

Mountain Views

July—September 2023-Q3



A Letter from our President

Dear SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter Members,

Fall is here! The leaves are turning, temperatures are dropping, and pumpkin spice is in the air. This is my favorite time of year as the bustle of summer activities ends and before the holiday festivities begin. As we approach the holidays, I'm excited to spend more time with family and friends. I hope you and your loved ones are happy and healthy.

We are in the final stretch before the Chapter's Fall Education Conference. I hope you will be joining us in Winter Park later this month. We have exciting topics, dynamic speakers, and fun activities planned for you!

There are several upcoming monthly education meetings and most will be held in-person. I look forward to connecting with you, learning from speakers and other attendees, and networking with our colleagues. Details for the meetings are available on the Chapter website.

Mark your calendars today. The 2024 NEC will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from May 7th to 9th. I hope you will be able to join us next year!

Each month, the Board Members hold an in-person or virtual board meeting. We welcome your attendance and participation. The board meetings will give you an opportunity to learn what is happening in our chapter and the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. We have open positions on the Board and Committees and welcome your participation. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the Rocky Mountain Chapter Board Members.

We grow and succeed together and you are an integral member of the Chapter. Thank you for your contribution to the Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Patricia Williams, CAE, CGMP
SGMP RMC President

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Meet the Board



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Leadership

A board of directors is a group of people who are elected to oversee the activities and policies. They work in an advisory capacity and typically meet once a month.

Joining a board is a brilliant career move for many reasons not least because the experience will develop you personally and professionally.



SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter Board 2024/2025

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

- The President shall be a Government Planner or Contract Planner member.
- Newly-elected Presidents shall travel to the SGMP National Education Conference for orientation and training prior to the beginning of their term of office.
- The President shall be the official chapter representative in the activities of the Society on all levels and acts as the sole person responsible for speaking for the chapter in an official capacity.
- The President shall set the agenda and preside over all meetings of the Chapter Board, and shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees, except Nominations and Elections.
- The President shall preside over/lead each monthly chapter meeting.
- In the Treasurer's absence, the President may be authorized to sign disbursements. ☒
- The President shall attend Joint Leadership meetings held annually with the National Board, Executive Director, and fellow Chapter Presidents and Second Vice Presidents at the National Education Conference.
- The President is responsible for recommending replacement board members, should a current board member be removed for cause or by resignation. This must be voted/approved by the entire Chapter Board, and board changes must be forwarded to SGMP Headquarters within 15 days of the change.
- The President authors the President's Message for website and monthly newsletter, as well as written correspondence as needed for welcome letters, thank you letters, etc.
- The President shall facilitate an annual Chapter Board retreat.

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.

Let's get
fundraising!



UNDIE 500

A graphic featuring a blue and red ball with a white stripe, surrounded by three checkered flags (black and white squares) and a white wheel with a red stripe.

Fund Raising

This year, the Board has decided to recognize 4 charities (one from each of our member states) throughout the year.

November and December we will be collecting new socks and underwear for the Undie 500 for Clothes to Kids of Denver! The *Clothes to Kids of Denver* provides new and quality used clothing to students ages 3-21 from low-income or in-crisis families in the Denver metro Area, free of charge. Shoppers select clothing in an inviting, store-like setting.

Our guidelines:

Underwear or socks collected must be NEW and in packages.

Underwear or socks should be kids size 6 (small) and larger.

Contact Pam Temple with any questions. pamela.temple@state.co.us

Recap July Board Retreat



The 2023 RMC SGMP Annual Board Retreat was

held in Winter Park Colorado hosted by Winter Park Mountain Lodge. *Such a Beautiful Area.*

Your board was able to complete all tasks our *Wonderful President and Leader-Patricia*

Williams set. We started out with *Who are we and how did we get here?* After a refreshing

lunch we continued with *What is important and where are we going?* We finished the day by finalizing the years business plan.

Day two we balanced the budget, talked about programing and venues, and finished up the day with a discussion about communication...and another *Great Meal.*

The SGMP RMC Fall Education Conference is held at Winter Park Mountain Lodge

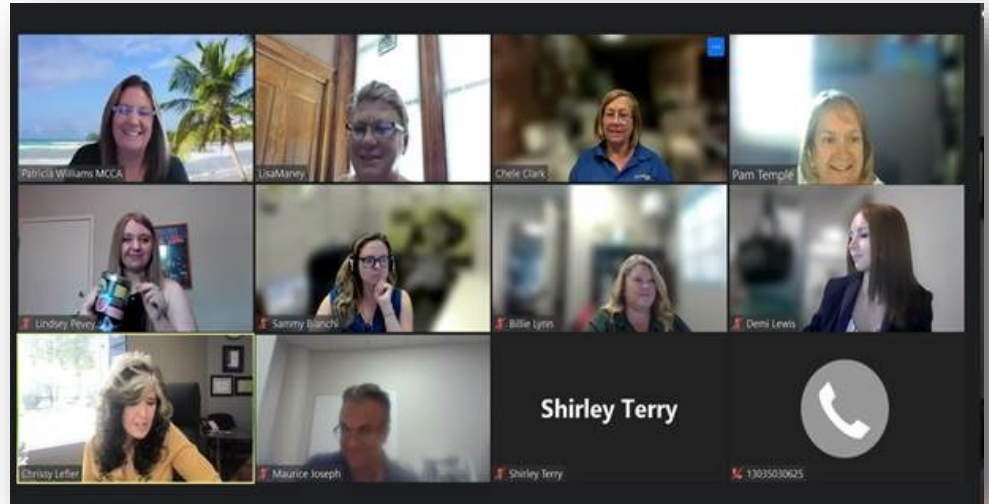
October 2023.....*I hear the Cinnamon Whiskey Mule served in the lounge is worth its weight in gold...* *Hope To See You There !!!*

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Recap August Monthly Meeting



What's Happening In The Rocky Mountain Chapter?

