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October 7 th	Sheraton Four Points Midlothian
November 4 th	Embassy Suites Richmond
December 2 nd	Marriott Short Pump
January 6 th	Hilton Downtown Richmond

President's Corner

Summer 2020

Angela McGrath

Hello Chapter members!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I've been thinking about each of you and your families and hope everyone is staying well and safe. These past months have definitely been a challenge for all of us with COVID-19. Earlier this year our world changed overnight, and as we have been navigating through this difficult time, we all have been experiencing our own challenges and struggles along the way as we adjust to a new normal. I am hopeful things will become easier for all of us as we adjust, and in the meantime, we all must stay safe and connected with our family, friends, and each other.

I want to remind everyone that the board is aware that due to furloughs, some chapter members still may not have access to their email. We are encouraging members to get in touch with us at olddominionsgmp.org with a secondary email so that all our members can be kept 'in the know.' In addition, any furloughed members should also log in to their SGMP account and provide a secondary email address there as well if you have not done so already to continue to receive communication from SGMP.



This past May, I was excited that our National Education Conference and Awards Banquet went virtual with some great sessions and speakers. I hope each of you had an opportunity to attend at least one session and was able to attend the Awards Banquet. Old Dominion won three awards!

2020 Chapter Operations – Chapter Excellence
2020 Communications of the Year – 2nd place
2020 Programming of the Year – 3rd place

Way to go Old Dominion!! Mark your calendars for next year's National Education Conference, which will be May 18 – 20, 2021, and I hope to see everyone there!

The board is getting ready for the start of the new program year and met in July for the annual retreat to prepare and strategize for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas, concerns, or questions you would like addressed, please contact me or any board member at any time. We are listening and want to hear from you!

I am excited for our chapter to come back together this month as we start off a new program year. We have got some great sessions coming up so check our website for more information and mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Angie

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee

A BIG thank you to the entire membership for continuing to donate, buy, and participate in all our Fundraising Events! We are grateful for your engagement and help as we raise money for our Chapter's scholarships and education projects. Watch your emails for this year's fundraisers.

Hospitality & Mentoring Committee

Karen Sullivan, CGMP

The Hospitality Committee looks forward to greeting and helping you check in for our monthly meetings. New to SGMP? This committee is a great way to meet members as they arrive at the meetings.

We will have waivers to sign upon arrival for the next few months.

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP BY THE DESK TO HAVE YOUR ATTENDANCE NOTED BY THE HOSPITALITY TEAM.

Communications Committee

Chris Bunting, CGMP

Social Media Chair: Michelle Hawkins, CGMP

Committee Members: Sandra Brashear, Wendy Evalle, Joyce Fogg, Laura Osborne, Harold Kretzer, Valerie Gardner, and Jeff Bunn

Thank you to the Communications Committee for helping to keep the chapter informed. Let us know if you are not getting your chapter meeting notices or email updates. Chapter members please let Chris Bunting know if you want to join our committee.

Be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).



Quarterly Treasurer's Report

April: \$16,287.44

May: \$15,279.99

June: \$14,997.54

*Fiscal year 2020 ending year balance:
\$15,925.94*

A reminder to everyone: Please be sure that all checks have the MEMO section filled out so that payments can be expedited quickly.

Andrew Marks, Treasurer
treasurer@olddominionsgmp.org

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

**Help us achieve and maintain a 50/50 ratio
by recruiting new members and renewing
your own membership on time!**

Old Dominion Membership Report As of August 2020

TOTAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP: 102

Total Planners 49

Total Suppliers 49

Retired/Other 4

Current Ratio 50.00%

Community Outreach Committee Tishaun Harris-Ugworji

The Community Outreach team
is still developing its projects
for the year. Please watch your
emails and meeting notices for
community outreach
opportunities

Social distancing for our meetings

We are glad to meet in person but will need everyone to follow social distancing protocols for our meeting.

The meeting room will be set up for social distancing.

The pre-function hallways are marked for social distancing

We are encouraging everyone to bring masks. The hotel will have some available in case someone forgets. Bring your name tag as well if you have one. If not, some will be available.

We will have a questionnaire we will ask everyone to complete at the door - Covid 2019 tracing.

We ask that if you are not feeling well please stay home and join us at the next meeting.

We request that anyone who may have been exposed in the weeks leading up to the meeting not attend.

Membership Committee
Tiffany Joyner, CGMP

Thank you to all who have signed up for the Membership Committee.

Spread the Word!

