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A Letter from our President

Dear SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the blossoming of spring. It's been an exhilarating start to 2024, filled with vibrant Chapter gatherings, and I am excited for the multitude of meetings and events we are planning for the remainder of the year.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Chele Clark for being recognized as an SGMP Legacy Award Honoree! In its inaugural year, the SGMP Legacy Award honors members who have made significant contributions to SGMP over the years. Chele's unwavering dedication, both to our Rocky Mountain Chapter and at the national level, embodies the essence of this prestigious accolade. I consider myself fortunate to have Chele as both a mentor and a friend.

Additionally, I am delighted to welcome our newest Board Members, Meg Caldwell and Kelly Nelson. Meg has assumed the role of 2nd Vice President, while Kelly will join us as Treasurer in July.

Looking ahead, we have a lineup of exciting SGMP events on the horizon. Mark your calendars for April 23rd, when Brett Sterenson from Hotel Lobbyists will lead our Chapter education meeting. Join Brett and your fellow Chapter colleagues to delve into the intricacies of why hotels sometimes decline business offers.

As we gear up for the 2024 NEC, scheduled for May 7th to 9th in Omaha, Nebraska, I urge you to secure your spot before registration closes. This promises to be an enriching experience with a roster of exceptional speakers lined up.

Save the date for our Rocky Mountain Chapter Gala on Thursday, June 27th. Stay tuned for further details as we finalize the arrangements.

I also want to extend an invitation to our monthly in-person or virtual board meetings. Whether you're interested in learning more about the Chapter, joining a committee, or potentially serving on the Board, your participation is invaluable. These meetings offer insights into the workings of our Chapter and the dedication of those working behind the scenes. If you're interested in getting involved or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Board Members.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the success and growth of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Together, we continue to thrive!

Warm regards,

Patricia Williams, CAE, CGMP
SGMP RMC President



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Board Member Opportunities

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our team!



SECRETARY

- The Secretary shall be a Government Planner or Contract Planner member.
- The Secretary shall be responsible for the proper notification of Chapter Board meetings to board members.
- The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Chapter Board and any meetings, or sessions as shall be requested by the Chapter Board.
- The Secretary shall maintain the chapter's official records and the chapter's Policy and Procedures Manual.
- The Secretary shall maintain a log of the voting actions of the meetings.
- The Secretary shall assure that all official and historical records of chapter are maintained and preserved. Society of Government Meeting Professionals Policy Manual.
- The Secretary shall submit minutes for review and approval from the Chapter Board in a timely manner.
- The Secretary shall submit approved minutes to the Chapter President in a timely manner for inclusion in President's monthly chapter summary report to SGMP Headquarters.
- The Secretary shall write and mail general correspondence, including thank you notes.
- The Secretary should adhere to national standards of minute taking.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

- The First Vice President shall be a Government Planner or Contract Planner member.
- The First Vice President shall serve for the President in the absence of the President, or when so requested by the President.
- The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the case of resignation, death, or other cause.
- The First Vice President shall serve as committee liaison or committee chair and shall perform all other duties as are incident to the office or as may be prescribed by the Chapter Board.

Join a Committee

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communication oversees all communication for the chapter. This includes the newsletter, social media and website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee includes the membership, mentorship, and hospitality committees.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Immediate Past President or a Chapter member approved by the Board chairs this Committee. Responsibilities include preparing nomination forms for election of Chapter officers, soliciting nominations for Board positions, evaluating nominations for qualifications, and working with SGMP Headquarters on process.

PROGRAMMING

Programming oversees monthly programs, Fall Education, Honors and Awards Gala.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for assisting the Treasurer in overseeing the finances of the Chapter.



Rocky Mountain SGMP Planner Spotlight



Pam Temple, CGMP

Retired Planner

N&E Chair

Immediate Vice President of RMC SGMP

1. Why do you value SGMP?

I value SGMP for the opportunity to learn from each other. The learning and understanding I've learned from hotel suppliers is priceless. I have also made a lot of great friends and connections in the hospitality industry.

