

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

IPMA-VA Members,

Hopefully we have made it through the worst of the winter weather and spring is around the corner. One thing I know is right around the corner is the annual IPMA-VA Conference March 22-24, 2021. **There is still time to register at www.ipma-va.org for what has shaped up to be a great lineup of speakers for 2 ½ days of professional development from the comfort of your (vacation) home or office.** The conference is pre-approved for 12.25 SHRM and HRCI recertification credits and 3 points for IPMA-HR recertification.

The chapter wrapped up regional roundtables throughout February. As is usually the case, the benefit of sharing experiences, questions and ideas between public sector HR professionals was of tremendous value. A lot of the discussion was about how the workforce and workplace would be different post-COVID, mental health during the pandemic, how to navigate employee leave during COVID, vaccine questions, diversity, equity and inclusion ideas were shared, and recruitment strategies were discussed. Not only were there great conversations, they were great reminders about the value of relationships and having a network. From north to south to east to west, we share many of the same challenges, and we really do have each other's backs. We plan to hold another state-wide roundtable event April 22, 2021. Be on the lookout for the invitation.

Finally, I know the last twelve months have been a wild ride. No doubt everyone reading this has juggled increased demands at work with increased demands in life in general. I'm consistently impressed by your resolve, creativity, and just how darn much you care about the organizations, communities and people you support. Take care of yourself. Brighter days are hopefully ahead.

Stay safe,

Josh Didawick
President, IPMA-VA Executive Board



IPMA-HR Virginia Chapter Board Vacancies

The IPMA-VA Executive Board is seeking volunteers to fill an At-Large seat and a Northern Region Representative. This is an opportunity to have an impact on the planning and direction of the chapter. Please contact Josh Didawick (jdidawick@leesburgva.gov) if you have questions or are interested in either of these posts.

2021 IPMA-VA Virtual Conference March 22-24, 2021

*You're
Invited!*

Following an unprecedented year, now more than ever, HR is in a position to guide organizations through the next phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic recovery, societal changes...and whatever else 2021 throws at us! Join IPMA-VA from the comfort of your home or office March 22-24, 2021 for 2 ½ days of professional development to sharpen your saw and learn and discuss strategies to move your organization forward.

Registration is Now Open!

<https://ipma-va.123signup.com/event/details/kgqsd>

February Regional Virtual Roundtables Virtual

IPMA-VA held regional virtual roundtable events throughout the month of February. During these events HR professionals had the opportunity to discuss best practices, successes, and challenges in continuing to deal with the pandemic. Participants were able to benefit from the information exchanged with colleagues in their region as well as the networking opportunity.

Thank You to Steve Mason and Trina Petty

IPMA-VA owes Steve Mason and Trina Petty a debt of gratitude for their service on the IPMA-VA Executive Board. Both have been outstanding team members and contributors over the years. Trina recently retired from the FDIC and Steve is still with the City of Falls Church, but they have both assured us we will see them at future events. Thank you again for your service to the chapter and profession!

SAVE
the
DATE

2021

Leadership Retreat

DATES: October 17-19

**LOCATION: Westin Virginia Beach
Town Center**

More details to follow.

We always welcome volunteers to assist us with our regional events and conferences. Please send us an email if you are able to give us a little of your time!

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**HELP
WANTED**

Upcoming Webinar

April 22, 2021

More details to follow

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**



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