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# FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER

Registration closes Monday, November 10th, 2025



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**PARTNERS IN PROGRESS:  
NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF MEETINGS**

**WHEN:**

**November 17-18, 2025**

**WHERE:**

**Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capital District,  
Omaha, NE**

**TOPICS:**

**Leverage LinkedIn to Strengthen Relationships:**

**Giving Your Brand a JOLT!**

**Navigating Change: Economic Outlooks and  
Industry Forecasts**

**Tech-Forward Events: Innovation, Impact &  
Investment**



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## A Year of Growth, Connection, and Gratitude

As my year as Chapter President comes to a close, I can't help but reflect on how special this journey has been. Serving the MPI Heartland Chapter has been an honor and a joy. I've watched our community grow in so many ways this year, from the number of new faces at our events to the renewed energy and collaboration that make this chapter shine. Every handshake, laugh, and shared idea has reminded me why this community is so special.

One of the things I've loved most is seeing how our members show up for each other. Whether it's helping out at an event, sharing a new perspective, or welcoming someone attending for the first time, that spirit of connection is what makes MPI Heartland feel like home. As we look ahead, I encourage you to keep that spirit going. Find someone you haven't met yet and introduce yourself. You never know where one conversation might lead.

A great way to deepen those connections is to get involved. Join a committee, lend a hand at an event, or volunteer your expertise in a small way. There are so many ways to contribute, and every role, big or small, helps our chapter thrive.

Before we officially close out the year, I hope you'll join us for one of our most meaningful gatherings of the year: our Annual Meeting and Heartland Connection on November 18th. It's a time to celebrate our accomplishments, welcome new leadership, and get inspired for what's ahead. You can find all the details and registration information [here](#).



Thank you for making this an unforgettable year. I am so proud of what we've built together and so excited to see how our chapter continues to grow. This community is in incredible hands, and I can't wait to cheer you on in the year ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude, Bel Hanson, CMP President, MPI Heartland Chapter

# *Anniversaries*

## **1 YEAR!**

*RAYA HABHAB  
SABRINA DEGEORGE  
ANNA HANEY  
ALDER HANSON  
JILL MANTERNACH  
ABBY FELDMANN  
ERIC GATES  
CAYLIE HICKMAN*

## **2 YEARS!**

*CHELSEA LERUD  
SHERYL BENNETT  
JENNIFER BENGE  
KATHY ADERS  
SHELLY CRUZEN  
HOLLY MUEGGENBERG  
KARLIE VAN METER  
JENNIFER WALKER  
DAYLINN WARNER  
MEGHAN DOHERTY  
JAMEY JOHNSTON  
LAUREN BADGER  
SWANSON  
MEGAN DICKINSON*

## **3 YEARS!**

*EMILY GERHARDT  
KELSEY MEYER  
MATT KIERNAN*

## **4 YEARS!**

*PAIGE COCHRAN  
BRENDA HORST  
DON HOEPPNER  
PAULETTE DAY  
DUSTIN JAMES  
JAELE BROSE  
DEE WALSH*

## **5 YEARS!**

*DANISE BROWNLEE  
JULIE WOHLERS*

## **6 YEARS!**

*LAURA JAIME*

## **7 YEARS!**

*CARRIE KELLY  
COURTNEY ALLEN  
KELLY SMITH*

## **8 YEARS!**

*TIFFANY CONRAD  
STEPHANIE GUNN*

## **9 YEARS!**

*LINDSEY JAMES*

## **11 YEARS!**

*TARA PLATT*

## **12 YEARS!**

*COURTNEY ALLEN  
JESSICA VAN SLOTEN*



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*New Members!*

*LORI DOWD*

*PATTY EVERSON*

*DANIELLE FUGLSANG*

*SHANNON MEISTER*

*JOSIAH PUALSRUD*

*CARRIE SMITH*



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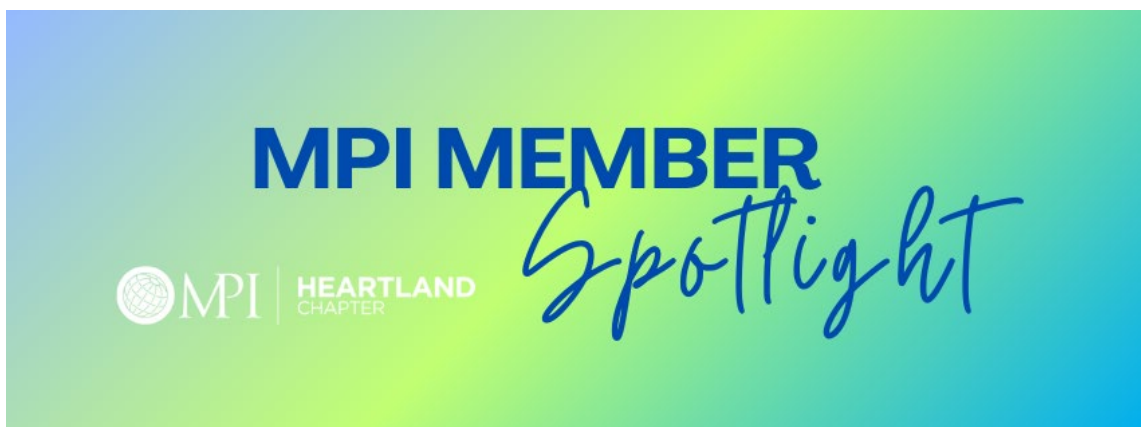
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## MPI-MVP Nomination Form!

### We're on the lookout for our next MPI MVP!

We're celebrating the amazing members of MPI—and you or someone you know could be next! Nominate yourself or another outstanding MPI member who has made a unique, exciting, or meaningful impact on our community by clicking the link below. Whether it's a creative idea, a notable achievement, or simply going above and beyond, we want to hear about it! Your nomination could be featured as our next **MPI MVP** in the upcoming newsletter. Let's shine a spotlight on the incredible work happening within MPI—because every community needs its MVPs.

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## Member Spotlight Form!




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!

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