

# Capital Events



## Special Interest Articles:

- National Conference
- Chapter Awards

## "2009 National Conference"

27<sup>th</sup> Annual SGMP National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

What an exciting event and experience! We had an array of fabulous speakers during the event. Our kick-off reception Wednesday night was at the new Muhammad Ali Center.

Thursday led us into our keynote speaker, Bruce Weinstein, Ph.D., The Ethics Guy. Dr. Weinstein's keynote address, "Lie, Cheat, and Steal Your Way to Success!" was a dynamic way to start the day. We continued on with several breakout sessions that touched on many different views for meeting planners and suppliers. That evening took us to the Sam Gilmer Awards Banquet, with the Florida Capital Chapter bringing home four awards. You as a team did us proud. Following the banquet, there was quite a display for the live auction with several things to bid on.

Friday morning we had another dynamic keynote speaker, Robin Crow on "How Anyone, in Any Job Can Lead with Enthusiasm, Passion, and Purpose!" From here, we had another breakout session and on to the trade show and exhibits. This wound up the conference with everyone in anticipation for next year. We will be going to Kansas City, MO for the 2010 Conference.

Below – Chantale Acacia made our Florida Derby hat for the competition of chapters



Above – Another great chapter shot showing off our three "Membership" awards and one for "Leadership and Completing Reports"

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Below - President, Ellen Sliger, along with Membership Chair, Retha Nero, and Arlene Roberts accepting one of four awards for the chapter!



**"Knowledge is Power"**  
to you from the mystery writer

Below - A table of Florida Capital Chapter members at the Gilmer Awards Banquet





## President's Message – Ellen Sliger, Florida Capital Chapter President

I have some great news to share with each of you! At the National Conference in Louisville, KY – the Florida Capital Chapter won four awards!! This is a great accomplishment for all the hard work each of us has done. I was very proud to represent our Chapter in accepting those awards on stage from National. Thank you to the membership committee, Retha and Arlene; you have done an outstanding job on recruiting new members and retaining the current members. We can all help with membership; by inviting someone you work with who plan meetings to join you at a monthly meeting. Once they see the great programs we have, they are sure to join.

Please join us next month at the Annual Honors and Awards Banquet. This is the opportunity to recognize some of our outstanding members. With everyone working together this next year, we are headed in the right direction to be the BEST SGMP Chapter ever. Thanks for all you do.

### SGMP Board

Arlene Roberts  
Immediate Past  
President

Amy Brown  
First VP

Chantale Acacia  
Second VP

Claire Smith  
Secretary

Karen Lambert  
Treasurer

Directors:  
Suzy Keenan  
Janet Roach  
Marcia Burks

### Monthly Board Meetings

The Board meets the same day and place as the membership meeting beginning at 4:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend, and minutes are available upon request.

### Membership Report

As Of Our 5/8/09 Report  
54.8% Planners  
45.2% Suppliers  
Govt. Planners – 52  
Contract Planners – 4  
Suppliers – 47  
Assoc Suppliers – 1  
Educator/Student - 1  
Retired – 7  
Total Members - 112



Receiving her CGMP pin is our incoming president, Amy Brown (left) with Melody Kebe, National President.

### Looking Ahead

National Conferences:  
May 19-22, 2010  
Kansas City, MO

June 8-11, 2011  
Norfolk, VA

### A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

June 16 – Honors & Awards Banquet  
July 14 – Meeting Technology  
August 11 – Silent Auction / Larry Ferguson, Auctioneer  
September 15 – Effective Leadership  
October 20 – Fright Night/Supplier Appreciation Dinner



Ellen Sliger proudly holding FOUR Awards that our chapter received at the Sam Gilmer Awards Banquet. This was a proud and fantastic time for us all!

### June Membership Meeting “Honors & Awards Banquet”

Tuesday, June 16, 2009  
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Governors Club  
202 South Adams Street

Sponsored by  
Hilton Family of Florida

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**Committee Chairs** – Archives, George Fong; Community Service, Gabrielle; Honors & Awards, Amy Brown; Member Services, Teresa Hall ; Membership Recruitment and Retention, Retha Nero; National Conference, Ellen Sliger; Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith; Publications and Communications, Melissa Jackson; Special Events, Amy Brown; Sponsorship, Arlene Roberts

**About the organization** - The SGMP Florida Capital Chapter chartered June, 1989 with 35 members. The chapter offers a variety of services to its members, including monthly educational programs, leadership opportunities, social activities and a strong code of ethics.

**Mission Statement** - The Society of Government Meeting Professionals is a national organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and expertise of individuals in the planning and management of government meetings through education, training, and industry relationships.