



VIRGINIA
CHAPTER

VA Voice: August 2023

A message from your 2023-2024 MPI-Virginia President, Martina James

"MPI Virginia is wrapping up summer 2023 strong and we are excited for what is to come in the Fall ... no summer scaries here!"

A couple of weeks ago MPI Virginia hosted our Annual Conference at Wintergreen Resort and if you could not join us, let me share some of the highlights. Together with a little over 60 colleagues from across the industry, we talked about Achieving Peak Performance...."

[Read here.](#)



MPI Virginia is looking for dynamic and engaging speakers to present at our upcoming quarterly events! If you are interested in speaking, please reach out to Jenny Toomey, VP of Education, at jenny.e.toomey@gmail.com.



MPI Virginia is looking for venues for our upcoming quarterly events! If you are interested in hosting our chapter, please reach out to [Veronica Thompson](#), Director of Sponsorship.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

for Board of Directors & Committee roles.



MPI Virginia is YOUR chapter and we want all of our members to feel that they have the opportunity to be active in volunteer roles if they want to serve on the Board of Directors or a Committee.

Volunteer roles vary in scope and time commitment requirements, but we have several open positions and invite anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors or on a Committee to please reach out to [Megan Hazzard](#), Director of Leadership Development.

Membership News



We'd love to send a shout out to our members during their birthday month, but we need to know when your big day is.... so tell us!

[Let us know your birthday here!](#)

Don't worry- we aren't asking for the year- just the month and day. All birthdays taking place during the same month will be announced together.

Update your MPI Member Profile Today!

It is essential that our members have fully-completed and up-to-date information on their member profile page so we can make their membership tailor-made to their needs. Please take a look at your current profile and make any necessary changes, today. It only takes a couple of minutes!

Check out this video for step-by-step instructions on how to edit your profile.



Happy August Membership Anniversaries!

Ursula Dees, American Public Power Association- 4 Years

Jennifer Dickerson, Colonial Williamsburg Company- 1 Year

Candace Fitch, Virginia Tech- 1 Year

Lauren Gilreath, CMP, Martiz Global Events- 1 Year

Deborah Simpson, The Omni Homestead Resort- 1 Year

Welcome New Members!

Kate Belleman, Dover Hall Experiences, LLC
Amy Hyde, CTIS, Kimpton The Forum Charlottesville
Cheryl Simmons, Christian Broadcasting Network
Karen Unterreiner, Newport Hospitality Group

Featured News

The Importance of Sustainable Meetings as part of SMM

"Sustainable meetings and events play a crucial role in addressing environmental and social concerns while promoting responsible practices within the business and hospitality sectors. These gatherings prioritize minimizing the environmental footprint, fostering social inclusivity and driving positive change. For some years now, there has been a clear trend towards more sustainable meetings and events.

Especially since digitization is advancing further around its many possibilities and companies have been putting the topic of sustainability more on their agendas."



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