

SAFARI UNDER THE STARS AWARDS GALA

Over 80 MPI-OC members and their guests gathered to honor the 2013–2014 award winners at the Oregon Zoo on Thursday, June 26. This end of the chapter year event was a fun way to honor our award winners and celebrate all the hard work done by over 90 volunteers this past year. President Jennifer Cox with MTR Western presented two Dian J. Lindsay Awards before turning the gavel over to incoming president Melodie King, CMP, with the Oregon Health Care Association.

The awards gala was also a fundraiser to help MPI-OC continue to provide excellent programs, such as the Cascadia Educational Conference, monthly education luncheons, scholarships and fun social events. We had 36 silent auction packages and three live auction packages that brought in a total of \$7,665. The Wine

Wall brought in \$760 and the Beads for Head/Tails Game brought in \$320 with the winner receiving \$155 in cash. Thank you to all of you for your generosity in supporting MPI-OC!

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THE STARS OF THE EVENING



DIAN J. LINDSAY PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNER
Cindy Wallace, CMP, CMM, Opus Events Agency and Pat Lynch, Honorary MPI-OC Member
 Given at the discretion of the current president to an outstanding individual in the chapter who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the organization.



TORCHLIGHT AWARD WINNER
Kelly Hagerman, CMP, Courtyard Portland City Center
 Bestowed to a chapter member who has been a part of the organization more than three years and has shown a very high level of engagement, volunteering, and commitment to moving the chapter goals forward.

RISING STAR AWARD WINNER
Felica Rahm, The Heathman Hotel
 Presented to a chapter member who has been a part of the organization less than three years and has shown a very high level of engagement, volunteering, and commitment to moving the chapter goals forward.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
Darcie LaMotte-Waage, Oregon Health Care Association
 Awarded to a chapter member who has displayed the unique ability to lead, guide, and teach others with enthusiasm, and is frequently a person that fellow chapter members can turn to for advice and support.

PLANNER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
Alex Doyle, CMP, 21st Century Group Inc.
 A peer-recognized award given to a meeting planner in recognition for their outstanding association contributions, leadership, and professionalism.

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
Jina Ellison, Embassy Suites Portland Washington Square
 A peer-recognized awarded to a meetings industry supplier (hotel, transportation, audio/visual, etc.) in recognition for their outstanding association contributions, leadership and professionalism, and is a peer-recognized award.

SILVER PLATTER AWARD WINNER
Oregon Convention Center
 Presented to the meeting facility where a monthly program was held that scored the highest on post-event evaluations, based on the following criteria: catering service, presentation, menu selection, food quality, décor creativity, program enhancement, and entertainment.



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