



# 2026–2027 SGMP Course Catalog

Professional Development Offerings



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## SGMP Professional Development Program Overview

SGMP has long been the primary source of professional development for government meeting professionals -- our mission and objectives have always prioritized professional development. SGMP formed the Gilmer Institute of Learning to provide support to our members and chapters through professional development opportunities.



### **CGMP Certification**

Learn more about SGMP's premier certification for government meeting professionals. Become a government meetings expert with SGMP!



### **Micro- Credentials**

Learn more about our core competency focused micro-credential program. Earn certifications in each of our twelve core competencies.



### **National Webinars**

Members enjoy monthly webinars focused on core competency topics.



### **National Education Conference**

The SGMP National Education Conference (NEC) takes place each spring and features dozens of sessions designed to support the professional development of government meeting professionals.



### **Chapter Programming**

Our local chapters offer continuing education and professional development in your area! Take advantage of in-person and online sessions on topics relevant to your local area.



### **Online Learning**

SGMP members benefit from free, on-demand learning in the new SGMP online learning portal.



## **CORE COMPETENCY EDUCATION**

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) has established 12 Core Competency Domains that form the foundation of our national and chapter professional development. Designed specifically for public sector event professionals, these competencies ensure every training session is rigorously vetted, compliant, and directly aligned with the Events Industry Council (EIC) standards.

Learn more at <https://learn.sgmp.org/core-competency>.

## The Gold Standard in Government Meetings

The Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) designation is the highest and singular credential available exclusively for government meeting professionals. In a world where compliance is everything, the CGMP provides the rigorous, specialized training required to navigate complex federal rules, serving as proof of mastery in compliance, policy, and procurement. Designed for both planners and suppliers operating under strict federal regulations, this designation is far more than a title—it has shifted from a professional advantage to a career necessity.

Recognized across both the hospitality and government sectors, holding a CGMP positions you as an elite industry expert, opens doors to advanced leadership roles, and sets the standard for the entire profession. As government agencies increasingly demand stricter oversight, many federal contracts now explicitly mandate that contract planners hold this specific certification merely to bid on or manage the business. For planners, earning your CGMP ensures advanced execution and safeguards your agency; for suppliers, it delivers an undeniable competitive edge to win and secure major contracts.

### Key Benefits of Earning Your CGMP:



**Mastery of Federal Rules:** Gain deep, specialized expertise in complex federal regulations, ethics, travel policies, and procurement guidelines.



**Mandatory Contract Eligibility:** Qualify for a growing number of government contracts that explicitly require certified professionals to bid on or manage their events.



**Career Advancement and Leadership:** Position yourself as an elite industry expert, opening doors to advanced leadership roles and higher-tier career tracks.



**Advanced Execution for Planners:** Safeguard your agency from compliance risks, budget audits, and procurement violations through solid policy adherence.



**Undeniable Edge for Suppliers:** Elevate your property or service above the competition by demonstrating a perfect understanding of public sector constraints and buying behaviors.

### EXPLORE ONLINE, ON-DEMAND, AND IN-PERSON LEARNING OPTIONS

**November 30–December 2, 2026** | Trilogy Hotel Huntsville, Autograph Collection | Huntsville, AL

**February 10–12, 2027** | Dayton Convention Center | Dayton, OH

**May 2–4, 2027** | Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown | Pittsburgh, PA

**Price:** \$649  
(includes course, text, and exam)

**Recertification:** 15 hours every 3 years  
+ \$100 recertification fee



# Micro-Credentials

The SGMP micro-credentialing program is designed to help SGMP members develop specific expertise across core competencies for government meeting planners. Members can demonstrate this expertise by completing five (5) hours of professional development in any core competency. Hours can be learned online or in-person at chapter or national events. Demonstrate your expertise across three levels: Fundamentals, Advanced, and Expert.

## GETTING STARTED

Each core competency begins with the CORE course. Available on-demand 24/7 on the SGMP Learning Platform. Courses vary from 30 to 60 minutes and cover the must-know topics for each core competency.

## ADDITIONAL HOURS

After completing the CORE course, complete an additional four (4) hours of professional development.

- Two (2) hours must be completed at the local chapter level. Hours may be virtual or in-person. If you do not have a local chapter, select any chapter relevant to your work.
- Two (2) hours may be earned via SGMP National, your local chapter, or another chapter. Formats include on-demand, virtual synchronous education such as webinars, or in-person events such as the National Education Conference.

## CERTIFICATE

After completing the required hours, you will receive an electronic certificate demonstrating your expertise. Certificates show the competency and level, for example, 'Protocol: Fundamentals.'



You must pass the CORE course and earn 4 additional domain hours, at least 2 of which must be learned at your local chapter.

## EXPLORE AVAILABLE SGMP MICRO-CREDENTIALS

**Price:** \$25 plus cost to attend chapter or other events

**Recertification:** None

**Currently Available:** Technology, Education & Programming, Leadership, Finance & Contract Management

Learn more at [www.sgmp.org/microcredentials](http://www.sgmp.org/microcredentials)



## February 24th at 1pm ET

Join us on February 24th for exclusive sessions dedicated to advancing your expertise in government meeting management! The CGMP Exchange brings together certified professionals for an interactive, high-level virtual learning experience designed to expand your skills, address current industry challenges, and keep you at the forefront of government event strategy.



**Connect with fellow CGMPs, gain actionable insights from top industry experts, and earn CEUs!**



**Learn more and register at**  
**<https://learn.sgmp.org/products/cgmp-exchange-2027>**



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## 2027 National Education Conference

### Pittsburgh, PA • May 4–6, 2027



# 20+ Hours of Education. Endless Opportunities to Connect.

When planners and suppliers come together, government events move forward. Join us at the 2027 SGMP National Education Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, for three days packed with professional growth and high-value networking.

#### NETWORKING HIGHLIGHTS



**Tuesday Welcome Reception:** Kick off the conference with Visit Pittsburgh



**Wednesday Evening “Ryeception”:** Connect at our exclusive speakeasy networking event



**Thursday Networking Hackathon:** Brainstorm and solve real industry challenges together



**Offsite Learning Labs:** Step outside the classroom for hands-on destination insights



**Planner & Supplier Roundtables:** Direct, focused conversations that drive business

Master new skills, expand your network, and elevate your events in 2027.

Learn more and register at [www.sgmp.org/nec](http://www.sgmp.org/nec)



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# ONLINE LEARNING

**learn.sgmp.org**

## **Unlock Professional Growth on Your Schedule**

Navigating the demands of government meeting planning requires staying ahead of industry standards. SGMP's state-of-the-art Learning Management System (LMS) brings flexible, high-impact professional development straight to your screen—available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



### **Exclusive Savings:**

Enjoy 24/7 access to a broad selection of courses, most of which are 100% free for SGMP members.



