

Capital Events



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“What’s in Your SGMP Playbook”

Buenita Lee, one of our chapter members presented the ins and outs of the SGMP Playbook. She walked us through some of the steps for having “Team Spirit”. We need to develop a game plan, a strategy, and goals, and then execute them into a winning “Team”. The chapter needs involvement, personal commitment, motivation, and encouragement from every member of the “Team”. We need to work together within the chapter as well as commit to resources outside the chapter. Many great changes have taken place with assistance from the National Board, the Chapter Board, the web site, Government Connections, and other chapters. We need to pull from all these areas to continue to be a “Team” player. Always set the blame and glory aside and be committed to do the best you can for the chapter. With involvement from everyone, the chapter will continue to grow for the better and fill your SGMP Playbook to the brim. Thank you to Buenita for her involvement in taking time out of her personal life to present this information to us.

The Board would like to thank Ron Dye of the Staybridge Suites for assisting the chapter again with meeting space when needed at the last minute. We appreciate your generosity. We also want to thank Detroit, the front desk clerk, for his assistance with bringing items in and assisting with the cart as needed and a hot cup of coffee for a tired SGMP worker. Thank you both!



Amy Brown (left) with our speaker and chapter member, Buenita Lee (center), and Gloria Marion-Smith (right)



Sandy Toberlin from The Tree House, our local charity for January (left) and Dr. Gabrielle (right)

28th National Education Conference and Tradeshow!
Experience the value of SGMP’s education resources and networking by earning up to 2.5 CEUs, gaining insight from renowned speakers, and enjoying industry forums and events with your colleagues. Registration opens at www.sgmp.org on January 25, 2010. Additional information on page three.

“TEAM Work = Florida Capital Chapter!”
to you from the mystery writer

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



President's Message – Amy Brown, CGMP, Florida Capital Chapter President

Myself and Marcia Burks (2nd Vice President) attended the SGMP Joint Leadership Meeting in Atlanta January 14 through the 16th. This is an annual meeting where the Presidents and 2nd Vice Presidents from all the chapters get together with the National Board to learn new processes, share ideas and to express any concerns that we have as a chapter. The meeting was a great success and we learned a lot. We felt very proud to represent the Florida Capital Chapter.

Our National Education Conference will be held in May (See Add) Two of our members applied and received full scholarships from National to attend the National conference in May. Ellen Sliger and Joice Ventry received the honor.

We will be awarding local scholarships for the National education conference to members based on their involvement with the chapter the past year. I will have the forms ready by the next meeting. There are a lot of ways to earn points for scholarships. It is easy to earn points. You earn points by serving on committees, attending meetings, bringing in new members and submitting articles for the monthly newsletter. So make sure you are involved so that you are eligible to receive these scholarships.

The February program is titled "The Government Meeting Toolbox: Learn how to plan more cost effective meetings." Again you will receive 0.125 CEUs for participating in the meeting.

The Ms. Haley Bolinger of the Davison Company Hotels of Florida will be sponsoring this meeting. Please RSVP to rsvp@sgmpfl.org

It looks like we have enough people interested in taking the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) training class and examination. Therefore we will be bringing the class to Tallahassee. More details will come later

Remember SGMP is here to serve you, so "Connect to Government meetings - Plug into SGMP"!

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me Browna@doacs.state.fl.us or call me (850) 617-7510 with any of your suggestions, questions or concerns.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Thanks again for your valuable support and encouragement.

February Membership Meeting - "The Government Meeting Toolbox"

Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by – Davidson Hotel Company Hotels of Florida, Haley Bolinger, (352) 384-3400

RSVP - rsvp@sgmpfl.org

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Membership Report

As Of Our 12/09 Report
60.2% Planners
39.8% Suppliers
Planners – 68
Suppliers – 45
Not including retirees or
Educators/Students

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.

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

- February 16 – Government Meeting Toolbox
- March 16 – Ethics the Do's and Don'ts
- April 20 – Social Media Workshop
- May 4 – So you have to Plan a Meeting?
- June 20 – Honors & Awards Banquet
- July 20 – Another Meeting?
- August 17 – Annual Silent Auction

Committee Chairs

- Archives, George Fong
- Community Service, Gabrielle
- Honors & Awards, Arlene Roberts
- Member Services, Melissa Jackson
- Membership Recruitment and Retention, Lydia Southwell
- National Conference, Amy Brown
- Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith
- Publications, Arlene Roberts
- Special Events, Karen Lambert
- Sponsorship, Claire Smith
- Fundraising, Joice Ventry
- Web, Janet Roach

Looking Ahead – National Conferences:

- May 19-22, 2010 - Kansas City, MO
- June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

About the 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.



GET CONNECTED TO SGMP



PLUG INTO KANSAS CITY
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2345 McGee Street
Kansas City, Missouri, 64108
Tel: 816-421-1234
Fax: 816-435-4190
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Westin Crown Center
One East Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri, 64108
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Fax: 816-391-4438
www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com



Registration Fees

(fees are subject to change)

Government Planner member	\$325	Government Planner non-member	\$400
Contract Planner member	\$410	Contract Planner non-member	\$575
Associate Supplier member	\$550	Associate Supplier non-member	\$1,115
Supplier member (non-exhibiting)	\$610	Supplier non-member (non-exhibiting)	\$1,175
Retiree member	\$325	Guest	\$335
Educator/Student member	\$280	Gilmer Awards Banquet	\$75



Back by Popular Demand!
CGMP Course & Exam: May 16-19
Supplier Bootcamp: May 18-19

See you in Kansas City...

For updates, go to www.sgmp.org!
For questions, please contact the Meetings Team:
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Alexandria, VA 22314

New this Year!
Protocol & the Government Meeting Professional: May 18-19

Local Charity for February
Fostering Achievement Fellowship Program

By the age of 18, many children in foster care have experienced physical and mental health issues, multiple changes in elementary and secondary schools, homelessness, substance abuse, poverty and a number of other issues that may impede their ability to complete high school. For those who complete high school, the prospect of navigating the higher education maze is daunting. Historically, youth in foster care have not received the necessary support to pursue higher education opportunities or to complete degree programs at the same rates as their peers.

Research indicates youth aging out of foster care require additional social and academic supports to achieve degree completion in higher education. The Fostering Achievement Fellowship Program will provide the resources and support structure needed to ensure Fellowship recipients are successful in achieving their educational goals.

The Fostering Achievement Fellowship (FAF) Program was established to address the overwhelming need for a comprehensive support structure to assist foster youth in making the transition from a structured foster care program to independent young adulthood. The Fellowship program will provide financial, academic, and social support to assist college bound youth aging out of foster care pursue a college education.

The Fellowship program was founded on the premise that a strong, comprehensive support structure made up of adult mentoring, life skills training, financial support, and caring role models can assist these youth in overcoming the day-to-day obstacles to their success. Completion of a higher education degree or diploma has a significant and measurable impact on employment opportunities, earning potential, and an individual's sense of self worth, qualities essential to achieving independent adulthood.