



MPI Global Standing Committees

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Bryan Quinan, Milken Institute

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Steve O'Malley, Maritz Travel

Tammy Kockaya, KPMG LLC

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Paul Van Deventer, President & CEO of MPI

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MPI Foundation Grants & Scholarship Committee

Chair: Todd Marinko, PSAV

Julie Krueger, Freeman Audio Visual

Kerry Lambert, Cvent

Theresa Gatto, Ottawa Tourism

Stephen Revetria, San Francisco Giants

International Volunteer Committees

Canadian Advisory Council

2019 Charge: Act as the “voice” of the MPI Canadian community in providing recommendations and input regarding the Canadian MPI community and strategy that will elevate the MPI Global brand within Canada. Input focuses on membership growth, chapter stability and implementation of event strategies that consistently deliver education, networking and increased business development opportunities for global sponsorship and MPI Foundation.

Jennifer Pelletier, Parks and Recreation Ontario

Heidi Hughes, Anvil Centre

Shari Bricks, Bond Association Management

Zaman Ishaad, Academic Internship Council

Alissa Hurley, FMAV

Christina Northcott, Canada Health Infoway

Tim Whalen, Fallsview Casino Resort

Daniela Caputo, Montreal Event Planner Daniela Caputo Event Management

Staff Liaison: Nicole Edmund, Vice President, Community

Board Liaison: Brent Taylor, Timewise Event Management

Lynne Gale, Tourism London

Roberta Dexter, Strategic Meeting Designs

Alex Bickers, Reveal Events Group

Melissa Moskal, Pacific National Exhibition

Mark Zanetti, Tourism Vancouver

Tom Stulberg, Loungeworks, Inc.

Ashley Feldstein, MyBadges.com

Chapter & Membership Advisory Council

2019 Charge: Provide feedback and input on MPI Global initiatives and strategy as requested by MPI staff on issues directly impacting chapters and members.

Chair: Melanie Clifford, M Gibson Hotels

Joy DesMarais-Lanz, Synergos AMC

Jessica Martini, Visit Anaheim

Erin Scholes, MPI San Diego Chapter

Julie Merken, Julie D Merken, LLC

Erin Icenhour, Visit Charlotte

Peg Wolschon, Calyx Technologies

Staff Liaison: Holly Dotson, Director Chapter Programs

Board Liaison: Jason Carroll, Tampa Riverwalk Organization

Jill Rasco, Attendee Management, Inc.

Molly Johnson, Wilmington and Beaches CVB

Emilie Perkins, LeadingAge Indiana

Kerry Lambert, Cvent

Brenda Carter, International Council of Shopping Centres

Diversity & Inclusion Task Force

2019 Charge: Identify areas and opportunities for MPI to increase the diversity of its overall community, especially as it relates to the next generation of chapter leadership roles, and provide guidance and feedback to staff that enables MPI to create a more inclusive environment across MPI's community, events and chapters.

Chair: Antwone Stigall, Antwone Stigall & Co.

Elizabeth Glau, EventBots by Sciensio

Luciana Clark, Total Event Resources

Michelle Robinson, Nestle Purina PetCare Co.

Mariska Kesteloo, Word of MICE

Sheila Tuitele, Tuitele Management Group

Vanessa Loney, Blue Ribbon Events

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Daniel Love, In Your Service Events

Gary Murakami, MGM Resorts International

Jacqwayne Griffin, Independent

Margie Johnston, RevenueResources Management, LLC

MELISSA Legaux, CMP, Atlanta CVB

Stephanie McNamara, Cvent

Tracy Stuckrath, Thrive! Meetings & Events

Tanida Mullen, Killeen Civic & Conference Center CVB

Maribel Denner, Marriott International

Kinyetta Alexander, Wellke Meeting & Travel

Staff Liaison: Melissa Majors, Melissa Majors Consulting

Board Liaison: John Ehlenfeldt, Visit Huntington Beach

European Advisory Council

2019 Charge: Act as the "voice" of the MPI European community in providing recommendations and input regarding the MPI's European strategy, with a focus on elevating MPI's Global brand within Europe. Input focuses on membership growth, chapter stability and implementation of event strategies that consistently deliver education, networking and increased business development opportunities for global sponsorship and MPI Foundation.

Chair: Pieter Allaerts, Dolce la Hulpe Brussels SA

Giovanna Lucherini, Convention Bureau Napoli

Milo Bravo, Student / Freelancer

Suzanne Medcalf Mulligan, IMEX Group

Wojciech Liszka, Z-Factor

Anne Dalgaard, EventAnne

Paula Blomster, Messukeskus Helsinki, Expo & Conv. Centre

Hector Venegas, engaging meetings Ltd.

