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CHAPTER

VA Voice: September 2024

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MPI Virginia Upcoming Events

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

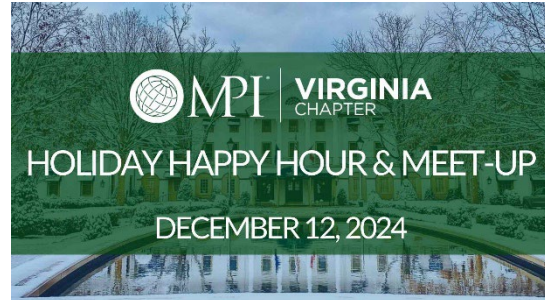
December 12th, 2024,
5:00pm-7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

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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

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!

Penny Guiles, Richmond Marriott Downtown, 3 Years

Ellen Kellner, 3 Years

Cathy Drewry, Jefferson Lab, 1 Year

Jodie Munn, Virginia Crossings, 1 Year

Veronica Strangis, Gold Key/PHR, 1 Year

Lindsay Thompson, 1 Year

Welcome New Members!

Erica long, University of Richmond



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



What Do Younger Attendees Want?

While work-life balance is important, a new survey from ASM Global highlights the importance of work-conference balance, especially among Millennial and Gen Z attendees.

[Read Here](#)

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