



## 2023 Prix Prestige Awards and Honourary Member Nominations

### *Descriptions and Criterion*

#### **NEW MEMBER OF THE YEAR *(Replaces Student of the Year)***

**Award Description/Purpose:** This award is to recognize an MPI Ottawa New Member (including a Student) who has been actively involved and devoted significant effort to, and as, a member of the MPI Ottawa Chapter.

**Nomination Criteria:** This award is open to new members only (including Students) of MPI Ottawa Chapter who registered as NEW members during the previous MPI Ottawa fiscal year (January 1st of the previous calendar year until June 30th of the current Calendar Year). Nominees must have volunteered their time and expertise to one or more-chapter committees during this period.

Nominees must meet minimum criteria to be eligible to be a recipient of the award

**Eligibility:** Only names from the roster list distributed by the Chapter are eligible. Nominees who were members before January 1st of the previous calendar year (including board members) are ineligible for this award.

#### **EMERGING LEADER *(Formerly Rising Star Award and Student of the Year Award)***

**Award Description/Purpose:** To recognize either an MPI Ottawa Student Member or an up-and-coming MPI Ottawa Planner or Supplier Member that demonstrates a spirit of leadership in all their contributions to the industry and our MPI chapter, specifically via their committee contributions.

**Nomination Criteria:** All MPI Ottawa members must have at least two (2) and no more than five (5) consecutive years of tenure in the industry while holding a valid MPI Membership.

Nominees must meet minimum criteria to be eligible to be a recipient of the award.

**Eligibility:** Only names from the roster list distributed by the Chapter are eligible. Chapter Board members are ineligible for this award.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Award Description/Purpose:** To recognize an MPI Ottawa volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional volunteerism to their MPI community.

All nominations will be evaluated and selected by the MPI Ottawa Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

**Nomination Criteria:** Based exclusively on the involvement in an MPI Ottawa committee(s), this person will have shown dedication and hard work toward the good of the committee(s) and the Chapter.  
Nominations are accepted from Committee chairs only. Chairs must provide a short summary of the candidate's accomplishments and why they should win this award.  
  
Nominees must meet minimum criteria to be eligible to be a recipient of the award

**Eligibility:** Student members and Chapter Board members are ineligible for this award. All other MPI Ottawa members in good standing are eligible.

### **MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Award Description/Purpose:** To recognize an MPI Ottawa member who has demonstrated an outstanding ability to inspire, motivate and educate other Chapter members and who is considered an expert in their field.

**Nomination Criteria:** Preference will be given to candidates who are active members of the meetings industry and who have had a positive impact on the lives of others. Nominees must demonstrate/embody the following qualities:

- Openness with new colleagues and an eagerness to support their professional development.
- Creating a non-threatening environment to listen and educate members.
- Sharing a range of experiences and encouraging others to learn from their strengths, weaknesses, and vulnerabilities.
- Striving to build personal relationships and abiding by a strong code of ethics.

Nominees must meet minimum criteria to be eligible to be a recipient of the award

**Eligibility:** Student members and current members of the Board's Executive Committee (VP and President positions) are ineligible for this award. All other MPI Ottawa members in good standing are eligible.

### **SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AND PLANNER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Award Description/Purpose:** To recognize both an MPI Ottawa planner and supplier member who represents leadership and excellence in the meeting planning profession and an exemplary record of customer service.

**Nomination Criteria:** Nominees should be active participants in the meeting planning industry (not exclusively MPI) and have contributed to the growth and professionalism of our industry. Specific areas of consideration are: code of ethics; fairness and honesty; ability to listen; and integrity.

Nominee will have to answer a questionnaire (3 questions) to be eligible for this award.

**Eligibility:** Student members and current Chapter Board members are ineligible for this award. All other MPI Ottawa members in good standing are eligible

### **INNOVATION AWARD**

All nominations will be evaluated and selected by the MPI Ottawa Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

**Award Description/Purpose:** This award may be given out annually to a self-nominated individual or organization that demonstrates either an innovative product, process or experience that advances the meetings and events industry or to an individual that has reinvented themselves or their business in a way that is relevant to the changes occurring in the meetings and events industry in the previous MPI Ottawa chapter fiscal year (July 1st, 2022 – June 30th, 2023).

**Nomination Criteria:** Nominators are not required to be an MPI Ottawa chapter member, but their innovation must have impacted the meetings and events industry and must be brought forward to the meetings community in the previous MPI Ottawa chapter fiscal year (July 1st, 2022 – June 30th, 2023).

Submission for consideration of this award must demonstrate how their innovation:

- Impacts on the Meetings & Events Industry
- Was created in collaboration with the Industry
- Is Original from other ideas of a similar nature
- What the developmental investment was (time, resources funding)
- Its Sustainability Impact
- Its Scalability

Nominees must demonstrate the minimum criteria to be eligible to be a recipient of the award.

**Eligibility:** There is no requirement to be an MPI Ottawa chapter member, however, the individual/organization must have a regular presence in the Ottawa/Gatineau region.

### **HONOURARY MEMBER**

**Award Description/Purpose:** A Board nominated Award to recognize long-standing, retired members of the Chapter who have made significant contributions to MPI Ottawa.

**Nomination Criteria:** Nominees must have been a member in good standing of the MPI Ottawa Chapter for a minimum of 10 years (calculated on a cumulative basis) and made a significant contribution to the chapter during the time of their membership.

**Eligibility:** Must no longer be employed in the meetings, tourism, or hospitality industry and, therefore, not be eligible for an MPI membership OR must no longer derive direct professional (i.e. monetary) benefit from MPI membership.

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

**Award Description/Purpose:** The President's Award is awarded at the discretion of the President, to an individual in the meetings industry who has made an outstanding contribution. This award can be presented to anyone within the industry, as long as they are an MPI member. The President must have two MPI Ottawa Chapter members provide written support for the nomination as well.

**Nomination Criteria:** This award can be presented to anyone within the industry, as long as they are an MPI member. The President must have two MPI Ottawa Chapter members provide written support of the nomination

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