



# Society of Government Meeting Professionals Louisiana Chapter



## Happy New Year!

### Monthly Educational Program

“Application of sales tax (hotel tax) for government events”

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Thursday, January 15th, 2009

**Louisiana Training & Research Center**  
**4099 Gourrier (off Nicholson Drive at LSU)**  
**Room 175**

**Networking: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Speaker & Lunch: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm**

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**Next Meeting is Thursday, February 12th, 2009**

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Now that the holiday rush is over, we are looking ahead to 2009!

We look forward to continuing our focus on networking opportunities, and educational seminars for our members.

In 2009, we also need your support to serve in your Louisiana Chapter as we focus on growing the chapter. Due to job changes and other opportunities the majority of our current board members will be unable to serve on the Chapter Board next term. This leaves several vacancies that must be filled. We encourage everyone to consider volunteering for a board or committee position in order to keep the Louisiana chapter moving forward.

## Nominations and Elections

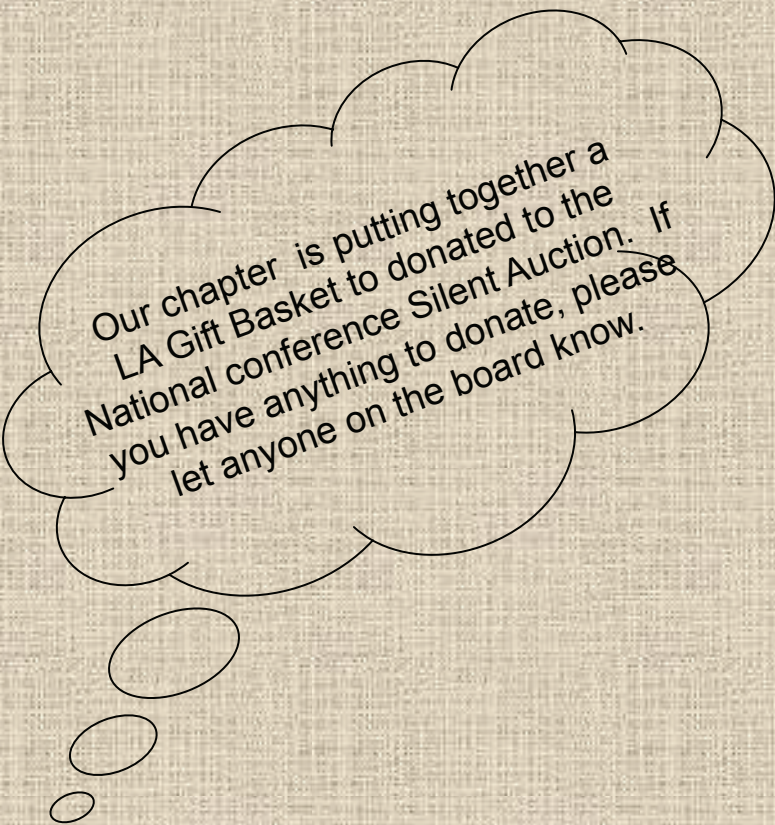
Nominations and elections for the 2009 – 2011 board for the SGMP Louisiana Chapter are fast approaching. If you are interested in learning more about what serving on the board is all about, please talk to one of our current board members and attend one of our upcoming meetings. More on the dates for nominations and elections will be forthcoming but the new board will take the oath in June and their term would begin July 1, 2009.

All current members are eligible.

## Membership Corner

Membership the SGMP LA Chapter now stands at 51 members. We have 25 planners and 26 suppliers which still puts us below the 50/50 ratio. We need everyone's help to bring new members to the chapter – especially planners! Do you know anyone that might benefit from the education we provide?? Invite them to lunch – planner guests are free for their first meeting!

We have new planner member – **Michelle Shaffer** with the Louisiana Department of Revenue.



Our chapter is putting together a LA Gift Basket to donated to the National conference Silent Auction. If you have anything to donate, please let anyone on the board know.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**for our Upcoming Meetings**

**February 12, 2009**  
**Country Inn and Suites, New Orleans**

**March 12, 2009**  
**Hyatt Place, Baton Rouge**

**April 9, 2009**  
**TBA**

**National Conference is May 13-16, 2009 at**  
**The Galt House in Louisville, KY.**

## SGMP Louisiana Scholarships!

Are you interested in attending the SGMP National Education Conference but need some financial assistance? It is not too late to complete a scholarship application. In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must be active in the chapter, so here is your chance! Join a committee, help plan a program, assist at the registration table – these are all jobs that we need help with! Please ask a board member for an application as we will be accepting applications until April 9<sup>th</sup> and making a decision by April 15<sup>th</sup> so you still have time!