

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MPISSN Reflections: Our Journey to Home What is home?

To me, Home is a place in a space in time where you feel as if everything is solid. AKA real. The air smells of a fresh meal, kids playing on sloped grass hills, it's where life has its best feel.

For MPISSN, as spring days turn to summer heat waves, we find our rhythm, our flow From crab feed cracking to bats cracking during

the A's game glow.

Still swimming from the 2024 show, we earned top-performing accolades. Clearly, our passion is always on stage.

As Memorial Day passes for some, foreign and no longer here

Home wasn't safe or clear, just echoes of war we still hear.

We gather, we laugh, we dream, we run, while some recall where their paths begun. We honor each other and the stories we share, of kids with dreams, of parents who care. The bliss of the Philippines, stories of allergies in bloom,

Each story is a seed, making this chapter a welcoming room

Home for me started on a Bay Shore Now, home is a circus or maybe a Sacramento Sierra Nevada bus tour.

Cheers to the future,

a chapter with open arms, garden beds, and no alarms.

Shaping MPISSN to be the space, we can call home for every face.

As each season shifts, our hearts will align, We are a strong network, built by design. And as we bloom with each event's cheer, We welcome every voice, distant and near.



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

The MPISSN Virtual Town Hall Meeting was held on January 30, 2025. Members gathered virtually to hear updates from the current board, network, and share their thoughts on future education topics and volunteer opportunities. The event provided a platform for members to learn about the latest happenings at MPI Global and within the local Sacramento/Sierra Nevada Chapter.









ANNUAL CRAB FEED

The Annual Crab Feed & Auction took place on February 25, 2025, at the Dante Club of Sacramento. Attendees enjoyed a night filled with succulent seafood, incredible auction items, music, and dancing.

The event was highly attended, bringing together colleagues and friends for a memorable evening. The auction featured a variety of items, and the event was supported by numerous sponsors. Thank you to SPN Photography / Videography for capturing all of the excitement! Check out the <u>full photogallery here!</u>

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GLOBAL MEETINGS INDUSTRY DAY! (GMID)

MPISSN celebrated Global Meetings Industry Day (GMID) with a Virtual Watch Party on March 30, 2025, bringing together 69 attendees—39 meeting professionals and 30 students—for a day of learning, networking, and inspiration.

The event featured a 12-hour global broadcast, with a special focus on local insights from two distinguished keynote speakers:

- **Rob Anaya**, representing Visit California, shared insights into the state's tourism trends and the vital role meetings and events play in California's economic recovery and growth. His presentation highlighted innovative strategies for attracting largescale events and fostering sustainable tourism.
- Mike Testa, President & CEO of Visit Sacramento, delivered a compelling talk on the local meetings industry's impact on the Sacramento region. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between destination marketing organizations and meeting professionals to drive regional development and community engagement.

The event was approved for 1 CE credit, offering attendees both professional development and a deeper understanding of the industry's future.





MPISSN hosted a spirited Networking Night at the A's Game as the Sacramento Athletics faced off against the Los Angeles Angels at their new temporary home, Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. This exclusive event brought together a select group of MPISSN members, enjoying the game from a private suite.

The evening offered a relaxed and fun atmosphere for members to connect, network, and cheer on the A's. Whether attendees were die-hard baseball fans or simply there for the camaraderie, the event delivered a memorable experience filled with laughter, great food, and community spirit. This event was part of MPISSN's ongoing commitment to creating engaging, informal networking opportunities that strengthen professional relationships within the meetings

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and events industry.

2026 MPISSN Board Nominations

The MPISSN Governance & Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for officers and directors to serve on the 2026 MPI Sacramento Sierra Nevada Chapter Board of Directors (January 1 - December 31).

Learn more about our **Chapter Board positions**.

Nominations are due 5:00pm on Monday, June 16, 2025.

MPISSN Committee Involvement

<u>Sign Up</u> to Volunteer Today! View <u>Committee</u> <u>Descriptions</u>. For more information, contact MPISSN President, Marques Davison at <u>marques.dcd@gmail.com</u>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 13-20: MPI Global WEC
- June 24: Post WEC Networking
- July 10: Sip & Swirl
- August 14: Education Luncheon
- September 23: Swinging Soiree Golf Tournament & Wine Tasting
- October TBD: Educational Event
- November 12: Annual MPISSN Gala
- December: CalSAE Seasonal Spectacular Education Session



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