



To enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals.

January 2021

Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

Welcome to 2021! It seems like 2020 was the longest year in history of the universe. In many ways, it really was. I am so happy to have a fresh start and to focus on the future! I'm going into 2021 with a sense of renewed energy and focus.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you back to our in-person monthly education luncheons beginning this month. Our December conference was amazing! We feel we are a small enough group that we can safely host in-person events that allow for social distancing, learning, and networking. We understand if you do not feel comfortable attending in-person at this time and hope to see you in the near future!

Now is also the time to start considering a deeper involvement into the organization. Nominations are currently open for both the national board and the GIL Trustees. In the coming weeks we will open nominations for chapter level board leadership positions. Becoming more intimately involved with the organization allows you to not only bolster your resume, but make a difference in the professional development landscape of your peers. I think I speak for the entire currently seated board when I offer us up to discuss our experiences for those interested or intrigued. Time commitments vary based on the position but average around 5 hours a month.

Again, I wish you a happy New Year!

LeAnna Toups-Bennett, CGMP

SGMP Louisiana Chapter President