### **Flexible Formats:**

Earn your CGMP credential in one of three tailored learning formats built to suit your schedule and learning style.



### **12 Domains:**

Coursework directly maps to the 12 core competencies essential to the everyday success of government meeting professionals, ensuring immediate real-world application.



### **Maximum Transferability:**

Effortlessly fulfill your 15 required CGMP Continuing Education (CE) hours while simultaneously stacking credits toward other top industry certifications, including the CMP.



**Sign in using your standard SGMP login credentials to explore course offerings and begin earning credits today.**

## EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING



### Marketing: It Doesn't Have to Break Your Budget

#### [View Course](#)

Discover two no-cost ways to generate event awareness, walk away with two or more successful ideas from other SGMP members, and learn how to develop a strategy for increasing sign-up or attendance at your event.

## ETHICS



### The Morality Matrix

#### [View Course](#)

While still fun and entertaining, The Morality Matrix is a highly educational presentation that digs deep into providing participants with the hard and soft skills required to habituate ethical behavior.



### Ethics: The Value in the Grey

#### [View Course](#)

In this session we explore how our personal standards are built, reflect on the difficult truth that others have their own set of ethical standards, and discover the business case for ethics.



### Ethics in the Workplace

#### [View Course](#)

Learn about ethical issues for the events industry with Phyllis Mikolaitis.

## FINANCE & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT



### Government Contracting: Your Guide to the GSA Schedule

#### [View Course](#)

Demystify the GSA Schedule process and empower your organization to succeed in government contracting. The General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule offers unparalleled opportunities for businesses to sell products and services to federal agencies. Whether you're new to government contracting or looking to expand your federal presence, this webinar equips you with the knowledge and tools needed to make the GSA Schedule with confidence.



### Mastering Force Majeure

#### [View Course](#)

In this insightful course, event planners will delve into the intricate realm of force majeure and clause their implications on event management. We'll explore the legal and practical dimensions of force majeure, including what constitutes a force majeure event, how to draft and interpret force majeure clauses effectively, and strategies for mitigating risks associated with unforeseeable circumstances.



### System for Award Management

#### [View Course](#)

This session explains the importance of SAM for both suppliers and planners and encompasses the basics of how to register in SAM as well as how to identify actively registered businesses and organizations.

## FACILITIES & SERVICES



### The 5 W's of a WAG (NATCAP Chapter)

#### [View Course](#)

A WAG (Week-at-a-Glance or Work-at-a-Glance) is the ultimate single-source roadmap for events, conferences, and high-stakes projects. This course breaks down the Who, What, When, Where, and Why of creating and utilizing an effective WAG to eliminate confusion, streamline schedules, and keep every stakeholder aligned.



### Break the AV Glass Ceiling

#### [View Course](#)

This workshop will empower you to understand what kind of equipment, staff, and set up for what your event actually needs to function properly, look great, and be cost-effective.



### Make Comms at Your Events Accessible for All

#### [View Course](#)

Through this presentation you will learn about what it means to be Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind. Attendees will learn about different accommodations used by these populations and how to incorporate them to achieve communication equity. The presenters will share how procedures and guidelines can be altered to foster accessibility for meeting participants.



### DMCs: Who They Are & How They Can Help You

#### [View Course](#)

In this session, you'll learn about the variety of services a Destination Management Company (DMC) can assist you with, and how their ties with the destination can enhance your event and planning experience at a variety of price points and impact levels.



### Government Lodging Program

#### [View Course](#)

Get the latest inside look at the FedRooms lodging program. This session breaks down current government travel trends, high-impact program analytics, and the future roadmap for government lodging and Small Meetings Management.



### Are You Digitally Secure?

#### [View Course](#)

Today's high-profile hacks of major organizations and institutions have increased awareness of the issues of digital security, yet most people are compromising their personal and organizational information on a regular basis. This is true for your security, as well as for your team and your meeting attendees. Participants at this session will better understand the digital risks, and learn to separate truth from the hype about how secure their presence is.



### Safety and Site Selection

#### [View Course](#)

This session offers points and takeaways on how to conduct a site visit from a safety and security perspective. Venues are easy to overlook. Make sure you don't forget to include them.



### Meetings are a SNAP!

#### [View Course](#)

Designed to provide a reminder for experienced event planners and basic insight for beginners on the (4) four basic elements of event planning: Selecting the appropriate venue; Negotiating pricing and contract specifics; Arranging the necessary event services; and Planning the overall event.



### Risk Management Preparedness

#### [View Course](#)

This session will help you identify how to assess potential locations for risk management, emergency plans that every meeting planner should have in their files, and what to have in place in the event of an emergency.

## LOGISTICS

## PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Professional Networking

#### [View Course](#)

Most of us have never been taught how to network effectively. And for many, it causes apprehension and anxiety. We are here to change that, to help you reframe networking, so it feels more like a challenging adventure versus a dreaded chore. Delivered with elements of humor and improv you'll practice setting networking goals, revealing new ways of answering "what do you do?", asking "best" questions to get to know more about the person than just their profession, and establish follow up tactics to surprise and delight your new connections.



### Create Your Own Work-Life Balance

#### [View Course](#)

With so many employees working in a virtual environment, it's easy to feel like you live at work 24/7. Your office is now in your house just steps from where you sleep and eat dinner. While the benefits of being able to put laundry away during your lunch break may feel like you've got a handle on your life, the work you do is on your phone... with you... on the weekends. It can be a constant reminder that you never really left the office to decompress.



### Defeating the 4 Horsemen of The Return to Office

#### [View Course](#)

Learn how to manage the complexities of employee resistance, attrition, quiet quitting, and loss of DEI with Dr. Gleb Tsipursky.

## PROTOCOL



### VIP Government & Military Groups: Best Practices

#### [View Course](#)

Reservations at hotels for White House VIPs traveling with security details have their own set of unique requirements – from aliases, to security protocols and most importantly assigning guestrooms. We will be covering some do's and don'ts for both those at hotels managing reservations, and planners making reservations for the White House VIPs.



### Flag Protocol

#### [View Course](#)

Learn about the laws and regulations regarding the U.S. flag and patriotic customs on how to display it. Determine the precedence of and how to incorporate other flags into displays such as international flags, state and organizational flags, and positional & personal flags.



### Precedence, Forms of Address, & Seating

#### [View Course](#)

Senior ranking federal government officials, local government officials, leaders from academia and private industry, and family are all attending your next event! How do you prioritize them, how do you address them and how do you seat them?

