

# The Power of 2

## 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](http://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 [dhagen@maddens.com](mailto:dhagen@maddens.com).

I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Planner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Gov't Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier	
Name (include designations): Joan Rausch	
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# years in the industry: 12	# years with MPI: 10

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

- Board of Directors, Director, Community Outreach Committee - 2005-2007
- Community Outreach Committee Member, August 2004 – present  
Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project, Co-Chair, November – December 2004  
Volunteer at Wine & Chocolate fundraiser for Person to Person - April 2005
- Education Committee Member, June 2002 – May 2004  
Gala Committee - May 2004  
August Kick-off Meetings, Chair - August 2002 and 2003
- Membership Committee Member, June 1999 – May 2000
- Recognition Committee Member, July 1997 – May 1999

### Other organizations to which you belong:

National Association of Chamber Meeting Planners  
Church of St. Michael Adult Choir Board of Directors

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

*My career path did not start out in the meeting planner lane, but it did start out in the chamber of commerce lane. During college I interned with the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce and organized their summer community festival. Straight out of college I was hired by the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce and 16 years ago I came to the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. I evolved into my current position of Director of special events by all of the experiences association work has provided me. The longer I am in this position, the more my organizations sees the value of a certified meeting professional as part of their team.*

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

- Logistical details
- Staying on schedule
- Sponsorship sales
- Developing and meeting budgets

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

- Staying organized and ten steps ahead of everyone else
- Ability to do several tasks at the once while keeping calm
- Earned respect so coworkers want to play on the team
- Built relationships with membership

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

- *People pleaser*
- *Intuitive*
- *Family-oriented*
- *Spiritual*

Once your form is submitted, we will review for possible inclusion on the members-only Volunteer Mentor page of [www.mnmpi.org](http://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 Devie Hagen at [dhagen@maddens.com](mailto:dhagen@maddens.com) or fax to 218-829-7698  
Questions? Contact Shawna Suckow at 651.452.5535**