



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2011-2012 International Leadership Global Volunteer Leaders Announced

July 1, 2011 – Dallas, TX – Meeting Professionals International (MPI) announces its 2011-2012 Board of Directors, MPI Volunteer Chairs and MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees, for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Sebastien Tondeur, CEO MCI Group Holding SA, will assume the role as the 2011-2012 chairman of the MPI Board of Directors. Kevin Olsen, senior partner of One Smooth Stone, will lead the 2011-2012 MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees.

“Sebastien and Kevin bring a shared sense of energy and innovation to their leadership roles. Their appointment to these leadership positions strengthens MPI’s continued delivery of unique value and community for our members.” said Bruce MacMillan, president and chief executive officer of MPI.

Tondeur began service on the MPI Board of Directors in 2006 and served as a board member until 2008. He joined the MPI executive committee in 2008, and was elected chairman-elect in 2010. As CEO of MCI’s head office in Geneva, his responsibilities include company strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, strategic meeting management, marketing and key account management. MCI has 45 offices in 22 different countries.

Serving on the MPI Foundation Board of Trustees since 2003, Olsen joined the Executive Committee in 2007 and was elected chairman-elect in 2010. He is President and Principal of One Smooth Stone, an event and communication agency. He has an accomplished career in the events industry that spans more than 25 years.

2011-2012 MPI Board of Directors Executive Committee:

- Chairman: Sebastien Tondeur, CEO, MCI Group Holding SA
- Chairman-Elect: Kevin Hinton, Executive Vice President, Associated Luxury Hotels International
- Vice Chairwoman of Finance: Cindy D’Aoust, Vice President Strategic Meetings, Maxvantage
- Vice Chairman: Craig Ardis, CMM, Consultant, Meetings Analytics
- Vice Chairwoman: Patty Reger, CMM, Manager of Meetings and Conventions, DePuy/Johnson & Johnson
- Immediate Past Chairman: Eric Rozenberg, CMP, CMM, President, Swantegy
- Ex-Officio: Bruce MacMillan, CA, President & CEO, MPI

-more-



2011-2012 MPI Board of Directors Members:

- Chuck Bowling, President and COO, Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino
- Jordan D. Clark, Vice President of Sales, Las Vegas Meetings by Caesars Entertainment
- Paul Cunningham, President & CEO, IIMC International Information Management Corporation
- Michael Dominguez, Vice President, Global Sales, Loews Hotels & Resorts
- Ricardo Ferreira, Senior Vice President, GRUPO ALATUR
- Roel Frissen, CMM, Managing Director, Parthen
- Chris Gasbarro, Chief Creative Officer, Creative Community Connections, LLC
- Hattie Hill, CMM, CEO, Hattie Hill Enterprises, Inc.
- Kyle Hillman, CMP, Manager of Conference and Events, National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
- Cornelia Horner, CMP, Director of Meetings and Marketing, American Land Title Association
- Carol Muldoon, CMM, Executive Director-Events & Meetings, KPMG LLP
- Erin Tench, CMP, CMM, Associate Director of Special Events, Penn State University
- Legal Counsel: Jonathan T. Howe, Esq., President/Senior Partner, Howe & Hutton, Ltd.

2011-2012 MPI Volunteer Chairs:

- Audit/Finance Committee: Cindy D'Aoust, Vice President Strategic Meetings, Maxvantage
- Chapter Advisory Council: MaryAnne Bobrow, CAE, CMP, CMM, CHE, Managing Partner, Bobrow & Associates
- Corporate Social Responsibility Advisory Council: Marge Anderson, Associate Director, Energy Center of Wisconsin
- Governance/Nominating Committee: Eric Rozenberg, CMP, CMM, President, Swantegy
- Knowledge Advisory Council: Betsy Bondurant, CMP, CMM, CTE, President, Bondurant Consulting
- Marketplace Advisory Council: Daniel Estatico, Sales Director, Walt Disney World Resort
- Membership Advisory Council: Angela Duncan, CMP, CMM, Director, SMMP Operations, Carlson Wagonlit Travel
- RISE Awards Judging Panel: Brian Palmer, CMM, President, National Speakers Bureau

2011-2012 MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees Executive Committee:

- Chairman: Kevin A. Olsen, President and Principal, One Smooth Stone
- Chairman-Elect: Vince LaRuffa, Vice President Resort Sales & Marketing, Universal Orlando Resort
- Vice Chairman of Finance: David W. Johnson, President/CEO, Aimbridge Hospitality, LP
- Vice Chairman of Development: Michael Massari, Vice President of Meeting Sales and Operations, Las Vegas Meetings by Caesars Entertainment
- Vice Chairman of Projects: Gus Vonderheide, Vice President of Sales-Group, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts
- Immediate Past Chairman: Ken Sanders, President, Freeman Audio Visual
- Ex-Officio: Didier Scaillet, Chief Development Officer, MPI Foundation

-more-



2011-2012 MPI Foundation Global Board of Trustees Members:

- Melanie Cook, Director Meeting and Incentive-US, Fairmont Hotels-Vancouver
- Christine Duffly, President & CEO, Cruise Lines International Association
- Chris Gabaldon, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company
- Kemp Gallineau, Senior VP & Chief Sales Officer, Gaylord Hotels
- Thomas Grundner, Vice President Global Sales, Jumeirah Group
- Angie Pfeifer, CMM, Assistant VP, Corporate Meetings, Investors Group
- Alan Pini, CMP, CMM, Chief Executive, TEKNOCONGRESS ICS®, MPI Foundation EMEA Council Chair
- Susan Prophet, Director MC&IT Destination, Québec/Tourisme Québec, MPI Foundation Canada Council Chair
- Stephen Revetria, Vice President & General Manager, Giants Enterprises/AT&T Park
- Jim Russell, Senior Vice President, Innovation, Freeman, MPI Foundation U.S. Council Chair
- Jeff Wagoner, President, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts

-ends-

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.

About MPI Foundation: MPI Foundation is passionately committed to bringing vision and prosperity to the meetings and events community worldwide by investing in results-oriented initiatives that shape the future and bring success to the meetings and events community. MPI is the meetings and events industry's largest and most vibrant global community comprised of more than 23,000 members representing 84 countries worldwide. For more information, visit www.mpifoundation.org.