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MPI 2011-2012 International Board of Directors Announced by Governance, Nominating Committee

Leadership Slated to Provide Strong Business, Community Expertise

March 1, 2011 – Dallas, TX – Meeting Professionals International (MPI) announced the slate of candidates for its 2011-2012 International Board of Directors today. All MPI members will receive official notice of the slate later today via the website.

“Essential skills and competencies are always required for volunteer leadership serving on the international board of directors. During this important time of recovery and shift to a new reality for our industry, we are confident these bold leaders will contribute to moving forward our global meetings and events community,” said Ann Godi, CMP, chair of the MPI governance and nominating committee and president of Benchmark360°, Inc.

Pending membership approval, Board and Executive Committee member selections are effective July 1, 2011 for FY 2011-2012.

The Slate of Officers for the Executive Committee includes:

- Chairman Elect: Kevin Hinton, Executive Vice President, Associated Luxury Hotels International, Chicago, IL, USA
- Vice Chairwoman of Finance: Cindy D’Aoust, Vice President Strategic Meetings Management, Maxvantage, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- Vice Chairman: Craig Ardis, CMM, Senior Director Global Event Management, Mannatech Incorporated, Coppell, TX, USA
- Vice Chairwoman: Patty Reger, CMM, Manager of Meetings and Conventions, DePuy/Johnson & Johnson, Skillman, NJ, USA

Nominees for the Board of Directors (Three -year terms) include:

- Jordan D. Clark, Vice President of Sales, Las Vegas Meetings by Caesars Entertainment, Las Vegas, NV, USA
- Roel Frissen, CMM, Managing Director, Parthen, Amstelveen, Netherlands
- Hattie Hill, CMM, CEO, Hattie Hill Enterprises, Inc., Dallas, TX, USA
- Cornelia Horner, CMP, Director of Meetings and Marketing, American Land Title Association, Washington, DC, USA

Nominee for the Board of Directors (One-year term):
(to fill unexpired portion of Cindy D’Aoust’s remaining Board term)



- Kyle Hillman, CMP, Manager of Conference and Events, National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter, Chicago, IL, USA

“The new slate of candidates joins veteran board leaders to deliver success for the global meetings and events community. With these industry professionals, MPI is positioned to deliver unprecedented value to our members,” said Sebastien Tondeur, 2010-2011 chairman-elect of MPI and CEO of MCI Group Holding SA.

This new slate of candidates will join returning Executive Committee and Board members for the 2011-2012 year:

Chairman Sebastien Tondeur, CEO, MCI Group Holding SA, Geneva, Switzerland

Immediate Past Chairman Eric Rozenberg, CMP, CMM, President, Swantegy, Brussels, Belgium

Chuck Bowling, President and COO, Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV, USA

Paul Cunningham, President & CEO, IIMC International Information Management Corporation, Dublin, Ireland

Michael Dominguez, Vice President, Global Sales, Loews Hotels & Resorts, New York, NY, USA

Ricardo Ferreira, Senior Vice President, GRUPO ALATUR, São Paulo, Brazil

Chris Gasbarro, Chief Creative Officer, Creative Community Connections, LLC, Hampton, NH, USA

Carol Muldoon, CMM, Executive Director-Events & Meetings, KPMG LLP, New York, NY, USA

Erin Tench, CMP, CMM, Associate Director of Special Events, Penn State University, University Park, PA, USA

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About MPI: Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the meeting and event industry’s largest and most vibrant global community, helps our members thrive by providing human connections to knowledge and ideas, relationships, and marketplaces. MPI membership is comprised of more than 23,000 members belonging to 71 chapters and clubs worldwide. For additional information, visit mpiweb.org.