SPONSORING GMC PCMA

Since 1993, Meeting Professionals in the Greater Midwest Chapter of PCMA convene throughout the year to participate in the highest quality meetings with the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA). GMC PCMA continues to offer premier educational and business opportunities, and there is no better chapter to capture the highest quality meetings-related business.

The GMC PCMA Sponsorship Committee is pleased to offer valued sponsorship opportunities to maximize exposure within the chapter and industry, provide a strong return on investment and custom to suit every type of budget. We continue to enhance the benefits and features based on feedback from our current sponsors and welcome additional discussions on how the Sponsorship Committee of GMC-PCMA can meet your needs. Whether your organization has ample or few sponsorship dollars to allocate, there is a sponsorship opportunity for you with GMC PCMA.

GMC PCMA offers sponsorship levels for every budget; Whichever level of sponsorship you choose you will receive standard sponsor benefits. In addition, many sponsorships have their own exclusive benefits, and additional options that you may choose from to customize your experience and better meet your individual needs.

GMC PCMA Membership Breakdown

- Meeting Professionals: 45%
- Suppliers: 14%
- Students: 1%
- Faculty: 40%

About the Greater Midwest Chapter

With more than 1,100 members, the Greater Midwest Chapter of PCMA is one of the largest chapters of PCMA serving Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

MEETING PROFESSIONALS: The majority of Chapter members plan meetings for Associations. Annually, Chicagoland associations hold more than 30,000 meetings, seminars, educational programs, staff gatherings, conventions and trade shows that span the globe and have combined budgets of more than $10.3 billion.

There are nearly 1,600 member-based organizations that employ 44,000 people, and serve more than 27 million individual members that call the Chicagoland area home. Chicago is currently the nation’s number one healthcare association market and is ranked second in the nation for having the most associations in a major metropolitan area.

MAJOR ASSOCIATIONS: GMC PCMA is also home to, and includes professional members from the largest and most notable Associations in the country:

- American Medical Association
- American Hospital Association
- American Bar Association
- American College of Surgeons
- American Library Association
- American Dental Association
- Radiological Society of North America
- American College of Chest Physicians
- American Mutual Financial Group
- Nestle Nutrition
- Wm. Wrigley Jr. CO.
- Allstate Insurance
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- CVS/Caremark
- McDonald’s
- True Value Company
- WW Grainger
- Ace Hardware
- Baker & McKenzie Global Services
- CUNA Mutual Group
- Mutual Trust Financial Group
- Nestle Nutrition
- Wm. Wrigley Jr. CO.
- SmithBucklin
- Association Management Center
- Corcoran Expositions
- Experient A Maritz Global Events Company
- Bostrom Corporation
- Executive Director, Inc.
- Sentergroup, Inc.
- The Kellen Company

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMPANIES: GMC PCMA is home to, and includes professional members from the largest and most notable association management companies in the country, including:

- Association Management Center
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- Experient A Maritz Global Events Company
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SUPPORT THE GREATER MIDWEST CHAPTER OF PCMA IN 2017!

GMC PCMA has great opportunities to sponsor events. By choosing a level that suits your needs, sponsors of GMC PCMA will be acknowledged at industry educational and social events that are exclusively organized, operated and managed by GMC PCMA.

ALL LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP WILL RECIEVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

**SPONSOR RIBBONS** - Sponsor ribbons will be supplied to all of your attending staff at GMC PCMA events to acknowledge your sponsorship.

**LOGO RECOGNITION** - Your logo will be displayed as a sponsor on event signage and in the PowerPoint deck for all GMC PCMA events.

**GMC PCMA NEWSLETTER** - Your logo will be listed and linked in the GMC PCMA monthly newsletter under your level of sponsorship.

**GMC PCMA SPONSOR PAGE** - Your logo will be listed and linked on the GMC PCMA website under your level of sponsorship.

**RAFFLE PRIZE** - Sponsor will have the opportunity to provide raffle prizes for GMC PCMA raffle drawings.

*Please note:* Sponsors electing to share a sponsorship among multiple organizations will be required to provide a single logo to represent the group and a single URL to use for hyperlinking in electronic communications.

Questions?

