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MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter Announces 2017 Awards Recipients

HERSHEY, Pa. – Meeting Professionals International (MPI) Middle Pennsylvania Chapter is proud to announce the recipients of its annual chapter awards. The recipients were selected for outstanding contribution to the meeting industry and honored on May 3, 2017, at the MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter Awards Presentation and Luncheon during its educational program in Harrisburg, Pa.

Requirements for the four awards included being a member of an industry related association or organization and active chapter participation.

The Planner of the Year award was presented to Terry Cochran. As Senior Meeting Planner for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, the voice of Pennsylvania counties, and Deputy Director for Assessors' Association of Pennsylvania, Terry served on the chapter's Membership and Special Events Committees.

The Supplier of the Year award was presented to Peter Sorensen. Peter is Senior Sales Manager for Penn State Hospitality Services in State College, Pa. He also served as the chapter Vice President of Education Committee, managing the development of the annual chapter educational plan that includes site selection and logistics as well as speaker selection for monthly meetings.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Stephanie Richardson. As Secretary to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, headquartered in Harrisburg, Pa., Stephanie served on the chapter's Communications and Membership Committees. She personified the spirit of volunteerism, serving numerous years on the Communications Committee, handling the creation and distribution of monthly chapter newsletters and news releases.

The Recruiter of the Year award was a three-way tie, presented to Lutricia Eberly; Jeanmarie Kline, CMP; and Valerie Tulli, CMP. Lutricia is Director of Sales for Roundtop Mountain Resort in Lewisberry, Pa. and served as the chapter's President throughout 2016, until her term ends in December-2017. Jeanmarie is Director of Global Accounts for HelmsBriscoe, a global leader in meeting procurement, and served as the chapter Director of Communications as well as on the Special Events Committees. Valerie is Manager of Global Accounts for HelmsBriscoe, and served on the chapter's Membership and Special Events Committees. Their recruitment of new members has helped the chapter lead MPI's North American chapters in growth of membership.

About MPI

Meeting Professional International (MPI) is the largest and most vibrant global meeting and event industry association. The organization provides innovative and relevant education, networking opportunities and business exchanges, and acts as a prominent voice for the promotion and growth of the industry. MPI membership is comprised of approximately 18,500 members belonging to more than 80 chapters and clubs in 22 countries. For additional information or to join, visit www.mpiweb.org.

About MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter

MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter, established in 2008, empowers its 130+ members to increase their strategic organizational value through education and networking opportunities. The chapter's vision is to build a rich global meeting industry community making its members successful in building human connections to: knowledge/ideas, relationships and marketplaces. For more information on MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter, visit www.mpimp.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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