



President's Message

Engage – Embrace – Energize: Welcome to the 2017-2018 term of your MPI D/FW chapter.

Thank you MPI D/FW members; I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president during the 2017-2018 term. 17 years ago, when I joined this prestigious chapter, I did not know how many truly wonderful industry people I would meet, the education I would receive and the sense of strong community I would experience. Now, as a Chapter President, it is my turn to give back to this organization that has helped me develop both as a person and helped me advance my career. The incoming board has big goals for this term. We spent May and June developing a solid business plan for this term and we also approved a balanced budget. The President's logo "E" to 3rd power for the term reflects the primary strategic goals for this term:

- **ENGAGE** with planners and suppliers. 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 donation of cash, in-kind products and services is critical to our chapter's operations. I appreciate all your help. This dynamic industry is built on meaningful relationships. We are also able to build new, exciting

Welcome to 2017-2018 term of MPI D/FW Chapter!

Meet our new [Board of Directors](#) at this month's chapter event or by clicking the link.

President
Erin Lucia

President Elect
Paige Mejia

Immediate Past President
Sherry De La Garza, CMP

Register for the July Chapter Experience: **Human Trafficking**

When:
July 27, 2017 @ 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Where:
Royal Oaks Country
7915 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231



relationships. We are also able to build new, exciting relationships with alliances with Plan Your Meetings (PYM) and The Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI).

- **EMBRACE** all members and all change. We also embrace the planner/supplier relationship as we can learn so much from each other. The strategic alliances are further deepened when we buy MPI. We also embrace the continuing support of MPI Global with chapters getting exciting added support this year.
- **ENERGIZE** your career. The meetings industry is changing rapidly both in scope and in depth and a great way to stay ahead of the change curve is to lead the change. The chapter mentoring program gives many opportunities to be part of this change. As a mentor you are able to enhance the less-experienced person's professional and personal growth – and you will be challenged to lead in this changing environment. Another great way to learn new skills is to volunteer in the chapter. With opportunities in Communications, Education & Events, Finance, Leadership, and Membership you are certain to find an area that will interest you.

We are already off to a great start celebrating the 40th year of the MPI D/FW Chapter as our chapter brought home two RISE (Recognizing Industry Success and Excellence) Awards from WEC. The RISE Award for Meeting Industry Leadership was presented to Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP and the RISE Award for Educational Programming for the Mentor Café.

ENGAGE with suppliers and planners ... EMBRACE all members and all change ... ENERGIZE your career ... and get involved with this amazing Chapter!

Erin Lucia
Chapter President, 2017-18



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For more information on our featured speaker and meeting, please [click here](#).

Come early and enjoy some great networking opportunities with your fellow members.

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: Self park – Complimentary

Early Bird Registration closes Monday July 17, 2017 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



2017 Chapter Awards of Excellence Gala: 40 Years in the Making

The 40th celebration of the chapter took place on June 22 at the beautiful and festive Tower Club in downtown Dallas. The evening was a rousing success, as Steve Kemble won a stay at the Hilton Caribe in Puerto Rico for his larger than life masquerade mask and many of our chapter members and leaders were recognized with Awards of Excellence. Led by Kim Reynolds, CMP and Wendy Foster, CMP, the Awards Committee had no small task of considering many amazing nominations! Led by Steven Foster, CMP, the Historical Committee assembled a large and impressive dance through the decades as we were able to view, enjoy and reminisce about the chapter as it has morphed into the dynamic chapter it is today. A special thank you to gala chairs Cassie Poss, CMP and Annie Matthews for their dedication, time, and efforts to make this gala one for the record books!

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2016-2017:

PLANNER OF THE YEAR

Elizabeth Chandler, Meeting Manager
The Meadows Foundation

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

Trent Culler, Sales Manager
Hyatt Regency DFW

RISING STAR

Cori Dossett CMP, CEM
President
Conferences Designed

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Elizabeth Baryshev, Meeting Manager
Business Travel & Incentive Planners, Inc

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Angela Roberts, CMP, CSEP, CHE
Area Director Hotel Management
NewcrestImage

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

Fred H. Knieberg Mentor Program/Mentor Cafe Committee

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Getting Organized – March 2017 / Chair: Evelyn Hall

CHAPTER EVENT OF THE YEAR

39th Annual Awards of Excellence – June 2016
Co-chairs: Dena Eichorst and Charlene Edwards



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 2017-2018 year!



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.

This month's member moves are:
Nicole Knoderer, CMP recently joined the team at Ultimate Ventures as an Operations Manager.

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

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



Welcome to our new members this month:

Heather Anderson, Shonna Camacho, Bobby Heard, Gregory Hunt, Jessica Kane, Tiffany Martin, Cristina Mattoso, Kelley McCoy, Christy Razo, Joshua Rios, Theresa Tighe

VENUE OF THE YEAR
Hilton Dallas/Plano Granite Park

STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE YEAR
Premier Transportation

HALL OF HONOR
Ron Trammell



A HUGE Thank You To Our [Sponsors](#) who helped make the night so special!

Thank You also to our amazing sponsors for donating giveaways and packages to JPA Scholarship Silent Auction.

We appreciate your support and congrats to all the auction winners!



July

27th - Chapter Experience
Human Trafficking
Royal Oaks Country Club

August

No events

September

28th - Chapter Experience
Gilley's Dallas

October

26th - Chapter Experience
Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West

November

Chapter Experience TBD

MPI D/FW brings home two RISE Awards from WEC2017!

We are thrilled to announce that at WEC2017 in Las Vegas the end of June, our chapter was globally recognized by winning not one, but two RISE (Recognizing Industry Success and Excellence) Awards. The awards were given for:

1. Meeting Industry Leadership to Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP

The award is given to those rare individuals who by visionary hard work and creative insight have positively changed the global meeting and event industry.

2. Educational Programming for the chapter's Mentor Café/Fred Knieberg, CMP Mentor Program. This award is to recognize an MPI chapter for advancing the education and professional development of its members through innovative programming.

Pictured: Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP, Gail Grogan, CMP, CMM, and Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM



A CMP Study Day – end of July! Are you cramming for the exam, study in your last few weeks or months leading up the sitting for your CMP exam? Would you be interested in a CMP work study day, at the end of July? If so, please email Stephanie Brouillette at stephanie.brouillette@groups360.com today! More information coming soon!

December

14th - Chapter Experience

The Statler - Dallas

January

25th - Chapter Experience TBD



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