SGMP RMC Goals for FY24

From the RMC SGMP Survey:

Membership Growth

Increase planner members

Engage current members

Communication and Education

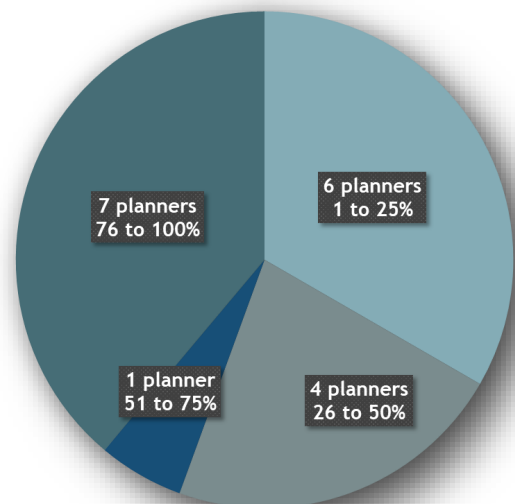
Enhance communication tools.

Provide valuable education sessions

Chapter Board

Recruit and mentor for Board and Committee positions.

How many RMC Planners schedule events in their own state? 18 of 24 responded.



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Recap September Monthly Meeting



It was Fiesta Day at the Courtyard by Marriott Southwest, hosted by Billie Lynn Vigil. Taco's and all the fixings were on the menu giving everyone energy to participate in a great interactive program.

Lee Sibler presented a positive and personalized presentation preparing your people to step up and step in. What do you do when a keynote speaker doesn't show up...or if staff doesn't show up? Don't panic, work it out.

Tips

- Have a "Play Book" or "Standard Operating Procedures" so anyone can help someone step in.
- Make sure everyone knows what the goal is.
- Make sure everyone knows the big picture and how they fit in.
- Have a process people can follow.
- Crosstrain
- Lead by example.
- People need to understand and love their job, they will perform better.
- Have a Plan B.

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Planner Spotlight



Shelley Rabern



Why do you value SGMP?

I only became a part of the government planning community in the past few years so the resources at SGMP have been a great help in getting me up to speed and staying current with ALL the rules, regulations and protocols.

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

I bring people together to meet each other, share and learn and make things happen, like what you do in school.

What has been your favorite hotel to visit?

The Queensbury in Glen Falls, NY. Smaller venue, but great staff, very walkable, good food scene, small town vibe and historic landmarks all around.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Should be retired but I love what I do so I hope to still be planning meetings! Doing a lot more photography and sewing.

Tell us something unique about you

I have had multiple jobs for most of my life. I worked one part time job for 27 years doing promotions and remote engineering for a local radio station. Also worked for the Star Trek and Lucas Film Fan clubs. Have been with the Denver Broncos for 15 years.



Supplier Spotlight



Demi Lewis



Why do you value SGMP?

Making connections with others in the industry

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

I work in a hotel

What has been your favorite hotel to visit?

Elysian Beach Resort in St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Continuing to work in the industry to some extent and seeing my son graduate from high school.

Upcoming Events



2023 FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW WITH SGMP SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter

SCHEDULE, subject to change

Thursday, October 19, 2023

1:30 p.m. Registration Opens
2:00 p.m. Opening Session
3:00 p.m. Break and Silent Auction Opens
3:15 p.m. General Session
4:15 p.m. Silent Auction (until 4:30 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Networking and check into hotel
6:00 p.m. Opening Reception
Hosted by Winter Park Mountain Lodge & Winter Park Resorts
7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

Friday, October 20, 2023

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. General Session
9:30 a.m. Break and Silent Auction
9:45 a.m. General Session
10:45 a.m. Break and Silent Auction
11:00 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby, transportation to Headwaters River Journey Meeting & Event Center
Tour and Lunch at the Headwaters Center Meeting and Events Center
1:00 p.m. Return to hotel
1:15 p.m. General Session
2:15 p.m. Break and Silent Auction
2:30 p.m. General Session
3:30 p.m. Break and Silent Auction
3:45 p.m. Closing Session
4:45 p.m. Close out silent auction and networking time
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Enjoy breakfast (on your own) and shopping in Winter Park before you return home

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November 14, 2023—What is Trending in AV - Holiday Inn Lakewood - Noon - 1:30 p.m.
INSPIRE staff will discuss the trends in audio visual for events, conferences, galas, and Shows. There will be time to ask questions on technology of what is trending and what we can see in the future.

November 17, 2023—Serving Up Hope Lunch at the OMNI

December 12, 2023 - Holiday Social Event - Hampton Inn Federal Center

Join us for some holiday social time, lunch, and holiday games. More details to come soon.

January 23, 2024 - The Psychology of Fraud

Presented by Roseann Freitas, PR & Communications Manager, Better Business Bureau - Virtual

According to the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. consumers reported losing \$8.8 billion in fraud in 2022, and \$2.6 billion was lost to business imposters. Understanding the tactics con artists use to take advantage of people is the most effective way to avoid becoming a victim. We will learn the riskiest types of fraud happening right now, understand how con artists use emotions against us, and list the five red flags of fraud and identify types of scams that impact businesses and consumers.

February 27, 2024—SGMP RMC February Education Program TBA



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