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Meeting Professionals International (MPI) – Wisconsin The premier professional meeting planning organization in the United States announces its' Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Chapter.

Madison, WI – Meeting Professionals International – Wisconsin Chapter (MPI-WI) elects meetings industry leaders to the 2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors.

Elected as Officers for the 2009-2010 term are:

President – May Tami Gilbertson, CMP* of WPS Health Insurance – Madison

Immediate Past President – Mae Ibe, CMP* of Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau - Appleton

President – Elect – Marie Johnson, CMP* of Trans International - Milwaukee

Vice President Education – Naomi Tucker, CMP* of Humana – Green Bay

Vice President Finance – Tina Luther, CMP* of the Abbey Resort – Lake Geneva

Vice President Membership – Susan Kainz – Hospitality Professional - Brookfield

Vice President Communications – Denise Henson of Marriott Hotels - Racine

The following Directors have also been elected:

Publications, Advertising and Community Outreach – Shannon Timmerman of Wilderness Resort–Wi. Dells

Awards and Scholarships, Recruitment and Member Care – Linda Hale of Wi. Credit Union League – Pewaukee

Special Events & Fundraising and Strategic Alliances – Carmen Smalley, CMP* of North Central Hotel Group - Madison

Special Education Projects – Sherry Benzmilller, CMP* of Energy Center of Wisconsin – Madison

Professional Development – Alison Huber, CMP* of Wi. Association of School Boards - Madison

Monthly Programs – Lynette Resch, CMP* of TDS Telecom - Madison

Website, Public Relations – Taci Tolzman of Am. Association of Medical Society Executives – Milwaukee

Member Care – John Dorgan of Bridgewood Resort – Neenah

***Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) is one of the most widely recognized international certifications in the meeting industry. The certification is managed by the Convention Industry Council (CIC), and has been in existence for more than twenty years. CIC certifies individuals through an internationally recognized certification program that evaluates the competency of meeting professionals. The CMP designation represents the standard of excellence in today's meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry.**

About MPI Wisconsin Chapter

MPI Wisconsin leads the meetings industry in Wisconsin through education. Monthly, both members and non-members are invited to participate in exceptional education that allows those who plan meetings to gain solid professional development and also showcase many of Wisconsin's hotel properties and special venues. Further, MPI-WI continues to strive and work diligently to educate corporate leaders on the impact of meetings on business. It is essential as members of MPI to instill public confidence, engaging in fair and equitable practices and building professional relationships with meeting industry colleagues.

The 359 members of Wisconsin Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (MPI), established in 1977, offers education, the latest research and trends, leadership training, best practices, professional development and networking opportunities, which help its members enhance their professional value and define the strategic value of meetings within their respective organizations. For more information, visit www.mpiwi.org.

About Meeting Professionals International

Established in 1972, Meeting Professionals International (www.mpiweb.org) is the largest association for the meetings profession with more than 19,000 members in 66 chapters and clubs across the USA, Canada, Europe and other countries throughout the world. As the global authority and resource for the \$122.3 billion meetings and events industry, MPI empowers meeting professionals to increase their strategic organizational value through education and networking opportunities. Its strategic plan, Pathways to Excellence, is designed to elevate the role of meetings in business via: creating professional development levels to evolve member careers to positions of strategic understanding and influence; influencing executives about the value of meetings; and ensuring MPI is the premier marketplace for planners and suppliers.

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