



## Society of Government Meeting Professionals - Louisiana Chapter



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### SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT MEETING PROFESSIONALS

#### Monthly Educational Program Thursday, July 10, 2008

National Presence  
Charles Sadler, CHSP, Interim Director  
Society of Government Meeting Professionals



Charles has served on the national board for SGMP in a number of roles and has received the prestigious Sam Gilmer Supplier of the Year Award. Charles will be speaking on "The Cost of Doing Business" and also will be available to answer your questions about SGMP.

**Program: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Embassy Suites Baton Rouge

Thursday, July 10

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Baton Rouge, LA 70808

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<http://www.sgmpla.org/index.html>

### *Update from the National Conference*

By: *Sandra Romero*

Dallas, TX was the host city for SGMP's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference held in June. Once again, the conference exceeded all expectations. Olympian Dominique Dawes was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony. Her story "Success is a Journey, not a Destination" drew a standing ovation from all of the attendees. Dr. Dale Henry, a well known humorist and story-teller, spoke on "The Proverbial Cracker Jack: How to Get Out of the Box and Become the Prize." Dr. Henry also presented a 90-minute educational session on "Sizzle or Fizzle - a Recipe for Leadership Country Style" that was truly entertaining.

My focus at this year's conference was the session track on Chapter Operations Programs. By attending the Program Development and Membership Matters seminars, I gained valuable knowledge that will hopefully help grow our Louisiana chapter.

Our very own Second Vice-President and Membership Director, Carolyn Barrett, CHSP was one of three members awarded the SGMP Supplier Development Scholarship which covered CHSC Study Group and test fees. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote and support the ongoing professional development of our supplier members who are actively involved in SGMP. I am happy to report that Carolyn has now earned this new designation to add to her many achievements.

When you think it can't get any better than that, well it does. Carolyn was honored with the Sam Gilmer Award as the planner of the year. The Sam Gilmer Award is the highest designation the society offers and is named after SGMP's founder. Annually, SGMP selects for recognition a planner and a supplier whose service over a period of time has significantly contributed to the society's growth and development, especially at the national level. Carolyn has been involved in five chapters across the United States and has been a "guiding light" for our newly formed chapter. It was especially rewarding to see her husband, daughter, and two grandsons show up to witness Carolyn accepting this very prestigious award.

Congratulations Care!

**Thank you to our Meeting Sponsors for your contributions this past year.**



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### **SGMP Membership Corner**

**Carolyn Wooten with LA School Board Association**

**Kim Costandi is the new contact at the Hilton Riverside New Orleans  
Kathy Chavanell is the new contact at the Omni Royal Orleans  
Lesley Cuicchi is the new contact at the Embassy Suites New Orleans**

**We need everyone's help in recruiting new members. Please let me or anyone on the board know if you know someone that might be a potential member for our chapter. And don't forget that we have the drawing for the \$25.00 gift card for bring a potential planner member to the monthly meeting.**

**Charles Sadler, interim director for SGMP, will be our speaker in July and this is the perfect opportunity to bring guests! And your boss so the know all about SGMP and how our organization can help you do your job better and in a cost effective way! I hope to see you and a guest on July 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Save the Date for our  
First Annual SGMP Trade Show.  
To be held  
September 11, 2008  
at Red Lion Hotel in Baton Rouge  
from 4:30pm - 6:30pm.**

**More information and updates  
will be released soon.**

**Only Member Suppliers will be invited to exhibit  
and there will be a raffle for any Planner who  
brings a RFP.**

[www.sgmpla.org](http://www.sgmpla.org)

*Our Website is up and running!  
Thank you to Jenny Speights for  
all of her hard work. Please check  
it often for meeting information  
and membership updates.*

**The 2008-2009 State Travel Guide has been released.  
All new regulations are implemented July 1, 2008. You may go to,  
<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/travelOffice.htm> to obtain a copy  
of the complete guide.**