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**MPI 2010-2011 INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
Leadership Slated to Provide Business and Community Expertise

March 1, 2010 – Dallas, Texas – Meeting Professionals International (MPI) announced the slate of candidates for its 2010-2011 International Board of Directors today. All MPI members will receive official notice of the slate later today via the website.

“As our industry recovers, essential skills and competencies are required for our volunteer leadership serving on the international board of directors,” said Larry Luteran, chair of the MPI governance and nominating committee. “We’ve assembled a strong slate of gifted community, knowledge and business leaders with diversity of thought,” added Luteran, who is Senior Vice President, Group Sales and Industry Relations Hilton Worldwide.

Pending membership approval, Board and Executive Committee member selections are effective July 1, 2010 for FY 2010-2011.

The Slate of Officers for the Executive Committee includes:

- Chairman Elect: Sebastien Tondeur, CEO, MCI Group Holding SA, Geneva, Switzerland
- Vice Chairman of Finance: Carl Winston, Director, Hospitality and Tourism Management Program, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, USA
- Vice Chairwoman: Cindy D’Aoust, Vice President Strategic Meetings Management, Maxvantage, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- Vice Chairman: Kevin Kirby, Senior Director of Sales, Hard Rock International, Orlando, FL, USA

Nominees for the Board of Directors (Three -year terms) include:

- Michael Dominguez, Vice President, Global Sales, Loews Hotels & Resorts, New York, NY, USA
- Ricardo Ferreira, Senior Vice President, GRUPO ALATUR, São Paulo, Brazil
- Carol Muldoon, CMM, Executive Director-Events & Meetings, KPMG LLP, New York, NY, USA
- Erin Tench, CMP, CMM, President, Hyland Events, Washington DC, USA

Nominees for the Board of Directors (One-year term):

(to fill unexpired portion of Carl Winston’s and Cindy D’Aoust’s remaining Board terms)

- Jordan Clark, CMP, Vice President of Sales, Harrah’s Entertainment, Las Vegas, NV, USA
- Ruud Janssen, Owner, ©TNOC | The New Objective Collective, Arlesheim, Switzerland



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“The new slate of candidates joins proven board leaders to deliver success for the global meetings and events community. With these industry professionals, MPI is positioned to deliver critical value to our members during this time of unprecedented shift,” said Eric Rozenberg, CMP, CMM 2009-10, chairman-elect of MPI and president of Swantegy.

This new slate of candidates will join returning Executive Committee and Board members for the 2010-2011 year:

Chairman Eric Rozenberg, CMP, CMM, President, Swantegy, Brussels, Belgium

Immediate Past Chairwoman Ann Godi, CMP, President, Benchmark360°, Inc., Atlanta, GA, USA

Chuck Bowling, Executive Vice President, MGM MIRAGE, Las Vegas, NV, USA

Paul Cunningham, President & CEO, IIMC International Information Management Corporation, Dublin, Ireland

Chris Gasbarro, Chief Creative Officer, C3, llc, Stratham, NH, USA

Kevin Hinton, Principal, hinton+grusich, Chicago, IL, USA

Patty Reger, CMM, Manager of Meetings and Conventions, Johnson & Johnson Sales and Logistics Company, LLC, Morris Plains, NJ, USA

David Scypinski, Senior Vice President, ConferenceDirect, Washington DC, USA

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About MPI: Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the meeting and event industry’s largest and most vibrant global community, helps our members thrive by providing human connections to knowledge and ideas, relationships, and marketplaces. MPI membership is comprised of more than 23,000 members belonging to 71 chapters and clubs worldwide. For additional information, visit mpiweb.org.