

President's Message – Arlene Roberts, Florida Capital Chapter President

Part Two of a Two-Year Term – The board started off the year with a strong meeting. We have scheduled a board retreat for October. If you have issues you would like discussed, please contact one of us.

Committees – We have several volunteers for our committees, and we always have room for more. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

Membership – Our numbers are on the rise, and we need to continue to bring in planners. Challenge yourself to bring in one new planner member this year!

Programs – Your Program Committee is off to a great start with their program roster. Look forward to meetings that will be educational and rewarding.

SGMP Board

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Michele Bemis, CMP
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Member Profile –

Chris Schuh, Ounce of Prevention Fund, Inc.

- Hometown:** I grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Education:** BA from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Masters work at UK, FSU and Northern Kentucky University
- Family/Pets:** I had a beagle for 18 years whose name was Idi. I currently have two cats; kitten and "T".
- Interests/Hobbies:** Traveling, cooking, reading, writing, renovating and decorating room/homes, cooking and eating.
- Position/Years at Job:** Program Specialist for the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida.
- Most Rewarding professional experience related to SGMP:**
Hosting, planning and executing a national convention in Tampa ten years ago. That was quite an experience – rewarding at that.
- Why she belongs to SGMP:** Networking and meeting individuals who excel at meeting planning, booking hotels, events and trainings throughout the state of Florida.

Committee / Member Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Lori S. Byrd, Dir. Office of Finance & Administration, Department of Transportation

Member Changes

Lisa Chamberlain, National Sales Manager, Tampa Bay CVB
Doris Gines, Sales Manager, Orlando Airport Marriott

Sponsorship News – Loreen Kollar, Chair

Sponsorship proposals went to the July Board for approval. The following months are still open and need sponsors; December 12, 2006, January 16, 2007, April 17, 2007, July 17, 2007, August 14, 2007, and September 18, 2007. We are looking into the month of May. With the National conference that month, we may not have a membership meeting. I will keep you posted. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the above months, please contact me, lkollar@mailers.fsu.edu or call (850) 566-2092.

Programs – Tanya Robinson

Your program committee is working together to bring excellent programs to the members. If you have topics you would like covered, please contact myself or someone on the committee. We are open to your ideas and suggestions. Thank you!

Request for Newsletter Input

If you have something you would like to submit for the newsletter, please send information to H. A. Scott or Arlene Roberts. We need you to share industry news, maybe you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, or other SGMP matters you would like to know about. If you have an interest in news and ideas for the chapter, please let us know.

Committee Chairs

Archives
George Fong

Bylaws
Arlene Roberts

Community Service
Suzanne Kelly

Honors & Awards
Sandy Stevens, CMP

Member Services
Jennifer Coto

Membership Recruitment
Jennifer Coto

Membership Retention
Suzanne Kelly

National Conference
Arlene Roberts

Programs
Tanya Robinson

Publications and
Communications
H A Scott

Special Events
Ellen Sliger

Food for Thought

Unbaked Cookies

¼ cup cocoa
1 stick butter
2 cups sugar
½ cup milk
½ cup peanut butter
3 cups oatmeal
dash salt
1 tsp vanilla

Bring cocoa, salt, butter, sugar and milk slowly to a boil, BOIL one minute

Remove from heat, and add vanilla, peanut butter and oatmeal, MIX WELL

Drop by tsp onto waxed paper, let cool

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you would like to
submit, please
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newsletter will be used to
promote chapter matters
only. The newsletter will not
be used to promote a
member's business or hotel
site.



We are on the Web!

www.sgmpfl.org

National's Web Site

www.sgmp.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 7/7/06 Report
53.8% Planners
46.2% Suppliers
Govt. Planners – 61
Contract Planners – 2
Suppliers – 54
Assoc Suppliers – 2
Educator/Student - 2
Retired – 7
Total Members - 128

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 2-5, 2007
Atlantic City, New Jersey

2008
Dallas, Texas

2009
Louisville, Kentucky

August Membership Meeting

Silent/Unsilent Auction

Tuesday, August 15
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
DoubleTree Tallahassee

Sponsored by
Several Hotels

RSVP
Yamile Rivera
Yamile.Rivera@ihrcoco.com



Monthly Board Meetings

The Board meets the same day and place
as the membership meeting beginning at
4:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend,
and minutes are available upon request.

About Our Organization...

The SGMP Florida Capital Chapter chartered June, 1989 with 35 members. The chapter offers a variety of services to its members, including monthly educational programs, leadership opportunities, social activities and a strong code of ethics.

Mission Statement

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals is a national organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and expertise of individuals in the planning and management of government meetings through education, training, and industry relationships.

A Need to Know - A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

August 15, 2006 – Silent/Unsilent Auction

September 19, 2006 - It's in the Bag!

October 17, 2006 - SGMP Website

November 14, 2006 - Resources: Smart Budgeting Practices for your Meeting

December 12, 2006 - Charity Event/Holiday Party

January 16, 2007 - How to become more involved with SGMP. Everyone can make a contribution