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## President`s Message

### Welcome to the 2016-2017 term of your MPI D/FW chapter.

Your incoming board spent the months of May and June working hard at setting goals, approving a balanced budget, and developing a business plan for the coming fiscal year. We are prepared to serve YOU the members of our great chapter. The primary areas of focus this term include:

- building the volunteer experience,
- increased appreciation of our Strategic Partnerships, and
- cultivating the reputation and ROI of membership

If you were at the June gala, you experienced a presentation outlining benefits of being involved and how the departments work together to provide our members with keys to their success. These keys include strong communications, enlightening education, leadership training, valued strategic partnerships, and membership involvement. At our upcoming July 28 luncheon, speaker Gail McWilliams will speak to the question "Do you feel stuck, or are you instead positioned properly for the next step in your career/life path?", and how your perception of your current status affects your decisions. This fits quite well with the theme for this term:

## Welcome to 2016-2017 term of MPI D/FW Chapter!

### Meet our new Board of Directors:

President

Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM

President Elect

Erin Lucia

Immediate Past President

Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM

Vice President of Communications

Martina Fundaro

Vice President of Education & Events

Cori Dossett, CMP, CEM

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Vice President of Leadership

Alisa Caldwell, CMP

Vice President of Membership

Kelly Booth-Moore

Director of Finance

Kate Nichols

OWN IT, it's your career, it's your MPI. We all are accountable for the choices, or non-choices, we make in our daily lives. YOU are the one responsible for either accepting the opportunities provided or allowing them to pass by.

Our chapter could not exist without our volunteers, or our strategic partners. During the previous term, our partners donated over \$400,000 (retail value) of goods and services. Each and every donation of cash, in-kind products and services is critical to our chapter's operations. Whether you provide cash, products or services, or your time – our chapter's success is directly impacted. If you are not involved, it still creates an impact.

The decision is yours – will you use the keys to success to create a positive impact on your career/life path and your chapter, or will you choose to sit on the sidelines? We hope you choose to OWN IT, since it is your career, and your MPI.



## 2016 Chapter Awards of Excellence Gala: A night to remember...

A truly rad night occurred recently at the Club Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center Hotel, featuring sights and sounds from MPI DFW Member Steve, Rockin' outgoing President Tony Cummins and incoming President Sherry DeLaGarza.

From the hip décor – a giant Rubix Cube, real, life-size video game machines, a walk down memory lane through the memorabilia table and the Cheer's bar, the party was rockin'. And, congrats to the award winners of the night. You all made our chapter proud.

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2015-2016:

**PLANNER OF THE YEAR**  
Kim Reynolds, CMP, CMM

**SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR**  
Erin Lucia

Director of Communications  
Paige Mejia

Director of Education & Events  
Joyce Martinez

Director, Education & Events  
Stefanie Simmons, DES, CTA

Director of Leadership  
Jennifer Wasserman



## Register for July Chapter Experience: Stuck or positioned?

When:  
July 28, 2016 @ 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Where:  
The Highland Dallas  
5300 E Mockingbird Ln  
Dallas, TX 75206  
USA



"Everyone wants to succeed, but many feel stuck. As a result, people disengage. Gail understands and brings vision that inspires new ideas and fresh energy to act. She sees beyond obstacles and helps others do the same."

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Trent Culler

**MENTOR OF THE YEAR**

Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP

**RISING STAR**

Chris Roach

**COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR**

Communications

**PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

Lunch, Learn, & Legal-October 2015

**SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR**

Leadership Breakfast-May 2016

**VENUE OF THE YEAR**

Irving Convention Center

**STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

InterContinental Hotel

**HALL OF HONOR**

Betty Garrett, CMP

Special thanks to Charlene Edwards and Dena Eichhorst for being our rappin' leaders!



Listen to a strong message of challenge and reward, leading to increased inspiration and heart from world-renowned speaker **Gail McWilliams**. Learn more about Gail [here](#).



Come early and enjoy a plethora of networking opportunities and small bites from The Highland Hotel.

Want to meet and mingle with an industry mentor? Looking for a bit of career advice? Come early and join the **Mentor café** set – to set you up for success!

New to MPI or the chapter? Join in the fun at the **Chapter Orientation**. It's not your usual get to know you gathering!

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – New Member Orientation

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Mentor Café

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM – Registration & Networking

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Luncheon and Program

**Parking:** Valet – Complimentary

**Early Bird Registration closes Monday July 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

**MPI Member:** \$35 early bird; \$40 Advanced

**Non-Member:** \$45 early bird; \$50 Advanced

**Student:** \$25 early bird; \$25 Advanced

Walk-in registration will be taken for this program on a first-come, first served basis if seating is available.

Walk-In Fees: **MPI Member:** \$55.00; **Non-Member:** \$65.00; **Student:** \$35.00





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Are you celebrating a year of **Perfect Attendance**? An Milestone Anniversary as a member with MPI? Make sure you register to attend our July Education Event to receive recognition and your pin! We will be celebrating members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of membership!

Also don't miss the opportunity to learn about our member recruitment prize for the 2016- 2017 year!



Our MPI D/FW Chapter now extends Chapter Level benefits to Premier Members!

- \*VIP Seating at Chapter Events
- \*Priority Registration Line-FastPass
- \*Early Bird discounted rates for all chapter events
- \*Meet and Greet Time with Speakers
- \*Identification Ribbon on name tag
- \*25% off Advertising on website



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**Changes, Changes, Changes....** help us keep up with your new position, new career, contact information by updating your profile here and letting us know about your new position.

Click [here](#) to update your profile.

Click [here](#) to send us a member on the move notice to publish in our newsletter!

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Say hello to Ashley Haumann, Sales Manager, Rosen Hotels And Resorts, Orlando, Florida. Warm D/FW welcome to you, Ashley!



Premier Global Level Benefits for Premier Members include the following:

\*Access to Direct Marketing Lists - Ensure that your outreach and advertising is more effective by targeting the right audience within the MPI global membership.

\* VIP Experience at MPI Signature Events - When you attend one of MPI's signature events, your VIP access moves you to the front row and the front of the line. You'll receive reserved seating at the General Session and exclusive meet-in-greet opportunities with select featured speakers.

\* Advance Access to Meetings Outlook Research- Our quarterly industry trend report offers a unique look into the future of the meeting and event industry. Not only will you have access to it, you'll get it first.

\* Career and Academic One-on-One Counseling - Whether you know which career path is right for you or you have no idea where to start, one-on-one career counseling can be a valuable resource. MPI Academy can provide career counselors to work with you to determine your specific strengths, weaknesses, and goals in order to formulate an action plan to get you to the next level. You will also receive a 30-minute follow-up call to check in after 30 days and assist further as needed.

\* Member Concierge Line

Renew Your membership at Premier Level Now to take advantage of these **great benefits!**

**WE DID IT!**

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**July**

28th - Chapter Experience

**August**

25th - All committee meeting

**September**

22nd - Chapter Experience



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