## TECHNOLOGY



### **The Essential Audio-Visual Checklist**

#### **[View Course](#)**

Planning AV services for government events may feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. In this session, we'll dive into a proven step-by-step approach that simplifies the process, minimizes risks, and ensures every detail is covered. You'll walk away with actionable strategies and expert insights that will help you confidently plan and deliver events that leave a lasting impact. Whether you're new to AV planning or a seasoned pro, this session will equip you with the tools to avoid common pitfalls and achieve success every time.



### **From Distracted to Productive**

#### **[View Course](#)**

Common distractions make it almost impossible to get anything done. It seems like there is always SOMETHING getting in the way of what you really need to do. But with some forethought and effective strategies, as well as some discipline, it is possible to find your focus, even in a hyper-distracted world.



### **Mastering Productivity**

#### **[View Course](#)**

Efficient time management is paramount for professionals working within tight deadlines. The rapid evolution of personal productivity technology, coupled with advancements in artificial intelligence, has presented an array of tools that are not only cutting-edge but also increasingly accessible. In this session, Event Technology Specialist Yinka Freeman will guide you through the latest applications designed to save time and enhance efficiency.



### **Creating a Hybrid Event that Looks & Sounds Great**

#### **[View Course](#)**

This session shares some of the best ways to work with the audio/visual (AV) company and staff to make sure your goals are met, things run smoothly, and the event is a success - all with less stress. We'll look at all the things that can go wrong and how to prepare for them. We'll explore clever and creative ways to do more for less.



### **Harmonizing High Tech with High Touch**

#### **[View Course](#)**

In our session "Harmonizing High-Tech with High-Touch," we'll look ahead to the event trends of 2024 that skillfully combine advanced technology with the irreplaceable value of personal interaction. Find out how event professionals are using tech to cater to individual preferences, create community spaces, and build immersive experiences that feel personal, intuitive, and deeply human. Join us to learn the art of crafting events where technology feels like a natural extension of the human experience.



### **AI Evolution: Unlocking the Power of Business**

#### **[View Course](#)**

Are you ready to unlock the full potential for AI for your business? Join us to demystify this game-changing technology and explore the possibilities it holds. Don't miss this chance to stay ahead of the curve and gain the knowledge you need to drive innovation and growth in your business.

## TRAVEL: FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL



### From Travel Hell to Travel Well

#### [View Course](#)

Whether you travel domestically, internationally, only a few times a year, or are a road warrior, you will leave this session knowing the insider tips from a traditional naturopath (natural health doctor) that spent 30+ years traveling around the world for IBM...and lived to tell the stories.



### Government Travel - From the Experts

#### [View Course](#)

A session for government meeting professionals covering the paperwork side of official travel: getting a travel authorization approved (including personal vehicle use), assembling a complete travel folder, understanding a hotel credit card authorization form, and correctly reporting travel expenses, with a close look at the parking-on-the-folio-but-paid-personally rule. While the examples loosely draw on Louisiana's state travel regulations, the underlying principles apply across state and federal travel policy, including the GSA, helping attendees from any jurisdiction avoid the documentation gaps that most often delay reimbursement.

# 2026-27 National Webinars

National webinars are hosted once a month and are available free of charge to SGMP members as a benefit of membership. Our webinars satisfy continuing education requirements for the CGMP and often for other certifications such as the CMP. Webinars are recorded and are available on-demand in our learning portal.

## [VIEW OUR COMPLETE CATALOG OF WEBINARS](#)

**JULY: 7/21/2026 @ 1PM**

### **Unshakeable Resilience - Getting Comfortable with the Uncomfortable Breakthroughs**

In this energizing presentation, comedian and TEDx speaker Rory Gardiner shows leaders and teams how to transform everyday stress into sustainable performance and become more comfortable in the uncomfortable while navigating constant change. Blending real-world corporate experience with award-winning comedy and music, Gardiner delivers practical strategies to stay resilient, adaptable under pressure, and create a culture of acceptance through humor, storytelling, and actionable insights. This session helps teams bridge generational divides, strengthen collaboration, and build a culture that is more agile, engaged, and ready for whatever comes next.



**AUGUST: 8/20/2026 @ 1PM**

### **Building Trust and Influence Through Leadership and Relationship Principles**

In today's professional landscape, true leadership extends far beyond position authority—it is built on a foundation of trust, integrity, and strong interpersonal connections. Join internationally recognized speakers, social media influencers, and industry professionals to showcase your ability to inspire and engage with the audience in the intersection of leadership dynamics and ethical communication. Through a deep, thoughtful approach and a deep, honest approach, this session will cultivate an environment of mutual respect. Whether you are looking to inspire others or to strengthen stakeholder partnerships, this session will equip you with the essential tools to lead with authentic influence and uphold the highest ethical standards.



**SEPTEMBER: 9/17/2026 @ 1PM**

### **CALM in the Chaos - How to Thrive in Uncertainty Without Burning Out**

Government meeting professionals know that uncertainty comes with the job. Budgets shift. Speakers cancel. Priorities change. Unexpected challenges seem to have a way of showing up at the worst possible time. The goal is to build a leadership that can inspire and engage with the audience while maintaining a high level of quality. Through unforgettable storytelling and practical strategies, Erin Mark shares the CALM Framework, helping attendees stop wasting energy on what they can't control and start focusing on what they can. Attendees will leave with practical tools to navigate uncertainty, make better decisions under pressure, and move forward with plans, laying out the direction of the industry.



**OCTOBER: 10/13/2026 @ 1PM**

### **Government Travel, Per Diems, and RFPs**

A session for government meeting professionals covering the paperwork side of official travel: getting a travel authorization approved (including personal vehicle use), assembling a complete travel folder, unloading personal belongings from the airport, and correctly reporting travel expenses. While the examples draw on Louisiana's state travel regulations, the underlying principles apply across state and federal travel policy, including the S&A, helping attendees from any jurisdiction avoid the documentation gaps that most often delay reimbursement.



**NOVEMBER: 11/12/2026 @ 1PM**

### **Government Travel Essentials**

Master the essential documentation and administrative workflows required for smooth, compliant government travel. Designed for government meeting professionals, this course breaks down the critical paperwork side of official travel—from securing pre-travel authorizations and personal vehicle approvals to assembling an airtight travel folder. Participants will learn how to properly process hotel credit card authorization forms, navigate tricky expense reporting nuances like personally paid parking on hotel folios, and eliminate the common documentation gaps that delay reimbursement. Attendees from any jurisdiction will be equipped with actionable strategies to ensure error-free travel processing.



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**JANUARY: 1/21/2027 @ 1PM ET**

### **Accessibility In Action**

Discover how a Minnesota lake resort set a new benchmark for inclusive hospitality by investing time and care into training their staff to thoughtfully engage with a visiting group of students that are blind and low vision. Throughout the weekend, employees learned practical strategies for clear communication, safe guidance, and creating an environment where every guest felt confident and welcomed. This session highlights how meeting the accessibility needs of all guests not only enhances individual experiences but also strengthens a resort's overall service culture.



