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SPRING EDUCATION EVENT

March 19th, 2025

**Speaker: Dr. Kristin Malek,
CMP, CED, DES**

Topic: Epic Designs, Strategic
Impact: Elevating Your Event

Hilton Garden Inn Omaha -
Downtown/Old Market



Registration closes on Monday, March 10th, 2025.

Register now



As we kick off another exciting year, I am thrilled to write to you as the new president of the MPI Heartland Chapter. It's an honor to step into this role and work alongside such an incredible community of event professionals. Together, we'll continue to grow, learn, and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our industry and each other.

Our chapter thrives because of you - your ideas, your energy, and your passion for creating extraordinary experiences. This year, let's commit to making our community even more vibrant. One way to do that is by sharing our MPI Heartland chapter with others. I encourage you to bring a colleague, friend, or industry peer to our upcoming education event on March 19th. The session promises to be engaging and full of insights you won't want to miss. You can find all the details [here](#).

Our industry becomes richer when new voices join the conversation, so let's demonstrate the strength and inclusivity of the MPI Heartland community.

Speaking of community, let's make history together at MPI WEC 2025! This year, I challenge each of you to prioritize attending. Mark your calendars, start the conversation with your leadership team, and work toward joining us for what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Let's break records and show the world how MPI Heartland shows up in style.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic year ahead - one where we challenge ourselves to grow, connect, and inspire one another.

With gratitude and excitement,

Bel Hanson, CMP, DES
President
MPI Heartland Chapter



Thank You for 17 Years!

Gina Swackhammer

13 Years!
Brenda Boeck Tellier

5 Years!
Jamie Beyer

2 Years!
Annie Lallier
Christie Shull-Wendel
Allison Hoflen
Lisa Caudle
Heidi Hora

9 Years!
Cory Carlson
Belinda Hanson
Emily Schumacher

4 Years!
Missy Berg
Teresa Cox

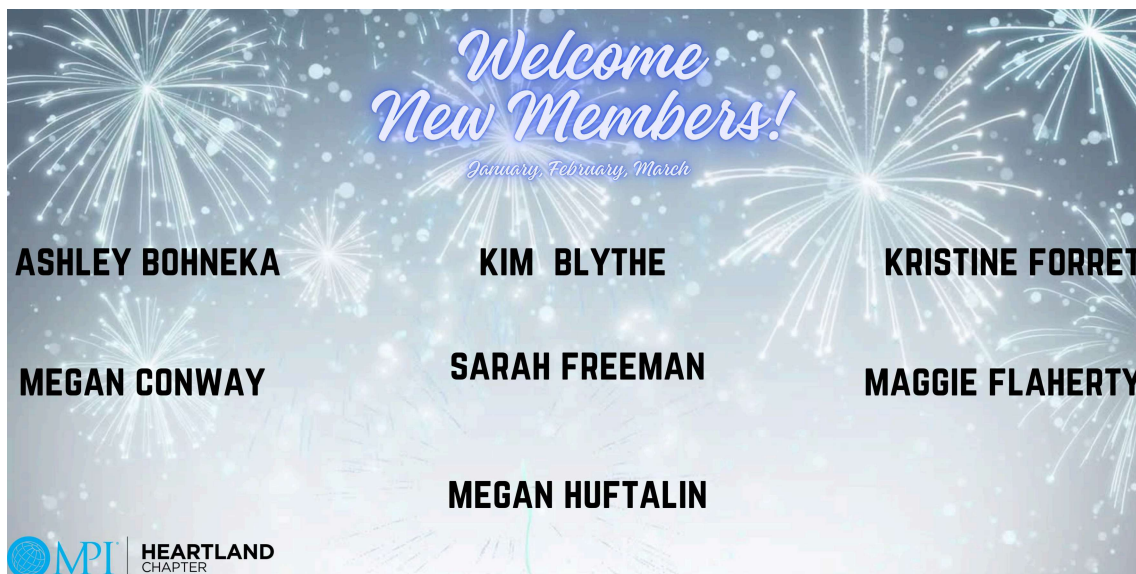
8 Years!
Sonja Harris

3 Years!
Julie Stow
Sarah Focke
Teresa Chamley
Katrina Davis
Meghan Powers-Risdal
Holly Vesely
Stacey Houseman
Sarah Warren
Sarah Kouba

1 Year!
Bonnie Alley
Erin Cox
Debbie Hoge
Newton Kam
Keeley Degel
Andy Witt
Denise Todd

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Anniversaries
January, February, March



Welcome New Members!
January, February, March

ASHLEY BOHNEKA

KIM BLYTHE


KRISTINE FORRET

MEGAN CONWAY

SARAH FREEMAN

MAGGIE FLAHERTY

MEGAN HUFTALIN

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We love celebrating the amazing members of the MPI Heartland Chapter! This form helps us highlight your story, experiences, and contributions to our community. Your responses will be used to create a member spotlight feature for our social media, website, or newsletter, giving others a chance to get to know you and see the impact of our organization through your journey.

Please take a few moments to share about yourself, your connection to the Heartland Chapter, and what being a member means to you. We appreciate you being part of our community and can't wait to share your story!

Member Spotlight



Mark Your Calendars Now!



MPI Chapter Meeting

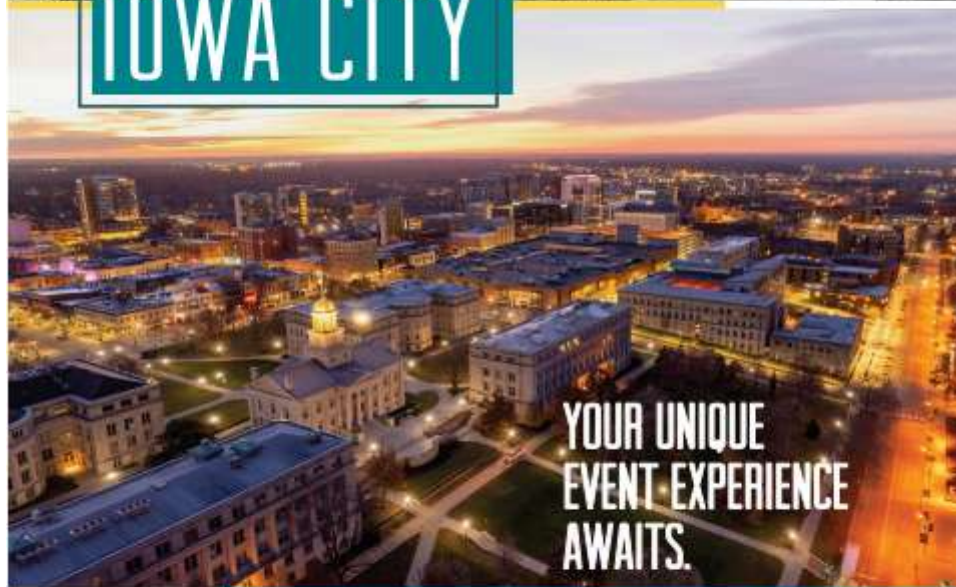
March 19, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn
Omaha, NE

MPI Chapter Meeting

September 4, 2025
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A special offer for our members! The Kansas City, Chicago Area, Indiana, St. Louis, Heartland (Nebraska/Iowa) and Oklahoma Chapters of MPI are partnering on a promotion to offer Affiliate memberships at our chapters for a discount!

This gives you access to each chapters' education events, social events, and member databases to name a few!

We're always looking for ways to provide the support and resources

you need to advance your career.

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