



MINNESOTA CHAPTER

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Mentoring: Power of 2

Volunteer Mentor Application Form

NOTE: By completing this form, you give permission to MPI MN to publish the information you provide below on the Mentoring Page of www.mpimn.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 office@mpimn.org.

I AM A: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Association Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Government Planner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Third Party Planner		
NAME Sara Stark Mikolich	DESIGNATION(S) (EXAMPLE: CMP)	
COMPANY Stark Group, Inc.	WORK PHONE 763.497.2067	# OF YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY 15+
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MPI MN COMMITTEE(S) YOU SERVE, POSITION(S) YOU HOLD		
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG SPIN- Senior Planner Industry Network		
PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CAREER PATH TO DATE I started off with interest in the music industry and booked bands in college and worked for a record promotion company. From there I went to a sports marketing firm planning corporate trips to SuperBowl, etc. I then worked for a high tech trade association planning all of their workshops, producing technology awards events, and annual conferences & exhibits. I left there in 2001 to start my own company with a partner- a high tech meeting & event center with planning and consulting services. This business morphed into my current conference & event planning business in 2004 - Stark Group, Inc. - which continues to evolve today. In the last 5-8 years, my company has been more niche focused on investment conferences.		
PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AREAS OF MEETINGS EXPERTISE (I.E. NEGOTIATIONS, SELLING, CONTRACTS, LOGISTICS, ETC.) Building a new event or conference from ground up- each is like its own small business. I am an organized, effective project manager leading the client team in all areas --client goals and strategy, brand building, logistics, venue contracts and relations, sponsorships, budgeting, marketing, and more.		
PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS (I.E. TIME MANAGEMENT, TEAM BUILDING, MULTI-TASKING, ETC.) multi-tasking, time management, networking/relationship management		
PLEASE DESCRIBE SOME OF YOUR KEY PERSONALITY TRAITS (I.E. OUTGOING/RESERVED, FAMILY-ORIENTED, TYPE A, ETC.) I think most planners have Type A in them..so I will admit I have some of that! I am outgoing, very organized -- a list-maker like many planners. I liked to be challenged and am able to juggle a lot but really need to make sure that I balance my work life with home life with my family and personal time for friends and hobbies to keep me energized at work.		

Once your form is submitted, we will review for possible inclusion on the Volunteer Mentor page of www.mpimn.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 meet with your mentee the agreed amount of times per month for up to 60 minutes, for three months. After the mentoring period ends, any extension of your mentoring commitment is at your own discretion.