



STARR PASS
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Matt Brody Begins Third Term on MPI Board of Directors

Tucson, Ariz. (8/7/09) – [Meeting Professionals International \(MPI\)](#) has announced its 2009-2010 International Board of Directors. Included in the slate of returning executive committee and board members is [Matt Brody](#), Director of Sales and Marketing for [JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa](#) in Tucson, Arizona. Brody will serve his third straight year on the [MPI Board of Directors](#).



“It’s an honor to serve a third term on the MPI board of Directors,” said Brody. “I have had the distinct pleasure of contributing to MPI in a variety of leadership positions over the years. As a past member and chair of many key MPI committees, I’m delighted once again to be able to serve MPI’s global membership on the board. This upcoming year will be a very crucial time in the meetings industry.”

There are 13 members appointed to the MPI Board of Directors.

Brody’s extensive meeting industry knowledge and hospitality experience will be critical to the MPI Board. His career spans over 25 years. Brody, a former Disney executive, joined forces with Marriott International in 2004 after a long career in the Resorts and Parks division at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

MPI helps its 24,000-plus members in 70 countries achieve success through professional development, industry awareness and business development opportunities. The organization also publishes the award-winning One+ magazine.

About JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa

As the only resort in Southern Arizona to be named to the *Travel + Leisure* 2008 World's Best Hotels Top 500 List, Starr Pass draws on the beauty of its mountainous location. The resort incorporates the natural desert as its landscape design theme. With 575 spacious guestrooms, 88,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, five restaurants, a 20,000 sq. ft. spa, four separate pools, a lazy river and water slide, an Arnold Palmer Signature golf facility consisting of 27 holes and practice facilities and 888 underground and covered parking spaces, the resort boasts of being not only the largest resort in southern Arizona but also the only true eco-resort in Tucson. This eco theme extends to its Primo restaurant that serves only organic and jet fresh fish, its Hashani Spa, which uses natural desert plant oils and its direct access to the Tucson Mountain Park for fabulous hiking and mountain biking trails. To quote Bill Marriott, "you can build all types of amenities but it would be impossible to duplicate what Starr Pass has, the Tucson Mountain Park." The JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa is located at 3800 W. Starr Pass and can be reached directly by calling (520) 792-3500. Please visit www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com.

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