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Minnesota MPI Volunteer Mentor Application Form

NOTE: By completing this form, you give permission to Minnesota MPI and Nonprofit Solutions to publish the information you provide below on the members-only Mentoring Page of www.mnmpi.org. Once you are paired with a mentee, your information will be removed from the web site. We will maintain your information on file for the next optional enrollment period. You may withdraw your information at any time by contacting shawna@compassevents.com.

I am a:	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Planner	<input type="checkbox"/> Association Planner	<input type="checkbox"/> Gov't Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Planner	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier
Name (include designations): Daphne J. Meyers, CMM					
Company: Red Barn Group			Work Phone: 701-212-0062		
Email: dmeyers@redbarngroup.com			Work City: Fargo, ND		
# years in the industry: 20			# years with MPI: 11		

MPI Committee(s) you serve, position(s) you hold:

[2007-8 Director of Leadership Development](#)

Past -

- [PEC-NA advisory board \(2007 - present\)](#)
- [MPI International Marketing Committee \(2006-07\)](#)
- [MPI International Technical Committee \(2005-06\)](#)
- [MPI Strategic Meetings Management Platinum Series Content Development and Presenter \(2006-present\)](#)
- [MPI Strategic Meetings Management Track Contributor and Presenter \(2007 WEC, 2008 PEC-NA\)](#)
- [Cass-Clay United Way Special Events Committee \(2005-present\) – advise on all public events put on by CCUW](#)
- [MPI Global Corporate Circle of Excellence \(2003-05\)As part of my consulting practice, I work with volunteer committees to execute their events \(2005-present\)](#)

Other organizations to which you belong:

[Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce](#)

Please give a brief description of your career path to date:

[Daphne's consulting practice has two primary focuses. The first is coaching clients to maximize their event investment. This varies from helping them hire the right suppliers to project managing their event to how to structure their businesses to operate in the Sarbanes-Oxley business environment. The other focus of her practice is education. This includes numerous speaking engagements for a variety of meetings industry and non-industry groups on strategic meetings issues. Her education focus also enables her to teach Events Planning at Minnesota State University - Minnesota.](#)

[Daphne is a former Program Manager for Partner Events at Microsoft. During her eight years with Microsoft and Great Plains, she managed multi-million dollar events for the partner reseller channel and employees. In this capacity, she managed all aspects of highly visible events; prepared 100's of speakers to deliver content to 1000's of attendees; solicited and managed 100's of sponsors and exhibitors; facilitated stakeholder groups; and built and sustained successful event teams. Prior to Microsoft, Daphne spent eight years honing her planning skills at a variety of organizations.](#)

[In 2001, DAPHNE attained her Global Certification of Meeting Management \(CMM\) from Meeting Professionals International \(MPI\). CMM is the highest attainable professional designation for event professionals. Being a CMM means DAPHNE'S event planning focus is on the overall strategic success of an event.](#)

[In the fall of 2005, DAPHNE launched the first event planning course for Minnesota State University-Moorhead within the Mass Communications Department and still teaches it today.](#)

[DAPHNE has been a member of Meeting Professionals International \(MPI\) since 1996. From 2004-2005 she served on MPI's Global Corporate Circle of Excellence and was involved in the writing of three industry position papers on Strategic Meetings Management. As an extension of her work on the position papers, DAPHNE is currently serving as one of only three MPI Strategic Meetings Management speakers for International conferences. For 2007-2008, Daphne will serve as the Director of Leadership Development for the Minnesota MPI Chapter.](#)

DAPHNE is a founding member of The Mavens Network, a group of experienced hospitality industry individuals who speak on strategic issues impacting the way business is done now and in the future.

In 2007, DAPHNE was awarded the 2006-2007 Community Service Award by the Fargo Moorhead Convention Visitors Bureau. The FMCVB annually honors those who play a critical part in supporting local tourism and group meetings industry.

Please describe your areas of meetings expertise (i.e. negotiations, selling, contracts, logistics, etc.):

- I have expertise in all the basics. I specialize in strategic meetings management.

Please describe your professional strengths (i.e. time management, team building, multi-tasking, etc.):

- team building
- understanding team dynamics
- strategic thinking//writing/persuasion
- speaking

Please describe some of your key personality traits (i.e. outgoing/reserved, family-oriented, type A, etc.):

- outgoing, driven
- outspoken and like to share my opinion!

Once your form is submitted, we will review for possible inclusion on the members-only Volunteer Mentor page of www.mnmpi.org. If contacted by a prospective mentee, you may choose to establish a mentoring connection if you feel it will be a good match. If you agree to the pairing, you have a responsibility to your mentee to connect 2 to 4 times per month for up to 60 minutes, for a 3-month time commitment. After the mentoring period ends, any extension of your mentoring commitment is at your own discretion.

**Please email form to Shawna Suckow at shawna@compassevents.com or fax to 651.846.4937 (no cover sheet)
Questions? Contact Shawna Suckow at 651.452.5535**