**FEBRUARY: 2/11/2027 @ 1PM ET**

### **The Language of Leadership**

In this engaging, science-backed session, Jamie Turner walks attendees through practical techniques to communicate with greater impact and influence. Key Takeaways:

- The Connection Code: Leverage a practical framework to boost persuasion and clarity.
- Emotional Intelligence: Stay composed and navigate high-pressure situations with ease.
- Difficult Conversations: Address tough topics with empathy, professionalism, and tact.
- Positive Culture & Conflict: Turn differing opinions into drivers for team growth.
- Active Listening: Uncover root causes in workplace conflict to find fast resolutions.



**Additional webinars will be held in March, April, and June 2027.**

### **View Our Past Webinars**

[Best Practices for VIP Government & Military Groups](#)

[How to Plan for and Make Communication at Your Events Accessible and Inclusive for ALL](#)

[Designing for Meetings & Gatherings: Location, Scenery, and Imagery](#)

[Know Before You Go - Protocol for Today's Meetings and Events](#)

[Re-Imagining Your Positive Work Culture for the Government Work Environment](#)

[Ethical Boundaries in Government Meetings - Leading with Integrity in the Age of AI](#)

[Branding on a Budget](#)

[Gear Up for Greatness - Using The Six Gears of Grategy® to Attract and Keep Your Best People](#)

[Shake, Rattle, and Roll - Updates on the Government Market](#)

[ChatGPT Live: Real-Time Solutions for Event Professionals](#)

[From Frustration to Flourishing: Mastering Generative AI Adoption for Meeting Planners](#)

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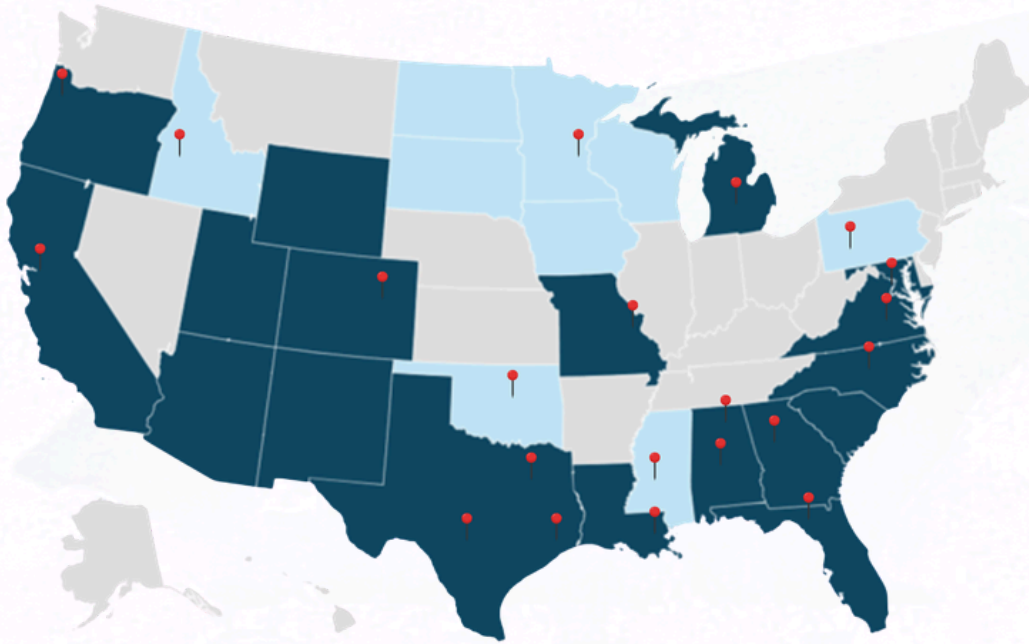
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# Chapter Calendars



SGMP ARIZONA CHAPTER

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AUGUST  
2026



8/12/26

## Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport

Learn about the SGMP Arizona Chapter, and take an informative tour of the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Logistics

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/16/26

## Panel Discussion

Learn about the Certified Government Meeting Professional program and how sponsoring SGMP can benefit your organization. Panel discussion

Education & Programming

Venue TBA

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/1-14

## SGMPAZ Annual Auction

Support our chapter's scholarship program with your donations and your bids!

Online

DECEMBER  
2026



12/9/26

## Holiday Gathering

End the year on a high note by expanding your professional circle at the Arizona Chapter Holiday gathering.

Stay tuned for more programming from the SGMP Arizona Chapter!

## MONTHLY EVENT PRICING

\$10.00 - in person events

\$5.00 - virtual events

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/ARIZONA](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/ARIZONA)



## SGMP CAROLINAS CHAPTER

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AUGUST  
2026



8/20/26

### Chapter Kickoff

Learn about what's being planned for the chapter 2026-27 year! We'll also talk about how to maximize your SGMP membership.

Education & Programming  
Planners & Suppliers - Virtual

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/10/26

### Disaster Preparedness

Prepare for emergencies before they occur, making sound decisions during an incident, and supporting continuity and recovery afterward.

Logistics  
DoubleTree by Hilton Wilmington

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/12/26

### Human Centered Leadership

Gain the tools to support your team authentically while driving accountability and sustained performance.

Leadership  
Courtyard by Marriott Raleigh Midtown

JANUARY  
2027



1/14/27

### Building Strong Relationships

Successful events happen when planners and suppliers share expectations early, communicate openly, understand each other's realities, and work toward the same experience.

Business Management  
Courtyard by Marriott Charlotte Arrowood

MARCH  
2027



3/11/27

### General Programming

This session will be designed around one of SGMP's 12 Core Competencies.

TBD  
Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Airport

APRIL  
2027



4/22/27

### Education Day

Join your chapter to earn multiple CEUs at this full day of chapter education.