Contact Michelle Suarez, CMP at GMC PCMA Headquarters at 312.265.3925
**TITLE SPONSORSHIP** *(formerly Platinum)*

**INVESTMENT:** $15,000

Five (5) TITLE SPONSORSHIP levels are available for 2017

**EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:**

**GMC PCMA EVENT RECOGNITION** - Title Sponsor will be recognized at one (1) of the four Chapter Education events (Education events typically occur in March, June, September and November) or at the GMC PCMA Bowl-a-Thon.

**CHAPTER EDUCATION EVENT SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:**
- 10 minutes of podium time with the option to show a promotional video
- Title slide and paper agenda printed with your company logo
- Logo listed in the e-blast promoting you as the education event sponsor

**BOWL-A-THON SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:**
- Two complimentary lanes at the GMC PCMA's best-attended event
- Five (5) Complimentary Meeting Professional Cheerleader Registrations
- Link to Your Web Site on the Bowl-A-Thon Registration Page

Choose 18 of the following:

- Exclusive Event with 10 Executive Level Meeting Professional - Invitation for two (2) Sponsor company staff to attend. Plan a roundtable discussion at a breakfast, lunch or dinner to bring together your target audience (valued at $1,000).
- Post-Event attendee mailing list for one time use*
- Right of First Refusal on 2018 Sponsorship opportunity
- Distribution of company-branded materials/small gift item on tables at your event
- Display Table for your Company - to distribute your branded promotional literature and/or small gift items* (exclusive event sponsor gets prime table location)
- Choice of one (1) question to be added to the post event survey for your event
- Supplier Registrations* - Staff Registrations for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- Meeting Professional Registrations* - Registrations for sponsor invited Meeting Professionals for GMC PCMA Chapter Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- Spring Member Celebration Registration* - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2)
- 2017 Annual Awards Evening Registrations (10)
- Bowl-A-Thon Cheerleader Registrations* - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2) - limit 3 for a maximum of 6 registrations
- Guaranteed time-slot for company's bowling team - based on availability
- Vendor Spotlight Description* - 50 word description to be featured in a Vendor Spotlight in a designated member e-blast
- Vendor Spotlight Article* - Submit a 500-800 word article to be included in a newsletter
- Ad in GMC Newsletter* - The Newsletter is sent to all GMC PCMA members once a month.

*May select this option multiple times
EVENT SPONSORSHIP (formerly Diamond)

INVESTMENT: $10,000

Three (3) EVENT SPONSORSHIP levels are available for 2017, based on first-come-first serve basis

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:

GMC PCMA EVENT SPONSORSHIP - Sponsorship at one (1) of the following events: Leadership Day, Awards Evening OR Spring Member Celebration

LEADERSHIP DAY MORNING EDUCATION INCLUDES:
• Logo listed in the e-blast promoting the Leadership Day as the exclusive event sponsor
• 7 minutes of podium time - with the option to show a promotional video (total podium time not to exceed 10 minutes in length)
• One (1) complimentary table for ten (10) people at Awards Luncheon

ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING INCLUDES:
• Logo listed in the e-blast promoting the Awards Luncheon as the exclusive event sponsor
• 7 minutes of podium time - with the option to show a promotional video (total podium time not to exceed 10 minutes in length)
• Ten (10) complimentary registrations

SPRING MEMBER CELEBRATION INCLUDES:
• Logo listed in the e-blast promoting the Member Celebration as the exclusive event sponsor
• 7 minutes of podium time at the end of the Spring Education Event to invite attendees to the Member Celebration - with the option to show a promotional video (total podium time not to exceed 10 minutes)
• Roped off “VIP” area in the reception
• Drink tickets with your company logo, and your company name incorporated into the specialty drink served at the event

Choose 14 of the following:

• Post-Event attendee mailing list for one time use*
• Right of First Refusal on 2018 Sponsorship opportunity
• Distribution of company-branded materials/small gift item on tables
• Display Table for your Company - to distribute your branded promotional literature and/or small gift items* (exclusive event sponsor gets prime table location)
• Choice of one (1) question to be added to the post event survey for your event
• Supplier Registrations* - Staff Registrations for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
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INVESTMENT: Minimum value $10,000
(Provide complimentary meeting space, F&B, A/V and discounted/free parking when available)

VENUE SPONSORSHIP levels available for 2017, based on first-come-first served basis

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:

GMC PCMA VENUE SPONSORSHIP - Venue sponsorship of one of the GMC PCMA Events or the Chapter Reception at Convening Leaders.

