

## **The Chinook Awards - 2010 Winners**

The Greater Calgary Chapter MPI is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Chinook Awards. Winners were announced at our recent June Black Magic Lounge event held at Hotel Le Germain.

These awards recognized outstanding innovation, involvement, mentoring, and leadership potential at the chapter level. In a small chapter such as *Greater Calgary Chapter MPI*, these are essential characteristics to nurture and promote in order to grow and strengthen the chapter, and by doing this, the members that *are* the chapter.

### **The basic criteria for award recipients are:**

- member of the *Greater Calgary Chapter MPI* in good standing
- active participant in MPI monthly meetings and special events
- contributions of special note in terms of innovation, involvement, mentoring, and leadership or leadership potential

### **Planner of the Year - sponsored by Meetings & Conventions Calgary**

Presented to a planner member who has made an outstanding contribution to the meeting industry, peers, MPI, and to the *Greater Calgary Chapter*, over a period of time.

#### **Niesa Silzer, Details Convention & Event Management**

Niesa has made outstanding contributions to the meeting industry, peers and MPI since her return from Toronto. Details Convention & Event Management was the driving force behind the Travel Alberta Industry Conference held annually which recent was awarded The Best Meeting in Canada award presented by Meeting & Incentive Travel magazine in partnership with InterContinental Hotels Group.

The Best Meeting in Canada award recognizes an organization that invests in providing educational content in meetings, conferences or retreats as an integral part of doing business. Conferences and events from across Canada were nominated last fall by attendees and vetted through a national jury of meeting industry experts.

Niesa served three years on the Greater Calgary Chapter board of directors and has made contributions to the industry through her passion and willingness to get involved. As well she volunteers a great number of hours as a board member of Behaviour Therapy Learning Center – a pre-school for children with Autism devoting her skills and knowledge to lending a helping hand. She is also a part-time instructor at Mount Royal University sharing her knowledge and experience of Event Production with students eager to join the meetings industry.