Multiple  
AC Hotel Biltmore Village

## THANK YOU!

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHAPTER SPONSORS

ATRIUM HOSPITALITY: THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION  
COLUMBIA SC METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON WILMINGTON, NC  
EXPERIENCE COLUMBIA SC

MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER  
SHERATON MYRTLE BEACH  
SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS  
SUMMIT HOSPITALITY GROUP

### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

\$20.00 Planner Member  
\$25.00 Planner Non-Member  
\$40.00 Supplier Member  
\$50.00 Supplier Non-Member  
\$20.00 Virtual Member/Non-Member  
\$10.00 Student/Educator/Retiree

### VISIT

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/CAROLINAS-CHAPTER](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/CAROLINAS-CHAPTER)



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| <p>JULY<br/>2026</p>  <p>7/28/26</p>      | <p><b>Running a Charitable Campaign</b></p> <p>Running a charitable campaign can be fun. In this session, we'll talk about strategies to make your campaign successful, engaging your audience, and fun!</p> <p>Education &amp; Programming<br/>Hybrid</p>                          | <p>AUGUST<br/>2026</p>  <p>8/5/26</p>     | <p><b>Florida Education Summit 2026</b></p> <p>Join us for two outstanding programs designed to help you earn CEUs, expand your professional knowledge, and connect with fellow meeting professionals.</p> <p>Multiple<br/>Hybrid</p>                           |
| <p>OCTOBER<br/>2026</p>  <p>10/20/26</p>  | <p><b>Event Horror Stories</b></p> <p>Ever had a vendor no-show, a main stage blackout, or a microphone system fail mid-keynote? You're not alone. Join us for Event Horror Stories: What Went Wrong and What We Learned.</p> <p>Education &amp; Programming<br/>Hybrid</p>         | <p>DECEMBER<br/>2026</p>  <p>12/15/26</p> | <p><b>Holiday Networking Event</b></p> <p>End the year on a high note by expanding your professional circle at the Florida Chapter Holiday Networking Event.</p> <p>In Person</p>                                                                               |
| <p>JANUARY<br/>2027</p>  <p>1/29/27</p> | <p><b>AI: Safe Software Action Plan</b></p> <p>AI is changing the way meetings are planned, promoted, documented, and analyzed, but implementing new tech without a safety net can leave your organization vulnerable.</p> <p>Technology<br/>Hybrid</p>                             | <p>MARCH<br/>2027</p>  <p>3/16/27</p>   | <p><b>Concessions: An In-Depth Look</b></p> <p>This deep dive explores how to look beyond standard room rebates to secure custom perks, eliminate hidden venue costs, and build maximum flexibility into your group agreements.</p> <p>Logistics<br/>Hybrid</p> |
| <p>JUNE<br/>2027</p>  <p>TBD</p>        | <p><b>Florida Education Summit 2027</b></p> <p>Join government meeting professionals and industry suppliers from across the Sunshine State for a half day of expert-led education, professional development CEU credits, and valuable networking.</p> <p>Multiple<br/>In Person</p> |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Government planner - \$5.00

Contract planner - \$10.00

Supplier - \$15.00

Guest - \$10.00

Non-Member - \$25.00

Retiree, Student, or Educator - \$0.00 (FREE)

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[WWW.SGMP.ORG/FLORIDA-CHAPTER](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/FLORIDA-CHAPTER)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/16/26

## Plan Like a Pro

Learn strategic tools and best practices to adopt a professional meeting planner mindset—helping effectively manage compliant events.

Finance & Contract Management  
In Person (The Regus - Glenridge)

OCTOBER  
2026



10/26/26

## Strategic Planning Session

Engage in guided discussions to evaluate organizational goals, align event priorities, share industry best practices, and contribute actionable insights.

Leadership

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/18/26

## Balancing the Booking

Explore techniques to maintain mental clarity, manage workload pressure, and foster sustainable work-life balance.

Personal & Professional Development

APRIL  
2027



4/15/27

## Membership Fair

Join our chapter as we present the numerous benefits of joining SGMP & learn how you can make SGMP work for you!

In Person

### Stay Tuned!

The SGMP Georgia Peach Chapter will be planning more events this fiscal year. Check out our website for more details about upcoming events!

### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Member Planner \$20

Non-Member Planner \$25

Member Supplier \$30

Non-Member Supplier \$35

Educator/Student/Honorary Member: \$10

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[WWW.SGMP.ORG/GEORGIA-PEACH](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/GEORGIA-PEACH)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

OCTOBER  
2026

10/19/26

## All the Scary Things

Prepares government meeting planners to manage sudden event disruptions, logistical emergencies, and unexpected site crises with confidence and structured response protocols.

Logistics

NOVEMBER  
2026

11/17/26

## Ethics & Government Agencies

Teaches planners and suppliers how to navigate complex government gift regulations, vendor interactions, and procurement rules while maintaining strict ethical compliance.

Ethics

DECEMBER  
2026

12/17/26

## Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction

Offers a festive seasonal gathering for chapter members and industry partners to network, celebrate achievements, and bid on silent auction items in support of chapter initiatives.

In Person

JANUARY  
2027

TBD

## January Networking Event

Provides a relaxed setting for government planners and hospitality suppliers to foster professional connections and share insights for the upcoming year.

In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027

TBD

## Accessibility

Guides meeting professionals through physical and digital accessibility standards to ensure event venues, digital registration platforms, and presentation materials fully accommodate all attendees.

Education &amp; Programming

MARCH  
2027

TBD

## March Networking Event

Connects chapter members, planners, and regional suppliers to collaborate, build industry partnerships, and exchange best practices.

In Person

APRIL  
2027

TBD

## Per Diem Rates & Group Blocks

Covers practical strategies for managing GSA per diem lodging limits, negotiating dynamic rate drop clauses, and managing risk in hotel group block contracts.

Finance &amp; Contract Management

JUNE  
2027

TBD

## Protocol

Outlines essential VIP decorum, flag etiquette, security protocols, and ceremonial standards required for government-sponsored meetings and official functions.

Protocol

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

\$10.00 General Events

*additional fees for networking and social events may apply*

**VISIT**[WWW.SGMP.ORG/GOLDEN-STATE](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/GOLDEN-STATE)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

OCTOBER  
2026



10/1/26

## Destination Spotlight

Get an inside look at three of Oregon's unique meeting destinations—Lane County, Salem, and Portland.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/5/26

## Change Management

Participants will explore strategies to overcome stakeholder resistance, communicate operational shifts effectively, and maintain project momentum despite external disruption.

Personal & Professional Development  
In Person

DECEMBER  
2026



12/3/26

## Supplier / Planner Roundtable

Participants will collaborate across tables to unpack real-world scenarios, leaving with actionable strategies to build stronger, more transparent working relationships.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

JANUARY  
2027



1/7/27

## The Room is the Resource

Work through attendee selected topics to solve real world planner and supplier problems.

Personal & Professional Development  
In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



2/4/27

## Women's Health

This dynamic session explores evidence-based strategies for integrating preventative women's health into daily practice, workplace policy, and long-term well-being.

Personal & Professional Development  
In Person

MARCH  
2027



3/14-16/27

## Annual Education Conference

Connect with regional planners and industry suppliers at the AEC for localized training, essential industry updates, and impactful networking tailored to the local government meetings community.

Multiple  
In Person

APRIL  
2027



4/29/27

## April 2027 Meeting: TBD

General education and professional development for GOSGMP members and guests.

TBD  
In Person

JUNE  
2027



6/3/27

## Government Procurement: DAS

Participants will gain clear strategies to streamline contracting, maintain fiscal compliance, and eliminate administrative bottlenecks for state-level events.

