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*Jason Zaborske*  
*President*



## *President's Message*

I would like to thank everyone who attended the first ever SGMP Chapter Retreat. We had a great turnout, and all in attendance collaborated to create a variety of ideas to put into action that will help our chapter better serve our members.

Our first online silent auction was a huge success, raising over \$4,500. Thanks to everyone in our network who donated items for the auction. It would have not been such a huge success without each and every one of your generous donations. For those that made the bids and helped us raise funds, we truly appreciate your active involvement and participation. Please enjoy those great resort stays and be sure to say thanks to the hotels and resorts that you visit.

A special thank you to the Special Events Committee for all of their dedication and hard work they invested into ensuring that the silent auction was a success. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting!

News about our great Chapter Retreat that was also held at the Hotel Duval on August 18, 2015 from 1pm from 5pm will be forthcoming in the September Issue!

**Thank you Brett Kolmetz, Director of Sales at Hotel Duval for sponsoring the entire event!**

### ***AUCTION ACTIVITIES***

**Our Chapter Retreat & Silent Auction was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015  
Thank you Brett Kolmetz, Director of Sales at Hotel Duval for sponsoring the event!**

**Special Thanks to Amy Brown and Alfreda Prater for organizing the Auction!**

**It was a Success!! Over \$4,300 was raised!!**



**The funds are used to support our mission and goals of enhancing the knowledge and expertise of government meeting professionals. Some of the funds will be used to enable members to attend Local and National Educational events.**

**Everyone enjoyed a night of networking, shopping, and raising funds for SGMP Florida Capital Chapter. Our sponsor, Hotel Duval, made the evening extra special by hosting the event in their beautiful ballroom overlooking downtown Tallahassee.**

**Also new this year we added an online component to our Auction. All Bidding was done through a cell phone, tablet, or computer. All participants enjoyed being able to bid electronically, especially those who could not attend the event. Even our SMGP National Past President, Rob Coffman, who is located in Washington DC was able to bid and win an item!**

**A Special thanks goes to Merle Manzi for volunteering to be our Auctioneer again this year for the Live Auction! It is always a bit hit with attendees and full of lots of surprises!**

**We also would like to thank all the people who donated all the wonderful donations for the Auction! Besides wonderful hotel stays from our Suppliers; we also had unique art, jewelry, and baskets!**

### **GIL to Host Mid-Year Online Chapter Auction**

Submitted by Melinda Mintz, CGMP

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual mid-year online chapter auction hosted by the SGMP Gilmer Institute of Learning (GIL) will be launched on November 2. The auction benefits the individual SGMP chapters, and the funds raised for all items will be returned to the chapter from which they were donated. The chapter that raises the most dollars per member during the online auction will be awarded one scholarship to the 2016 NEC in San Diego. Is your chapter up to the challenge?

Examples of donations from last year's auction were:

- 2 nights in the New Orleans French Quarter with jazz brunch and attraction passes
- 4 nights in sunny Fort Myers with dinner
- A weekend in Chattanooga with VIP attraction passes and tickets to the aquarium
- 4 nights in Colorado Springs with breakfast each morning and a dinner voucher

The auction will be available to the entire SGMP membership, and all of your family, friends, and co-workers are welcome to bid as long as they have access to a mobile device or computer. Items will be mailed in time for the holidays, so browse the auction and bid on the item that would be the perfect gift this year. Plan your next couple's getaway, girls' weekend or family vacation by shopping the mid-year online chapter auction and raise money for your SGMP chapter in the meantime. Watch the **SGMP Link** and [www.sgmp.org](http://www.sgmp.org) for more information on how you can register and bid before the close of the auction on November 13, and then help spread the word by sharing the link on Facebook, Twitter, or Google+. Happy bidding!



*Some Snapshots from the Auction Night in August! The 50/50 is back! Zandra Gilley was the big cash winner! Great times! Smiling faces all around!*



**Chapter Board – Jason Zaborske, President; Chris Schuh, Immediate Past President; Lydia Southwell, First Vice President; Ashley Mayo, Second Vice President; Janet Chernoff, Secretary; Chris Cappozzi, Treasurer; Directors: Jennifer Anderson, Betty Homan-Bolick**

**SGMP Florida Capital Chapter – September 15, 2015  
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Tuesday, September 15, 11:30am – 1:00pm **Lunch Meeting**  
Aloft Tallahassee Downtown, 200 North Monroe  
Program: Time Management  
Presenter: Jennifer Anderson