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CHAPTER

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I am MPI.
I Love What **We** Do.



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MPI Chapter: **Tampa Bay Area**
Membership in MPI: **7 years**

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Meeting planning was never something I thought about as a career. I received a Business degree from St. Pete College while working full time doing various office work. It was while I was working at beauty trade shows and creating sales promotions for a beauty distributor that I realized the love I had working on special events. I left that company and began working at J. Thor Productions, Inc. to pursue a career in the event industry.

I had heard of MPI through some publications I read and decided to join. Being new to the industry I felt it was a good fit to meet other people in the industry and get the education I was looking for. I became involved and have served on the membership committee in various ways, Meetings Academy committee and on the board. I am currently serving my 2nd time on the board as VP of Memberships.

The chapter has been very supportive in helping their members. For me personally MPI has given me an opportunity to learn and grow as an individual and company. I have gained some amazing mentors, business relationships and education that I wouldn't get all in one place.