Finance & Contract Management  
In Person

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Planner = \$30.00

\$0.00 Planner (Guest)

Supplier = \$50.00

\$60.00 Supplier (Non-Member)

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/GREATER-OREGON](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/GREATER-OREGON)



## SGMP LOUISIANA CHAPTER

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

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| <b>AUGUST</b><br>2026<br><br>8/13/26    | <b>20th Anniversary Kickoff</b><br><b>An interactive discussion on SGMP Louisiana's past, future, and meaningful opportunities to get involved.</b><br><br>Planners & Suppliers<br>Hilton New Orleans Airport                                            | <b>SEPTEMBER</b><br>2026<br><br>9/10/26  | <b>Louisiana State Travel Regs</b><br><b>Overview of Louisiana's updated travel regulations designed to help travelers and travel coordinators navigate policy changes.</b><br><br>Travel<br>Hybrid                   |
| <b>OCTOBER</b><br>2026<br><br>10/8/26   | <b>Chapter Education Conference</b><br><b>A full day dedicated to professional development &amp; chapter engagement through educational sessions tailored to the government meetings community.</b><br><br>Personal & Professional Development<br>Hybrid | <b>NOVEMBER</b><br>2026<br><br>11/12/26  | <b>Building Resilience</b><br><b>Attendees will learn how to recognize stress response and some accessible tools to manage it.</b><br><br>Personal & Professional Development<br>Hybrid                               |
| <b>JANUARY</b><br>2027<br><br>1/14/27 | <b>Ethics in the Grey Zone</b><br><b>Examine practical ethics case studies to strengthen decision-making and ensure compliance in government meetings.</b><br><br>Ethics<br>Hybrid                                                                       | <b>FEBRUARY</b><br>2027<br><br>2/11/27 | <b>Meeting Planning Apps</b><br><b>Explore practical apps &amp; digital tools that help government meeting professionals plan smarter, communicate effectively, &amp; stay organized.</b><br><br>Technology<br>Hybrid |
| <b>APRIL</b><br>2027<br><br>4/8/27    | <b>Dealing with Difficult People</b><br><b>Discover practical approaches for building stronger supplier relationships while navigating difficult conversations and expectations.</b><br><br>Personal & Professional Development<br>Hybrid                | <b>JUNE</b><br>2027<br><br>6/10/27     | <b>Canva Basics</b><br><b>Explore the fundamentals of Canva to create professional, eye-catching graphics for presentations, social media, marketing materials, &amp; chapter comms.</b><br><br>Technology<br>Hybrid  |

### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Planner Member \$25

Supplier Member \$35

1st or 2nd time attendee Non-Member Guest \$0

Non-Member Guest \$45

Retiree \$25

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/LOUISIANA](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/LOUISIANA)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

AUGUST  
2026



8/19/26

## Partners, Not Opponents

Frustrated that your message isn't getting through to your team or leadership? Exhausted trying to engage and motivate people within the organization?

Business Management  
In Person

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/16/26

## Disability Inclusion

This program goes beyond ADA compliance to reveal the key factors that create genuinely disability-inclusive environments for clients and staff alike.

Education & Programming  
In Person

OCTOBER  
2026



10/21/26

## Michigan Government Travel

This session covers the latest per diem rates, travel regulations, and meeting cost optimization strategies while providing valuable insights into government travel needs.

Travel  
In Person

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/18/26

## Designing Events for Good

What if your next meeting left the community a better than it found it? Meetings and events can do more than fill a venue; they can leave a lasting positive mark on their host communities.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

DECEMBER  
2026



12/16/26

## Working with CVBs

CVBs are your secret weapon to make planning easier. Join us for a panel discussion.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



2/17/27

## Decoding the AV Quote

Learn about how to make the most out of your AV budget by understanding each component of the production.

Technology  
In Person

APRIL  
2027



4/21/27

## Music Licensing Logistics

Do you know what's required for music licensing for your event? Make sure you know what to do to stay compliant.

Logistics  
In Person

MAY  
2027



5/19/27

## Supplier / Planner Panel

Let's get down to brass tacks in this session where suppliers & planners discuss their sticking points and needs together.

Education & Programming  
In Person

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Member Planner - \$25

Member Supplier - \$35

Member Educator/Student/Retiree - \$25

Non-Member Planner - \$30

Non-Member Supplier - \$40

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/MICHIGAN](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/MICHIGAN)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/10/26

## Jefferson City in Focus

Get an inside look at the latest tourism initiatives and conference center developments shaping Jefferson City as a destination for government and association meetings.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

OCTOBER  
2026



10/8/26

## Navigating Conflict

This session will provide MOCAP members with practical strategies for recognizing, managing, and resolving conflict in the fast-paced world of government meetings.

Leadership  
In Person

DECEMBER  
2026



12/10/26

## Safe Meetings, Safer Roads

Learn about how planners manage alcohol, transportation, vendors, venues, contracts, attendee safety, and organizational risk.

Logistics  
In Person

JANUARY  
2027



1/14/27

## Preventing Harassment

Learn to recognize inappropriate behavior, understand your role in preventing harassment. Learn practical strategies for responding to concerns in a professional and appropriate manner.

Ethics  
In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



2/11/27

## Navigating MO Meeting Regs

A practical overview of key Missouri regulations that can impact government meetings.

Ethics  
In Person

MARCH  
2027



3/11/27

## The Power of Service

Explore how effective communication, meaningful connections, and a service-focused mindset can strengthen relationships with clients, attendees, colleagues, and hospitality partners.

Personal & Professional Development  
In Person

APRIL  
2027



4/8/27

## Contracts, Liability, Compliance

A practical look at common legal issues that arise when working with hotels, venues, suppliers, and other hospitality partners

Finance & Contract Management  
In Person

JUNE  
2027



6/10/27

## Technology Made Easy

Tools and solutions to help government meeting professionals simplify planning, improve communication, enhance attendee engagement, and manage meetings more efficiently.

Technology  
In Person

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Monthly meetings are \$11 for planners and \$26 for suppliers.

Non-members may attend their first event for free. They may attend a second meeting without joining if they pay, but must join to attend a third event.

## VISIT

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/MISSOURI-STATE-CAPITAL](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/MISSOURI-STATE-CAPITAL)

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

OCTOBER  
2026



10/13/26

## Webinar: Government Travel

A session for government meeting professionals covering the paperwork side of official travel.

Travel  
Virtual

NOVEMBER  
2026



TBD

## Fall Education

This session breaks down the latest federal travel regulations and contract law updates to help you mitigate financial risk, audit your digital footprint, and negotiate smarter hotel contracts.

Multiple  
In Person

DECEMBER  
2026



TBD

## Holiday Gathering

Join us for an evening of festive networking, holiday cheer, and connection with fellow government meeting professionals as we celebrate the season together.

