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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

The Board met in late July for our Annual Planning Retreat. While some of us were in person and others joined virtually, we dove in to planning the 2020-2021 year for our chapter. Like many of your companies and agencies, we had to take a hard look at our expenses and revenue. Building a budget that was balanced and covered our operating costs was not an easy task, but we did it.

Our Board is committed to ensuring our chapter remains active and engaging. Susan, our Programs Chair, has built out a year of professional education to keep us all learning. A snapshot of upcoming education is below. We remain delivering content virtually until further notice. The registration fee for virtual education is \$15.

September: Working with CVBs Post-COVID-19

October: Contracts and Force Majueres

November: Time Management/Project Management

December: Annual Education Conference – topics forthcoming

January: Collaboration Using Google Suite

February: Delivering Efficient Affective and Relational (DEAR) Services

March: Government Employee Scrutiny

April: Event Insurance and Risk Management

May: NEC Month - No Monthly Meeting

June: Creating Menus within Government Per Diem Rates

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