All new supplier members do not need to bring a new Planner member in order to join our chapter.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES & CHANGES

Remember to keep membership information up to date. If you have a change in your contact information, you can go online at www.sgmp.org and update your information. If your organization has a change in personnel and the membership changes to another person, fill in a membership change form and submit it directly to SGMP.

You can find membership information on Old Dominion's website at www.olddominionsgmp.org under the membership tab, or feel free to contact us at Membership@olddominionsgmp.org.

Education Committee
Chair: Joyce Fogg

The Education Committee has been working on programs for the coming year. We hope to have informative programs for both suppliers and planners. If you have suggestions, please e-mail the Education Committee. Locations have been confirmed for all months except the banquet for next June. Thank you to all of our suppliers who have agreed to host Old Dominion for the coming year. We look forward to visiting your properties.

Old Dominion Society of Government Meeting Professionals

Meeting Locations
2020 – 2021

October 7 th	Sheraton Four Points Midlothian
November 4 th	Embassy Suites Richmond
December 2 nd	Marriott Short Pump
January 6 th	Hilton Downtown Richmond
February 3 rd	Holiday Inn Downtown Richmond
March 2 nd – 3 rd	Education Conference _ Holiday Inn North Beach
April 7 th	Delta Downtown Richmond
May 5 th	Hilton Short Pump
June 2 nd	BANQUET (location TBD)

Professional Development

October Chapter Meeting

October 7th, 2020

Education Topic: Inclusion and Unconscious Bias

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities will present a customized program to assist the Society of Government Meeting Professionals in its efforts to support and educate its members around issues of diversity and inclusion. The session will help participants foster relationships characterized by respect and appreciation for difference. More specifically, the workshop will help participants better understand their own identities and values as well as those of their colleagues and of the communities they serve. Participants will leave the program with enhanced knowledge in diversity awareness and bias reduction with the motivation and skills necessary to continue working on these issues.

Core Competency – Education and Programing

Speaker: Jonathan Zur, President and CEO of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

After the session, attendees will:

- Express an increased awareness of how attitudes, beliefs, behavior, and language can impact the relationships between diverse groups.
- Have increased understanding of the communications skills needed when working within a diverse community.
- Have examined the role of prejudice and advantage, and how these dynamics impact community.

Meeting Location:

Four Points by Sheraton Richmond

9901 Midlothian Turnpike

Richmond, VA 23235

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***Please Note, you must be in your seat by 3:15 PM to receive contact hours.**



**Join SGMP National's September 17th webinar:
War of Attrition: Tips for How to Come Out
Unscathed.**

Brett Sterenson, owner of Hotel Lobbyists, will cover the ins and outs of attrition. Find out not only the hurdles for planners but also how attrition affects suppliers and hoteliers.

The webinar is \$10 for SGMP members and \$20 for non-members.

Event Details: Thursday, September 17, 2020
11 am PDT / 12 pm MDT / 1 pm CDT / 2 pm EDT

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

From the National SGMP Headquarters

SGMP Event Calendar
(National Headquarters)

Government Connections Magazine



SGMP Mission & Objectives

Our mission is to enhance and promote the knowledge and expertise of government meeting professionals. Our objectives are to improve the quality of, and promote the cost-effectiveness of, government meetings. SGMP was founded in 1981 and is the only national organization in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to government meetings.

**2019-2021
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Certified Government Meeting Professional

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. Below are the next courses scheduled. New courses are added periodically, and the information can be found on the SGMP website [HERE](#).

Watch for information on online classes

SGMP Webinars Are Ready to Watch On-Demand

Missed the previous webinars? Log in to the [members-only site](#) to watch at your own pace. You may view all SGMP recorded webinars on our video library. If you need hours for recertification, contact Garland Preddy upon completion.

August 25, 2020: Antwone Stigall, CMP, DES - Rebroadcast on Inclusive Meeting Design

August 13, 2020: Debra Burton Brown - Marketing: It Doesn't Have to Break Your Budget

July 30, 2020: Sharon Delvisco - Recognizing the Impact of Unconscious and Implicit Bias

July 14, 2020: Ron Rosenberg - The Meeting Industry Survival Guide: How to Transition from In-Person Meetings to Virtual Events

June 24, 2020: Kathleen Ryan, CGMP & Brittany Callahan, CGMP - Back to Face-To-Face Protocol

April 28, 2020: Shakira M. Brown - Conversations that Convert: Strategies to Influence and Persuade

April 23, 2020: Darrell Hammond, Sr. - Staying Productive and Effective in a VUCA World

March 19, 2020: Antwone Stigall, CMP, DES - Inclusive Meeting Design

February 25, 2020: Lindsay Martin-Bilbrey, CMP - Event Technology Trends in 2020