In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



TBD

## 40th Anniversary Celebration

Join us to celebrate 40 years of NATCAP with food, fun, and networking with your NATCAP peers!

In Person

MARCH  
2027



TBD

## Spring Education

Join the NATCAP chapter for 2-3 hours of professional development at our Spring Education Day!

Multiple  
In Person

[MONTH  
YEAR]



[DATE]

## Webinar: AI for Govt Meetings

Learn what you need to know to remain compliant while streamlining your workload in government meetings.

Technology  
Virtual

### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Planners - \$25 Regular  
Suppliers - \$35 Regular

### VISIT

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/NATIONAL-CAPITAL](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/NATIONAL-CAPITAL)



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER  
SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT MEETING PROFESSIONALS

## SGMP OLD DOMINION CHAPTER

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

SEPTEMBER  
2026



### The Ghost in the Machine

This session explores the ethics of AI decision-making, examines how complex systems obscure liability, & discusses strategies for maintaining human accountability in an AI-driven world.

Ethics  
In Person

OCTOBER  
2026



### Workin' It: Leading Teams

This engaging session gives leaders practical strategies to create teams where people take ownership, follow through, show initiative, and strive for excellence.

Business Management  
In Person

NOVEMBER  
2026



### Working with DMOs

This session provides government planners & suppliers with a clear, practical roadmap for leveraging DMOs to save time, maximize budgets, and elevate government meetings.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

JANUARY  
2027



### ADA Requirements: Service Animals

This session equips government meeting planners and hospitality partners with clear, actionable strategies to ensure full ADA compliance.

Logistics  
In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



### Contract Negotiations

Planners and suppliers will learn how to draft, evaluate, and negotiate core contract language to protect their organizations, mitigate risk, and operate within strict fiscal constraints.

Financial & Contract Management  
In Person

MARCH  
2027



### Chapter Education Conference

Elevate your expertise, strengthen industry connections, and navigate the evolving public sector landscape.

Multiple  
In Person

APRIL  
2027



### Leadership

This interactive session explores core leadership principles tailored specifically for the public sector environment.

Leadership  
In Person

JUNE  
2027



### Chapter Awards & NEC Recap

We will honor the dedication, leadership, and hard work of our members during our annual Chapter Awards presentation. Then, we'll dive into a dynamic NEC Recap.

Education & Programming  
In Person

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

\$25.00 Supplier Member

\$30.00 Supplier Guest

\$0.00 Planner Member

\$0.00 Contract Planner Member

\$0.00 Planner Guest

\$0.00 Retiree Member

## VISIT

[HTTPS://OLDDOMINIONSGMP.ORG/](https://olddominionsgmp.org/)



**SGMP ROCKET CITY ALABAMA CHAPTER**

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

## Earn Your Government Meeting Specialist Certificate with Rocket City!

The Government Meeting Specialist (GMS) Certificate is an SGMP Chapter program recommended for all planners and suppliers seeking the knowledge to perform the functions of their employment effectively and professionally in the meeting industry. This voluntary certificate requires participation in education programs which benefit both planners and suppliers who are new and experienced meeting professionals. The program is especially beneficial for government meeting professionals who are new to the industry, serves as an excellent precursor to the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) designation, and offers government meeting training focused on state and local topics.

## 2026-2027 Programming

Our complete programming calendar will be available soon. To earn your GMS with Rocket City, be sure to participate in our local chapter events, attend national webinars, and join us at the National Education Conference May 4-6, 2027 in Pittsburgh, PA.

## Learn more

To learn more about the GMS, visit [www.sgmp.org/gms-certificate](http://www.sgmp.org/gms-certificate).



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## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Coming soon!

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/ROCKET-CITY-ALABAMA](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/ROCKET-CITY-ALABAMA)

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

## 2026 Fall Education Conference



**October 29 & 30, 2026**



**Hotel Polaris**

**8989 North Gate Boulevard  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921**

This year's conference is designed to provide educational sessions and networking opportunities for attendees. The agenda will highlight meeting planning, communication, and collaboration between government planners and suppliers. We are finalizing a dynamic speaker lineup, and attendees can earn a minimum of 4 CEUs during the event.

We will kick off the conference with lunch on Thursday, October 29th and conclude by 4 pm on Friday, October 30th.

This year's Fall Education Conference will include a 50/50 raffle and one grand raffle item. We hope you will buy raffle tickets to support the Chapter scholarship program and education sessions.



### Scholarships Available

**Planner scholarships are available. For more information, please contact SGMP RMC President Trustee Patricia Williams, CGMP at [patricia@majoritieschiefs.com](mailto:patricia@majoritieschiefs.com).**

**[View the scholarship flyer](#)**

#### Conference Pricing

\$75 Planner (Member)  
\$125 Planner (Non-Member)  
\$275 Supplier (Member)  
\$100 Guest (of a member)

#### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

\$20.00 Planner Member  
\$30.00 Supplier Member

**VISIT**

**[WWW.SGMP.ORG/ROCKY-MOUNTAIN](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/ROCKY-MOUNTAIN)**



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

AUGUST  
2026



8/11/26

## The AI Advantage

Join us for an interactive session on leveraging AI to create marketing content, streamline workflows, boost attendee engagement, and work smarter, not harder.

Technology  
In Person

SEPTEMBER  
2026



9/15/26

## Mentorship & Leadership

Mentorship as a relational and healing-centered space for leadership development.

Personal & Professional Development  
In Person

OCTOBER  
2026



10/13/26

## Strategic Decision-Making

Focuses on evaluating complex variables, managing risks, and applying data-driven framework analysis to make high-impact operational and budgetary choices for government meetings.

Leadership  
In Person

NOVEMBER  
2026



11/10/26

## Contract Negotiation Strategies

Covers practical techniques for government planners to secure favorable hotel terms, build in dynamic pricing adjustments, and establish protective cancellation and attrition language.

Finance & Contract Management  
In Person

JANUARY  
2027



1/12/26

## Event Crisis Management

Prepares planners to develop proactive emergency response protocols, coordinate safety logistics, and effectively manage unexpected disruptions during government events.

Logistics  
In Person

FEBRUARY  
2027



2/9/26

## Navigating Conflicts of Interest

Teaches planners and suppliers how to maintain strict ethical standards, comply with government gift and procurement laws, and avoid potential compliance violations.

Ethics  
In Person

APRIL  
2027



4/13/26

## Government Event Protocol

Outlines proper VIP decorum, seating arrangements, security coordination, and official procedures required for government-hosted ceremonies and high-profile meetings.

Protocol  
In Person

MAY  
2027



5/11/26

## Trends in Govt Meeting Planning

Explores emerging industry shifts, technological advancements, shifting attendee expectations, and evolving federal policy directives impacting the future of public-sector events.

