



Capital Event

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President *Chris Schuh*



President's Message

Good Day to all of the Florida Capital Chapter members: With the end of the fiscal year in sight, we are reviewing our Chapter's priorities. Two of which deserve mention in this note:

- 1) Volunteer Leadership
Take Ownership – Learn Continuously
Revitalize with Succession Planning – Emphasize Sustainability

The organization cannot exist without active members who will volunteer to become leaders of the Florida Capital Chapter. A new election year is a barely a year away. Consider serving as a leader in the organization. Volunteer to actively serve on a committee. The work is educational and beneficial to your work as a meeting planner.

- 2) Membership
Recruit & Reclaim. Many suppliers would like to join the chapter, but need to have a planner who is actively involved in planning government meetings. Please encourage those you know involved in meeting planning to join – Leola Cleveland, (850) 599-3347, Pat Swartz (850) 566-0089 or Ellen Sliger (850) 570-1729 can assist with the matching. Our goal is to provide top quality education to government meeting planners. Recruitment is vital to our continued existence.

The Florida Capital Chapter exists for you the planner as well as our suppliers. The suppliers need a Return on Investment (ROI) in order to continue their participation. Please solicit proposal from the supplier members – you network for that reason.

Be an active member in the Chapter – volunteer and become a leader. Looking to the future, our primary fundraiser occurs in August and is dependent upon donation of items from you, the members. You earn PACT points for each donation. Please donate nice items, hotel stays, tickets for events, and other items that can be auctioned off at the August Silent Auction meeting.

Our April meeting will be at the candlewood suites, which is located at 2815 Lakeshore Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32312. Their phone number is (850) 597-7000. This will be hosted by your chapter.

Technology

Presented by Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli

The March meeting was an outstanding event hosted by Gabrielle Consulting, <http://gabrielleconsulting.com/> where Gabrielle K. Gabrielli, Ph.D., CGMP, a Florida Capital Chapter member presented on technology, apps and their use in your everyday life.

She also was the chef for the vegetable lasagna and shrimp fettuccini, which were outstanding. Dr. Gabrielli is a multi-talented member who sponsored, cooked and presented at the March meeting, and is available as a presenter for corporate and government meetings. You can request a listing of the topics she addresses.

Marcea K. Stokes, CEO of Cece Brown Productions-Event Planning & Catering as well as being a member of our chapter, provided crostinis, carrot and apricot salad and incredible cupcakes; Gab's sundae (Neapolitan with cherries on top and coffee shop (caramel Macchiato). She can be reached at (850) 320-7828 or cecebrown.products@gmail.com.

The education, networking and social camaraderie shared throughout the evening was worthy of attendance.

Below Jennifer Anderson (left)
Dr. Gabrielli (right)



Below Betty Ann Lewis (left)
Chris Capozzi, The Plaza
Resort & Spa Daytona Beach
(right) Chris is looking for a
planner to join



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PACT points and your membership in SGMP

As a member of the Florida Capital Chapter of the Society for Government Meeting Professionals, you receive points for your attendance, volunteer work and donations to our chapter. Attendance at a local, regional and national meeting also earns points for you. These points are used in the determination of scholarship awards at the local level as well as awards and PACT bars (white, red and blue) for significant point accumulations because of your work on behalf of the association. As such, you may be interested in tracking your accumulation of points. Below is the listing of the number of points awarded for various activities. Arlene Roberts has been the "keeper" of the points for many years. The President must provide monthly rosters of the members who registered as well as those who have attended to Ms. Roberts. Committee chairs must provide copies of their minutes so that those who attended and worked on behalf of a committee are awarded the appropriate points. If committee chairs do not submit their minutes, no points can be awarded. So, track your points – FYI.

Looking Ahead

Regional Conference
August 10-12, 2014
Atlanta, GA

National Conference
2014 Portland, OR
2015 Minneapolis, MN

Monthly Board Meetings – same day as membership meeting

Members are welcome to attend, and minutes are available upon request.

Membership Report

56.5% Planners, 52 Planners
43.5 % Suppliers, 40 Suppliers

Committee Chairs

Community Service, Buenita Lee; Honors & Awards, Mary Jo Ortiz; Membership, Leola Cleveland;
National Conference, Amy Brown; Programs, Jennifer Anderson; Publications, Arlene Roberts; Special Events, Patty Ball Thomas;
Sponsorship, Wendy Priesand; Marketing, Gabrielle Gabrielli, PhD

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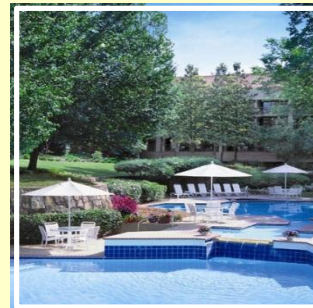
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2014 Southeast Regional Education Conference

August 10-13, 2014

Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center
2443 Highway 54 West, Peachtree City, GA



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