP
2008	Bruce Wolpert, CMP
2009	Linda Sergeant
2010	Sandi Galloway, CPECP
2011	Lawana Gladney
2012	Neva Lamb
2013	Jennifer Parker
2014	Jesh Batra, CTA
2015	Pam Madewell
2016	Erin Lucia
2017	Trent Culler
2018	Patty Phelps
2019	Roma Giordano

Award Finalists

Planner of the Year Award

The Planner of the Year Award is presented to a chapter planner member for substantial and cumulative contributions to the chapter and meetings industry. Their professionalism and dedication furthers the aim of MPI, its members, the chapter and its vision. Selection is based on a member's overall history of accomplishments in the chapter and the industry, and their active roles in the most recent years. The winner must be a member with at least five years of service. As a legacy award, a past Planner of the Year, current President, Immediate Past President or President-Elect are ineligible.



Stephanie Grueneich



Dara Hall, CMM, CMP



Laura Jordan, CMP, CTA

Planner of the Year Award Past Recipients

1987	Lara Yarbrough, CMP
1988	Mary Cowart
1989	Norb Dettman, PhD, CMP
1990	Lisa South, CMP, CSEP
1991	Connie Sandifere, CMP
1992	Marilyn Manby
1993	Diane Smith, CMP
1994	Suzann Oliver
1995	Steve Kemble
1996	Susie Tennison, CMP
1997	Gregory Pynes
1998	Dana (Nickerson) Rhoden, CMP
1999	Patti Wilke, CMP
2000	Cheryl Beasley, CMP
2001	Tracey Smith, CMP
2002	Patty Stern Markley, CMP
2004	Melissa Logar, CMP
2005	Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTA
2006	Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CPECP
2007	Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM
2008	MT Hickman, CMP
2009	Jason Ware
2010	Tamra Gaines, CMM
2011	Marti Fox, CMP, CMM
2012	Lianne Pereira, CMP, CMM
2013	Bitsy Burns, CMP
2014	Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM
2015	Carol Benavidez, CMP, CMM
2016	Kim Reynolds, CMP, CMM
2017	Elizabeth Chandler
2018	Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM, CTM, CL
2019	Lauren Dunnaway, CTIP, HMCC

In Loving Memory of



Gail Lemaire



Matthew Massengale



Jim Monroe

Our Industry Friends and Colleagues

