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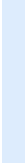
VA Voice: December 2024



What's in a Newsletter?

We would love for you to share your thoughts on the MPI Virginia member newsletter. We're looking for feedback on the name, frequency and content. Thank you for taking the time to provide your input!

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Leadership Development News





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Thank you to the following Members for their Board of Directors Service



Cindy Bell
Director of Recruitment



Megan Hazzard
Director of Leadership Development



Allyn Hodgins
VP of Communications



Steve Tewksbury, CMP
Immediate Past President

Welcome New Members of the Board of Directors for 2025



Tracy Fink
VP of Education



Kristy Geiger, CMM, CMP
Director of Leadership Development



Kathleen Hinger, CMP
Director of Sponsorship



Rachael Holt, CMP
Director of Quarterly & Special Events



Lauren Keys
Director of Communications



Cheryl Simmons
Director of Member Care



Shamera Stewart, MBA, CMP, PES
VP of Communications

Thank you, MPI-Virginia!

As I rotate off the board in 2025, I want to extend a huge thank you to my fellow board members as well as to so many wonderful volunteers who have helped reimagine our chapter over the past 3.5-years in my tenure in the Office of the President. It has been my great privilege, both professionally and personally, to work alongside so many gifted professionals within our meetings industry.

There is an unbelievably impressive leadership board in place to lead us boldly into 2025 and beyond. I would encourage all MPI-Virginia members currently on the sidelines to seek opportunities and serve where and when you are able.

Godspeed to all and Happy 2025,

Steve Tewksbury, CMP

2023-2024 Immediate Past President

MPI-Virginia

We are still searching for a few key positions on the 2025 MPI Virginia Board of Directors!

- Director of Recruitment
- Annual Conference Chairperson
- + Several Committee Chairs

Contact [Kristy Geiger](#) directly if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or as a Committee Chairperson for 2025.

MPI Virginia Upcoming Events



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

[Register Here!](#)

April Quarterly Education & Networking Program

April 16th - April 17th, 2025

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



Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center

Harrisonburg, VA

[Register Here!](#)



Save the Date:

Annual Conference 2025

August 6th - 8th, 2025

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk
Waterfront Portsmouth, VA

Registration will open soon!

Membership News

Happy December Membership Anniversaries!

Anita Chapman, Jefferson Lab, 31 Years

Sheryl Thornton, National Association of Corporate Directors, 10 Years

Michelle Martin, 9 Years

Sarah Lester, Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 5 Years

Michelle Moock, Groovin Gourmets, 2 Years

Michelle Jasper, Centre Law and Consulting, LLC, 2 Years

Tracey Hughes, Altria, 1 Year

Stacie Smith, PSA, 1 Year

Enid Rivera-Soto, Ideas Public relations, 1 Year

Kimberly Ryan, 1 Year

Beth Wood, Wintergreen Resort, 1 Year

Welcome New Members!

Micah Price, American Association of Colleges and Universities

Lee MacLeod, Sterling Event Planners of Williamsburg

Featured Article



What's in store for 2025? Industry executives shared their insights for the coming year with Northstar Meetings Group editors at IMEX America, adding context and color around the data and predictions in this year's forecast.

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