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## **Meeting Professionals Recognize Award Winners**

The Arizona Sunbelt Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (AZMPI) recognized award winners for the 2011 – 2012 year. Planner of the Year - Lisa Evans, Supplier of the Year - Steve Dumond, Edward E Scannell Award - Lynne Wellish, CMP, CHSE, Sponsorship Award - Desert Willow & Black Canyon Conference Centers by Sodexo, Rising Star Award – Julia-Isabel Davenport, James A. Fausel Student of the Year - Lindsey Dedina and Henry Gooden, Host Property/Venue of the Year - Levy Restaurants and US Airways Center, Committee of the Year - Fun Events, Member of the Year - Don Ortiz, President’s Achievement Award - Grant Boice, Cherrill Satterfield and Bobette Gorden, and Chapter Gold Sponsors - US Airways and Tempe Tourism Office.

“We strive to promote excellence within the meeting industry through education, certification, advocacy and business-to-business networking opportunities for our members,” said AZMPI President Rochell Planty, CMP, CTA. “It was my distinct pleasure to recognize these members for their outstanding contributions.”

The 400-member Arizona Sunbelt Chapter of Meeting Professionals International was established in 1979. Meeting Professionals International is the meeting and event industry's largest association for the \$102.3 billion meetings and events industry. AZMPI offers monthly events providing education, and networking opportunities. MPI membership is comprised of more than 24,000 members belonging to 80 chapters and clubs worldwide. To learn more about AZMPI visit [www.AZMPI.org](http://www.AZMPI.org) or call 602-277-1494.

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