

## MPI Global Standing Committees

### Finance Committee

**Chair: Michael Massari, Caesars Entertainment**

Paul Van Deventer, President & CEO of MPI

Steve O'Malley, Maritz Travel

Amanda Armstrong, Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

Michelle Allgauer, Financial Services Institute (FSI)

Bonnie Carlson, Bloomington CVB

Jason Carroll, Tampa Riverwalk Organization

### 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.

**Chair: Sherry Honey, River Cree Resort & Casino**

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

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

**Staff Liaison: Nicole Edmund, Vice President, Community**

**Board Liaison: Brent Taylor, Timewise Event Management**

## 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

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

**Staff Liaison: Holly Dotson, Director Chapter Programs**

**Board Liaison: Jason Carroll, Tampa Riverwalk Organization**

## 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

Ifeyinwa Iheanacho, Pink Maudell Limited

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

Hali Cooper, PSAV Presentation Services

Carrie Zimmerman, Eau Palm Beach Rst. & Spa

Penny Allphin, Hassayampa Inn / Aris Hospitality

Erin Tench, Penn State

Courtney Stanley, CS Consulting

Alex Plaxen, Little Bird Told Media

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

Steph Pfeilsticker, Hybrid Events Authority

Casey Smirniotopoulos, Whitepages

Frank Fricano, Bridgewater Marriott

Angela Layton, NASBA

Jessica Bradshaw, American College of Preventive Med.

Nora Zeigenfuse, Hogan Lovells

Tom McCarter, CMP, David & Lucille Packard Foundation

Elizabeth Murphy, Self

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

Benjamin Prom, ConferenceDirect

Rosanna Harrison, Stanford Court

Kiran Balladin, Intl. Council of Shopping Centers

Todd Sinelli, Infinitely In

Cristina Charron, American Society of Civil Eng.

Ellie Soucy, HMSGs, Inc.

Connie Scheer, Connie Scheer

Patricia Neal-Stinson, SEEvents Group, LLC

Monica Grinage-Prince, CMP, CMM, Shell International

Brandon Barker, National Grid

Bryan Quinan, Milken Institute

JR Treto, Pearson

Susan Piel, Spiel Planning

Ye qiang (Kevin) Lin, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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

Lindsay 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)**