Staff Liaison: Federico Toja, Director Chapter Operations - Europe

Board Liaison: Miguel Neves, miguelseven.com

RISE Awards Committee

2019 Charge: Lead the annual promotion and evaluation of RISE awards submissions and make recommendations to the International Board of Directors. Regularly assess the program design, impact and awareness of the RISE awards.

Chair: Erin Lucia, Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central

Kyle Hillman, NASWIL

Erin Tench, Penn State

Hali Cooper, PSAV Presentation Services

Courtney Stanley, CS Consulting

Carrie Zimmerman, Eau Palm Beach Rst. & Spa

Alex Plaxen, Little Bird Told Media

Penny Allphin, Hassayampa Inn / Aris Hospitality

Marcelo DeOliveira, The International Centre

Staff Liaison: Tracy Levi, Manager, Volunteer Experience

Board Liaison: Stephen Revetria, San Francisco Giants

RISE Up Committee

2019 Charge: Operationalize best practices of previous educational RISE Awards nominees, or recipients across the MPI Community. Beta test, implement and gather chapter feedback and develop implementation guidance for review by the International Board of Directors.

Chair: Tara Liaschenko, The Link Event Professionals, Inc.

Michaela Foley, Palace Resorts

Jessica Bradshaw, American College of Preventive Med.

Steph Pfeilsticker, Hybrid Events Authority

Nora Zeigenfuse, Hogan Lovells

Casey Smirniotopoulos, Whitepages

Tom McCarter, CMP, David & Lucille Packard Foundation

Frank Fricano, Bridgewater Marriott

Elizabeth Murphy, Self

Angela Layton, NASBA

Theresa Gatto, CMP, Ottawa Tourism

Staff Liaison: Misty Helm, Manager, Global Learning Operations & Academic Partnerships

Board Liaison: Stephen Revetria, San Francisco Giants

Signature Event Education Proposal Review Committee

2019 Charge: Support MPI's education team in the review and selection of relevant education and live content through thorough evaluation of speaker proposals for MPI's signature live events. Act as a sounding board and provide input for topics, speakers and educational format.

Chair: Elizabeth Kretchmer, Strategic Meeting Manager, LLC

Fiona Nieman (Lipscomb), GCFA

Patricia Neal-Stinson, SEEvents Group, LLC

Benjamin Prom, ConferenceDirect

Monica Grinage-Prince, CMP, CMM, Shell International

Rosanna Harrison, Stanford Court

Brandon Barker, National Grid

Kiran Balladin, Intl. Council of Shopping Centers

Bryan Quinan, Milken Institute

Todd Sinelli, Infinitely In

JR Treto, Pearson

Cristina Charron, American Society of Civil Eng.

Susan Piel, Spiel Planning

Ellie Soucy, HMSGs, Inc.

Yeqiang (Kevin) Lin, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Connie Scheer, Connie Scheer

Tracy Judge, Soundings Connect

Staff Liaison: Lori Pugh Marcum, Lead Manager Events Production & Design

Board Liaison: Antonio Ducceschi, Collezione Starhotels

Young Leaders Advisory Committee

2019 Charge: Assist in the development of strategy and project plans designed to connect young leaders with MPI chapters and MPI global offerings that support the transition from student to industry professional.

Chair: Dr. Linda Robson, Endicott College

Leena Riggs, Rancho Cordova Travel & Tourism
Alexandria Gary, ALSAC/St. Jude Chld.'s Hosp.
Cassie Scarborough, American Cancer Society
Lindsy Wyner, American Airlines
Chris Landry, LBA Hospitality
Yash Desai, Amadeus
Sarah Kalick, ProcessMAP
Lisa Shingleton, Nielsen

Traci Ulberg, Meetings Northwest, LLC
Lauren Kutch, LMK Meetings
Tiffany Smith, DFW Airport Marriott South
Jacqueline Chung, PhysioMotion
Corchelle E. Worsham, San Diego Port Tenants Assoc.
Laura Stomber, The Event Notebook
Alexandra Deines, PRA Orange County

Staff Liaison: Drew Holmgreen, Senior Director of Marketing & Communications

Board Liaison: Michelle Allgauer, Financial Services Institute (FSI)

Latin America Advisory Council

2019 Charge: Act as the “voice” of the MPI Latin America Community in providing recommendations and input regarding the Latin American community and strategy that will elevate the MPI Global brand within Latin America. Input focuses on membership growth, chapter stability and implementation of event strategies that consistently deliver education, networking and increased business development opportunities for global sponsorship and MPI Foundation.

Chair: Michel Wohlmuth

Schalma Diazgranados, Procolombia

Arik Staroplosky, STA Consultores

Elizabeth Tovar, Turenlaces Del Caribe

Jose Carlos Gerardo De La Puente Hakim, Federacion Mexicana de Colegio

Rebeca Berriocho, VisitHouston

Eduardo Chaillo, Experient/Maritz Global Events

Staff Liaison: Nicole Edmund, Vice President, Community

Board Liaison: Miguel Neves,