Facilities & Services  
In Person

### Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

Planner Registration Fee \$15.00

Supplier Registration Fee \$40.00

First time attendee - FREE

**VISIT**

[WWW.SGMP.ORG/SAN-ANTONIO-ALAMO](http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/SAN-ANTONIO-ALAMO)



# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

OCTOBER  
2026



10/21/26

## Cvent for Government Meetings

This session breaks down how to leverage Cvent's key features to streamline registration, manage budget tracking, and ensure total policy adherence.

Logistics  
Austin, TX

DECEMBER  
2026



12/10/26

## Chapter Holiday Mixer

Join the SGMP Texas Chapter for an evening of festive networking, holiday cheer, and connection with fellow government meeting professionals as we celebrate the season together.

Austin, TX

FEBRUARY  
2027



2/17/27

## Working with CVBs

Demystify how CVBs operate and gain actionable strategies for partnering with bureaus to streamline site selection, negotiate favorable terms, and stretch your meeting budget.

Facilities & Services  
Visit Austin, Austin, TX

APRIL  
2027



4/21/27

## AI Workflows

Attend this session to cut through the noise, see what's possible, and discover how to truly put AI to work for you.

Technology  
Virtual Event

JUNE  
2027



6/16/27

## Best Practices in Preparedness

This course provides actionable strategies to evaluate risks, establish robust security protocols, and develop comprehensive emergency response plans for meetings and events.

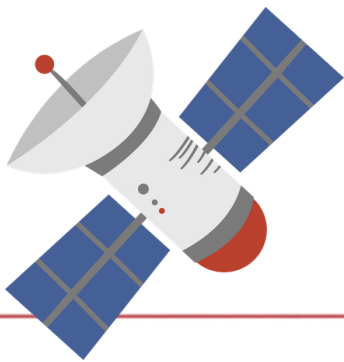
Logistics  
Waco, Texas

## Monthly Chapter Event Pricing

- \$20.00 Planner Member
- \$25.00 Planner Non-Member
- \$40.00 Supplier Member
- \$50.00 Supplier Non-Member
- \$20.00 Virtual Member/Non-Member
- \$10.00 Student/Educator/Retiree

**VISIT**

[HTTPS://SGMPAUSTIN.ORG/](https://sgmpaustin.org/)



## SGMP SATELLITE CHAPTERS

# 2026-27 Professional Development Calendar

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| <b>BIRMINGHAM</b><br>    | <b>Birmingham Programs</b><br><b>December 10, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>February 17, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Disaster Preparedness<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/BIRMINGHAM-SATELLITE-CHAPTER">WWW.SGMP.ORG/BIRMINGHAM-SATELLITE-CHAPTER</a> | <b>NORTHERN LIGHTS</b><br> | <b>Northern Lights Programs</b><br><b>December 10, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>February 11, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Share the Love of Travel & Events<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/NORTHERN-LIGHTS-SATELLITE">WWW.SGMP.ORG/NORTHERN-LIGHTS-SATELLITE</a> |
| <b>MISSISSIPPI</b><br>   | <b>Mississippi Programs</b><br><b>December 9, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><b>June 16, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Disaster Preparedness<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/LOUISIANA-CHAPTER-ABOUT">WWW.SGMP.ORG/LOUISIANA-CHAPTER-ABOUT</a>               | <b>OKLAHOMA</b><br>        | <b>Oklahoma Programs</b><br><b>December 10, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><b>June 17, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Disaster Preparedness<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/OKLAHOMA">WWW.SGMP.ORG/OKLAHOMA</a>                                                          |
| <b>NORTH TEXAS</b><br> | <b>North Texas Programs</b><br><b>December 10, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><b>June 16, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Disaster Preparedness<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/NORTH-TEXAS-SATELLITE-CHAPTER">WWW.SGMP.ORG/NORTH-TEXAS-SATELLITE-CHAPTER</a>  | <b>PITTSBURGH</b><br>    | <b>Pittsburgh Programs</b><br><b>December 10, 2026 (in person)</b><br>Chapter Holiday Mixer<br><b>April 21, 2027 (webinar)</b><br>AI Workflows for Government Meeting Planners<br><b>June 16, 2027 (in person)</b><br>Disaster Preparedness<br><a href="http://WWW.SGMP.ORG/PITTSBURGH-SATELLITE-CHAPTER">WWW.SGMP.ORG/PITTSBURGH-SATELLITE-CHAPTER</a>                |

Satellite Chapters offer SGMP members an opportunity to provide local professional development, leadership, and networking opportunities as membership numbers and interest in a local area grows. Satellite Chapters are mentored by a parent chapter as they develop leadership and local interest.

**Members of Satellite Chapters are welcome to attend all parent chapter events as well as their Satellite Chapter events.** Satellite Chapter host multiple events each year, with at least one (1) of these events offering professional development.



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Professionals

# At Large Member Learning Opportunities

Virtual & Hybrid Courses | October 2026–June 2027

## OCTOBER

### Florida Chapter

#### Event Horror Stories: What Went Wrong & What We Learned

October 20, 2026 | Education & Programming  
[www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter](http://www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter)

Hybrid

## NOVEMBER

### Louisiana Chapter

#### Building Resilience: Strategies to Manage Stress and Avoid Burnout

November 12, 2026 | Personal & Professional Dev.  
[www.sgmp.org/louisiana-chapter-events](http://www.sgmp.org/louisiana-chapter-events)

Hybrid

## JANUARY

### Louisiana Chapter

#### Ethics in the Grey Zone: Fam trips, Rewards, and Vendor Relationships

January 14, 2027 | Ethics  
[www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter](http://www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter)

Hybrid

### Florida Chapter

#### AI: Safe software action plan

January 19, 2027 | Technology  
[www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter](http://www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter)

Hybrid

## FEBRUARY

### Louisiana Chapter

#### Meeting Planning Apps & Mardi Gras Celebration

February 11, 2027 | Technology  
[www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter](http://www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter)

Hybrid

## MARCH

### Florida Chapter

#### Concessions: An in-depth look

March 16, 2027 | Logistics  
[www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter](http://www.sgmp.org/florida-chapter)

Hybrid

## APRIL

### Louisiana Chapter

#### Dealing with Difficult People: The Supplier Perspective

April 8, 2027 | Personal & Professional Development  
[www.sgmp.org/louisiana-chapter-events](http://www.sgmp.org/louisiana-chapter-events)

Hybrid

### Texas Lone Star Capital Chapter & Satellite Chapters

#### AI for Government Meetings

April 21, 2027 | Technology

Virtual

## JUNE

### Louisiana Chapter

#### Canva Basics

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