



EXPAND YOUR PLANNER EXPERTISE

THE SGMP MISSION

Our mission is simple and vital - to enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals. Our focus for over 30 years has been professional education. We have transformed SGMP by expanding our member benefits to include public relations and advocacy that showcase the expertise of and trust in highly-trained government meeting planners. Government meetings benefit citizens and make government more effective. At a critical time, SGMP is serving members' needs and restoring confidence in our industry by actively promoting their critical importance to key audiences such as industry, media, Congress, and the public.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

SGMP members are professionals involved in the planning and execution of federal, state and/or municipality meetings on a full- or part-time basis. We are the only national organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to government meetings, and our objective is to improve the quality, cost-effectiveness and impact of these meetings. We work closely with our chapters to provide the best industry education available. We leverage relationships with key industry partners to expand and intensify knowledge of the fact that SGMP members are creating significant value for the American taxpayer on a daily basis.

EDUCATION, RESOURCES & NETWORKING

SGMP is a national organization with chapters from coast-to-coast and we are the preeminent voice for the government meetings industry. SGMP members benefit from the integrated value of professional education, cutting-edge resources and networking, which is delivered through the national organization and via local chapters. SGMP planners and suppliers are

empowered in their careers by the vast professional opportunities provided to them by membership in SGMP. Monthly chapter meetings and our annual convention provide our members with powerful face-to-face education, resources and networking opportunities. SGMP also offers virtual education webinars and social media interaction for all members.

FREE CHAPTER AFFILIATION

To promote regular interaction among members, each local chapter holds at least 10 face-to-face meetings per year. Local chapter affiliation is provided to every member at no additional charge and all chapter members receive additional benefits exclusively through the chapter, which are managed by volunteer leaders on the local level. SGMP members may affiliate with the chapter(s) of their choice, regardless of location. If you work in an area of the country not currently benefitting from an SGMP affiliation, we can assist in forming a new chapter.

CGMP CERTIFICATION

The Certified Government Meeting Professional ("CGMP") is the highest professional designation available specifically for government meetings. It provides specific instruction in ethics, federal budget and appropriations, acquisition and contracting, travel regulations, RFPs, risk management and protocol. We have enhanced this training in expense management best practices. Our certification is part of the solution for professional standards to government meetings. Because the CGMP is such a powerful differentiator, we are seeing a strong increase in members earning it to verify their commitment to best practices. We believe that it will soon become an expectation that government meeting planners get certified.

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HOW SGMP EXPANDS YOUR PLANNER EXPERTISE

In addition to actively promoting and restoring public confidence in our industry and providing members with immediate information about ever-changing government regulations, we expand your expertise with:

PLANNER EDUCATION

- “CGMP” designation exclusively to SGMP members
- 60-minute webinar series (live & recorded)
- Annual NEC & Expo with ~8 hours of education
- Chapter meetings featuring expert speakers

“I really appreciate the low planner member dues, but it is priceless to be with others who have the same struggles and who can help me through my daily challenges.”

PLANNER RESOURCES

- Weekly e-newsletter & quarterly magazine
- Online Suppliers Guide with searchable database
- Monthly chapter meetings at local event facilities
- Chapter websites with additional & unique resources

“I would be in bad shape if I did not have SGMP as my ‘lookout’ when the current government climate is so unstable.”

PLANNER NETWORKING

- Exclusive electronic membership directory
- NEC & Expo networking opportunities
- Social media outlets keep you in the loop every day
- Chapter meetings to build key local relationships

“SGMP delivers what it says it will. There is no other place where I can go to get the training, tools, or contacts I need to create cost-effective meetings for my agency.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website at www.sgmp.org which includes:

- The SGMP Code of Ethics
- Member benefits itemized by category
- Links to websites of our local chapters
- The course schedule for the “CGMP” certification program
- Details for the annual National Education Conference (NEC)
- Opportunities for SGMP professional training and education programs available throughout the year

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