

SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT MEETING PROFESSIONALS (SGMP)

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

WHO WE ARE

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is a nonprofit organization of professionals involved in planning government meetings, either on a full-time or part-time basis, and those individuals who supply services to government planners. SGMP is the only national organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to improving the knowledge and expertise of individuals in the planning and execution of government meetings through education, training, and industry relationships.

The SGMP Sacramento Chapter was chartered in June 1988 with 37 members and Johnna Meyers as our first Chapter President. Today the chapter is the second largest in the nation with over 198 active members. Within our chapter, our members hold many accreditations including 5 CGMP, 19 CMP, 1 CHSP, 1 CHME, 1 CTP, and 1 CMM. In addition, we have three Sam Gilmer Award Winners, three National President's Award Winners and two chapter members that have held the office of National President.

Represented in SGMP's membership are employees of federal, state, county and city government, as well as associations of governmental employees and government agencies, hoteliers, CVBs, CVAs, and airlines. SGMP is managed by a national board of directors and officers elected by the membership. Affiliate chapters elect local leadership and conduct monthly meetings in their respective areas.

Accomplishments for the Sacramento Chapter include our Award-Winning Newsletter the "PONYXPRESS." At the 2005 National Conference in Sacramento, we received second place for Newsletter of the Year; in 2006 at the National Conference in Denver, CO, we received third place; and in 2007 at the National Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, we received the coveted first place Newsletter of the Year award.

We are one of the best resources for government meeting professionals in the state. Come, join SGMP's Sacramento Chapter and become one of 198+ local members and one of the 3,500+ nationwide members who take full advantage of their member benefits that include: training workshops; continuing education units; professional certifications; access to an on-line membership directory; on-line award winning newsletters; industry forums; scholarships; a huge network of resources; and much more.

We invite visitors to join us for our Sacramento Chapter monthly education & networking meetings. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m., with registration beginning at 4:30 p.m. Locations vary among member hotels and other meeting venues in the Sacramento area. Visit our website at www.sgmpsac.org to register or for more information on our monthly meetings.

The members of the SGMP Sacramento Chapter are hard working and dedicated to the chapter. We are known for our spirit, diversity, creativity, drive, and our ability to have fun and enjoy everything we do.

THE CHAPTER BELIEVES IN:

- **Expanding the knowledge** and expertise of its members through monthly educational meetings, an annual Chapter Education Conference and the National Education Conference. Past education monthly meeting topics include: “Frazzled and Short on Time? Your CVB Can Help,” “Navigating Through Social Media,” and “Innovations in Technology.”



- **Giving back** to our community and our members. Through fundraising opportunities in 2009/2010, the Sacramento Chapter raised (close to \$2,000 and donated countless food items, jackets, scarves, gloves, pet supplies,, and gift cards for various local charities. We give back to the members that work hard for the chapter by awarding scholarships. In 2009/2010 the chapter was able to award four full and five partial scholarships to the National Conference in Kansas City.



- **Leadership** opportunities by offering team committee work, team leader roles, mentoring or running for a board position.



- **Networking** opportunities at each monthly meeting, the Silent Auction and the December Annual Holiday and Community Support Event. In 2009/10 the Chapter held two successful optional activities: Lodi Wine Tasting and Chef Tasting Night.



- **Showing our spirit and making friends** at the 2010 National Education Conference in Kansas City. The Sacramento Chapter was known for its **Spirit**-- wherever we went, it was known that the Sacramento Chapter was in the house.