RECOGNITION AT VENUE SPONSORED EVENT INCLUDES:
• Logo listed in the e-blast promoting the event as the venue sponsor
• Venue host to receive five (5) minutes of podium time for introduction and promotion
• Registration form to include scheduling for site visit on program day

Choose 8 of the following:

- Post-Event attendee mailing list for one time use*
- Right of First Refusal on 2018 Sponsorship opportunity
- Distribution of company-branded materials/small gift item on tables
- Display Table for your Company - to distribute your branded promotional literature and/or small gift items* (exclusive event sponsor gets prime table location)
- Choice of one (1) question to be added to the post event survey for your event
- Supplier Registrations* - Staff registrations for the GMC PCMA Education event being hosted (4)
- Meeting Professional Registrations* - Registrations for sponsor invited Meeting Professionals for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- Spring Member Celebration Registration* - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2)
- Bowl-A-Thon Cheerleader Registrations* - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2) - limit 3 for a maximum of 6 registrations
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INVESTMENT: $5,000

Unlimited SUSTAINING SPONSORSHIP levels are available for 2017

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:

**GMC PCMA SUSTAINING SPONSORSHIP** - Sponsorship of the December 2017 Membership Mixer

**DECEMBER 2017 MEMBERSHIP MIXER SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:**
- Logo recognition in reception invitation
- Complimentary admission for (2) sponsoring company staff
- Signage with your company logo at the reception
- Your company logo on the reception drink tickets
- Logo listed in the e-blast promoting the December membership mixer

Choose 7 of the following:

- **Post-Event attendee mailing list for one time use***
- Distribution of company-branded materials/small gift item on tables
- **Display Table for your Company** - to distribute your branded promotional literature and/or small gift items* (exclusive event sponsor gets prime table location)
- **Supplier Registrations*** - Staff Registrations for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- **Meeting Professional Registrations*** - Registrations for sponsor invited Meeting Professionals for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- **Spring Member Celebration Registration*** - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2)
- **2017 Annual Awards Luncheon Registrations** - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2)
- **Bowl-A-Thon Cheerleader Registrations*** - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2) - limit 3 for a maximum of 6 registrations
- **Guaranteed time-slot for your company's bowling team** - based on availability
- **Vendor Spotlight Description*** - 50 word description to be featured in a Vendor Spotlight in a designated member e-blast
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*May select this option multiple times
SUPPORTING SPONSORSHIP (formerly Silver)

INVESTMENT: $2,500

Unlimited SUPPORTING SPONSORSHIP levels available for 2017

BENEFITS INCLUDE 6 OPTIONS

ADVOCATE SPONSORSHIP (formerly Bronze)

INVESTMENT: $1,500

Unlimited ADVOCATE SPONSORSHIP levels available for 2017

BENEFITS INCLUDE 1 OPTION

Choose options from the following:

- **Supplier Registrations*** - Staff Registrations for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- **Meeting Professional Registrations*** - Registrations for sponsor invited Meeting Professionals for GMC PCMA Education Events. (4 registrations to be used at your discretion)
- **Spring Member Celebration Registration*** - Meeting Professional or Sponsor registrations (2)
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*May select this option multiple times*
Donate your services to help us execute GMC PCMA programs and events

IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Audio/Visual Services providers
- Production companies
- Photography
- Signage
- Hotels/Resort Properties/Convention Centers
- Speakers Bureau
- Airline/Transportation companies
- Web Services/Broadcasting
- Catering companies/Restaurants
- Decorators

Not limited to the above service providers. Based on need and applicability.

BENEFITS INCLUDE: Options as agreed upon based on value

READY TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF GMC PCMA?
Submit your 2017 Sponsorship application

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Got an idea outside the box?
We can customize packages to meet your needs and your budgets.
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