2. How would you describe your job to a five-year-old?

I recently retired after 30 years with the State of Colorado. I'm not sure where retirement will lead me, but I anticipate I'll find another job in a new industry and see where that goes! But for now I'm enjoying some downtime.

3. What has been your favorite hotel to visit?

I've hosted many events at the Vail Marriott (now The Hythe) in Vail and always found their staff amazing to work with and their attention to the details was greatly appreciated. It's also a beautiful hotel in a beautiful location.

4. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years I anticipate I may be retiring again and enjoying travel and family.



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Your RMC SGMP Board Represented at MIC



24th Annual MIC of Colorado Education Conference and Trade Show

- Our community came together for the Meetings Industry Council of Colorado 24th Annual Conference and Trade Show.
- More than 1,000 participants at the Colorado Convention Center March 26-27 2024.
- The MIC community includes approximately 350 meeting and event planners, plus others from the meetings industry who joined us from dozens of states around the country to support the vibrant meetings and events community in the Rocky Mountain area.
- Theme: **Keys: Unlocking People, Purpose, Passion and Potential.**
- The meetings and hospitality industry is evolving in unforeseen ways and we will explore solutions – “keys” – that will help us create events that are relevant, compelling, and responsible, both fiscally and sustainably.

Information from MIC Website



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**Congratulations Chele Wollert Clark as a
2024 SGMP Legacy Award Honoree! The
chapter is and has always been blessed with
all you give! Appreciate you!**



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Upcoming Events

April 23, 2024—RMC SGMP Monthly Education Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Denver
3203 Quebec
Denver, CO

11:30 Registration and networking
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. program

Why Hotels Say NO to Your Business

Brett Sterenson with Hotel Lobbyists



Join us as Brett Sterenson explains why hotels say no to your business. An introspective look behind the scenes into how hotels make selling decisions and how planners can better position their business to attract more offers, particularly in times of inflated demand! Come and learn about the intricacies behind hotel's selling decisions, how to attract more offers with your RFP's, and how to present alternatives to superiors to better position their RFP's proactively.

Are you going to NEC?



The SGMP National Education Conference (NEC) is an annual event featuring over 20 hours of professional development sessions, exciting keynote speakers, an industry tradeshow, networking opportunities, a fund-raising silent auction, and more!

Visit <https://www.sgmp.org/national-education-conference> to learn about the annual event!

Room Rate Deadline is March 25th and Early Bird Discount Deadline is April 10th.

See you in Omaha!

SGMP's National Education Conference in Omaha, NE

<https://www.sgmp.org/> for additional information.

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Upcoming Events Continued...

June 27, 2024—RMC SGMP GALA

Annual Honors and Awards Gala

Save the Date, more information coming soon

DoubleTree by Hilton DTC
7801 E Orchard Rd
Greenwood Village, CO

5:00 p.m. Networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program



The Rocky Mountain Chapter is looking for a Gala Chair and Fall Ed Chair!

The Gala will be held in June and Fall Ed will be held in September.

If you have a few hours each month to contribute to the Chapter and would like to be the Chair or on the committee, we want to hear from you!

Two of our amazing Board Members have created a detailed guide to assist you in planning.

Please contact Chele at chelebehr12@gmail.com or Pam at templepa@gmail.com for more information.

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SGMP Mission

Our mission is to enhance the knowledge and expertise of government meeting professionals. Our objectives are to improve the quality and promote the cost-effectiveness of government meetings. The SGMP membership experience is delivered through education, resources, and networking.

Our chapters play a significant part of the SGMP experience as the face of our Society since chapter affiliation is available to every member at no additional charge. In addition to what the national organization provides, all chapter members receive additional member benefits exclusively through that chapter.

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The Certified Government Meeting Professional designation ("CGMP") is designed for planners and suppliers whose work is governed by the rules and regulations of the federal government. Individuals who have earned their CGMP have obtained the highest designation available that is specifically for government meeting professionals.

The CGMP is recognized in the hospitality industry; many government contracts now require planners working on the contract have their government certification.



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