Annual Conference Recap

MISAC’s 16th Annual Conference, IT’s a Team Sport, Oct. 1-4 at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa, kicked off with a welcome by President Bryon Horn, who shared a greeting, schedule highlights and a preview of keynote speakers with the more than 440 attendees. He also welcomed new members, shared an overview of the organization’s growth in membership and event attendance and recognized active partners.

Special Guest Jim Lewis, City Manager of Pismo Beach, praised what members have to offer and encouraged members to communicate the value of the work they do with their city and agency leadership.

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MISAC Awards Recognize Outstanding Members

MISAC Awards recognize outstanding member contributions that further MISAC goals and exemplify best practices.

The Excellence in IT Practices Award fosters and recognizes outstanding governance and operation practices. The program has two levels, Achievement and Excellence. The submission and evaluation process requires the submission of a detailed questionnaire that examines the practices across ten different subject areas. The submission requires not only a direct response but also appropriate backup material. The submission is evaluated and feedback given by a panel of three IT directors. It can be a great deal of effort but it will also give you a complete audit of your operation. Some agencies have used the results to support requests for additional resources.

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MuniTech Academy Offers Internal Consulting Skills Training

Register now for virtual/online training in Internal Consulting Skills in four two-hour sessions:

- 9-11 a.m. Pacific Time
- November 28, November 30, December 5 and December 7
- $995 for MISAC members, $1,095 for MISAC partners and $1,195 for non-members

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A Q&A with Amy Tong, Director and State Chief Information Officer, California Department of Technology

Governor Jerry Brown appointed Amy Tong as Director of the California Department of Technology (CDT) on June 30, 2016, after she had served as Acting Director since April 1, 2016.

As the Director and State Chief Information Officer (CIO), Ms. Tong is responsible for advising the Governor on the strategic management and direction of the state’s Information Technology (IT) resources. She is also responsible for establishing and implementing state IT strategic plans, policies, standards and enterprise architecture while minimizing overlap, redundancy and cost to the state by promoting the efficient and effective use of IT. Ms. Tong coordinates the activities of Agency Information Officers (AIO) and department CIOs for the purpose of integrating statewide technology initiatives and ensuring compliance with IT policies and standards in the areas of Digital Services, Information Security, Project Delivery, Innovation and IT Workforce development. She promotes alignment and effective management of IT resources by working to improve organizational maturity and capacity in the effective management of IT. In order to achieve success in these areas, Ms. Tong has emphasized the importance of strategic clarity within the department. She has aimed to instill a sense of common purpose throughout the organization through structural realignment and improved internal communication with the end goal being a department that is pointed in the same direction and continuously working toward one common goal.

MuniTech Academy

Mark your Calendars! Upcoming MuniTech Academy Classes:

- Nov. 28 - Dec 7 - Internal Consulting Skills for IT Pros (Registration closes early November)
- Jan. 8 - 11 - Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) Exam Prep Bootcamp (Registration closing soon)

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