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President *Chris Schuh*



President's Message

Eleven member of our chapter were thrilled to be with SGMP members in Portland the first week of May at the 32nd SGMP National Education Conference & Expo (NEC). Travel Portland and the Greater Oregon chapter were truly exceptional hosts. With over 600 government meeting professionals nationwide now holding the CGMP designation, it was a great week for SGMP. Here are a few other conference updates:

In addition to the Sam Gilmer Awards and other featured annual national awards, SGMP recognized 12 chapters for their success in supporting and executing the mission of the Society. Congratulations again to our [full list of 2014 award recipients](#). The Capital Chapter was not a recipient of an award.

The Gilmer Institute of Learning (GIL) raised \$18,704 this month that will be used for national scholarships to the 2015 SGMP National Education Conference & Expo (NEC), surpassing last year's total amount. This year's annual conference featured our first-ever NEC online auction and 80 individuals donated over \$13,000 for 137 items. Winning bids ranged from \$10 to \$430 and the highest number of bids for one item was 25. The live auction held in Portland raised nearly \$4,500 for seven items. Over \$1,200 was also raised by the purchase of 50+ professional headshots in the expo hall or by simple electronic donations. The Florida Capital Chapter's members should plan on applying for scholarships for the 2015 National Education Conference.

The Supplier Appreciation meeting was hosted by the Capital Chapter thanks to the work of Amy Brown and Jennifer Anderson. Members wore their team "colors" in support of the tailgate theme. A barbeque dinner was enjoyed by the membership with door prizes awarded to four of the supplier members. Thanks to Gabrielle Gabrielli who sponsored the event location and for the use of lovely training facility for the event.

Our Honors and Awards banquet will be held on June 17 2014 at the [Sheraton Four Points](#), located at 316 W. Tennessee Street in Tallahassee. The sponsors for the event are the Daytona Hotel Partners with the contact of Jenean Chavey, 385-255-4492 x 1732. Please register by Monday, **June 9, 2014**. This will be a space-limited event with those who register having the priority for entry. **Those who DO NOT register by the deadline may not be admitted, based on the availability of space. Please REGISTER ON-LINE at [Register Online](#).**

How to Lead Your Team Through Change, presented by Donna Rynda
Submitted by Arlene Roberts (one of my favorites)

Ms. Rynda presented with an awesome amount of energy and excitement. She went through the three phases of change; bad change, good change, and what makes the difference. She explained the attributes of change, and identified leadership strategies for motivating your team through change. What is your greatest fear when you think of change? Fear of change is the unknown, changing the way we do things, making a change to something that has been done the same way for months, years, possible forever! She walked us through the four phases of change; the denial, commitment, resistance, and exploration. **Change** is all about **choice; your choice** to make a **change**. The session was very exciting and informative.

Accelerated Learning for Meeting Professionals, presented by Grace Nied, CGMP
Submitted by Arlene Roberts (another favorite)

This was another very uplifting and motivated presentation. Ms. Nied led us through accelerated learning methods. We talked about how people learn differently through visual, auditory, or kinesthetic styles. Everyone is different in the way they learn. Ms. Nied went through the successful and unsuccessful learning, the left brain, right brain dominance, and how we process our memory in receiving, storing, and recalling. We talked about the accelerated learning process – P4; Preparation, Presentation, Practice, Performance. We took a journey through the different room styles suited best for learning, for interaction and activity at meetings, how to present tables with decorations and much more. I think everyone walked away with new information from this session.

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Now is the time to sign up for the Southeast Regional Education Conference on August 10-13, 2014 at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in Peachtree City, GA, which is in south Atlanta. Mark your calendar and plan to attend remembering that for you, our members, our mission is to improve the quality and promote the cost-effectiveness of government meetings. For information, please contact [Amy N. Brown](#), CGMP.

Registration: [Register Online](#)

Looking Ahead

Regional Conference
August 10-12, 2014
Atlanta, GA

National Conference
2015 Minneapolis, MN

Monthly Board Meetings – same day as membership meeting

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

Membership Report

56.0% Planners, 51 Planners
43.0% Suppliers, 40 Suppliers

Committee Chairs

Community Service: Chris Schuh, Honors & Awards, Mary Jo Ortiz; Membership, Cherryl Faulk; National Conference, Amy Brown; Programs, Jennifer Anderson; Publications, Arlene Roberts; Special Events, Patty Ball Thomas; Sponsorship, Janet Roach, Marketing, Gabrielle Gabrielli, PhD