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VA Voice: August 2024

Thank you for a Great Annual Conference!

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Did you miss the 2024 Annual Conference? Don't worry- we put together a recap of the event. It's like you were there!

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Congratulations to our 2025 Board of Directors!

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MPI Virginia Upcoming Events



September Morning Brew Meet-Up

Virginia Crossings Hotel, Glen Allen, VA

September 17th, 2024, 8:00am-9:30am

[Register Here](#)

FREE for MPI-VA Members
\$10.00 Fee for Non-Members

October Morning Brew Meet-Up

Lost Office Collaborative, Richmond, VA

October 16th, 2024, 8:00am-9:30am

[Register Here](#)

FREE for MPI-VA Members
\$10.00 Fee for Non-Members



November Quarterly Education & Networking Program

November 19th, 2:00pm - November 20th, 12:00pm

Member: \$105.00 Non-Member: \$120.00



Hilton Norfolk the Main

Norfolk, VA

[Register Here](#)

December Chapter Meet-Up

Colonial Williamsburg Resorts,
Williamsburg, VA

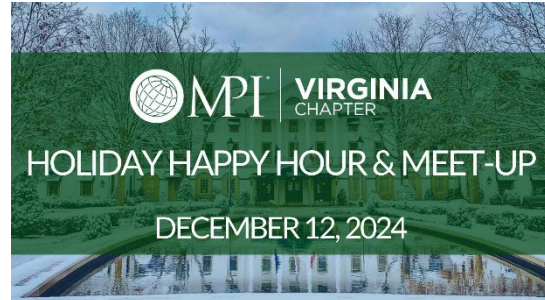
December 12th, 2024,
5:00pm-7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

FREE for MPI-VA Members

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Step back in time and celebrate with MPI Virginia at Colonial Williamsburg Resorts December 12th from 5pm-7pm! Immerse yourself in history by exploring a vibrant 18th-century city, 5 flexible accommodations, 70,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and world-class amenities!



Save the Date: February Quarterly Education & Networking Program

February 11th, 2:00pm - February 12th, 12:00pm

Member: \$105.00 Non-Member:
\$120.00

Richmond Marriott Downtown

Richmond, VA

Registration will open soon!

Membership News

MPI's annual Membership and Chapter Satisfaction Survey is one of the most important tools we have for capturing the thoughts of members. Don't miss the chance to help shape the future of our association. Upon completion of the survey, you will be entered for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card or a one-time renewal of your MPI Membership. TODAY is the last day to take your survey- let us know your thoughts now!

[Take the Survey Here!](#)



Need help finding your Member ID?
Follow the steps below.

- From www.mpi.org, click **Log In** at the top right of the page
- Once logged in, click **your name** at the top right
- Click **Account Settings**
- Click **Membership & Billing** from left side
- Your **Member ID** is listed near the center of the page under **Membership Information**

The MPI Foundation is a non-profit organization that will celebrate 40 years in 2024 as the leading meeting and event industry foundation devoted to funding grants, scholarships, and pan-industry research for the people who need it most.

Whether you're an industry veteran or just getting started in your career, the MPI Foundation is committed to giving back to you and your industry, making you both stronger. A donation to the MPI Foundation helps secure the meeting and event profession for the future. When you help the people who bring people together, you help change the world.

Member Support from the MPI Foundation

The MPI Foundation offers grants for education, training, research and other special interest needs that enrich our industry as well as scholarships to complement MPI membership, education and career opportunities. With these grants and scholarships, together, we move this community and our global industry towards critical recovery.

[Learn More!](#)



Happy August Membership Anniversaries!

Ursula Dees, American Public Power Association- 5 Years

Lauren Gilreath, Maritz- 2 Years

Candace Fitch, Professor- 2 Years

Shamera Stewart, American Physical Society- 1 Year

Welcome New Members!

Nadia Borta, Shamin Hotels

Donna Casanave

Lauren Keys, IBM

Alexa Kirkpatrick, Linden Row Inn

Janel Pleasant, Greater Richmond Convention Center

Gillian Saul, Bellatrix Consulting Group



Want to shine a spotlight on who you are, personally and professionally? We're looking for members who want to be featured in the next issue of the VA VOICE. If that's you, [please submit your profile today!](#)

Featured Article



Your Event Accessibility Checklist for More Inclusive Events

According to the World Health Organization, 1.3 billion (1 in 6) people experience “[significant disability](#).” That means that when you’re planning events, there’s almost certainly a large portion of your attendees who will require accommodations. For many, accessibility is a critical piece of what makes an event enjoyable—or even possible—to attend.

So, how can you ensure you’re creating inclusive experiences? Use this [event accessibility](#) checklist to make sure you’re meeting attendees’ needs at every stage of your events.

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