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In this newsletter
you can expect:

Newsletter



SGMPAZ AT THE 2025 SGMP NEC

SGMP Arizona Chapter June Newsletter!

We thrilled to share with you that our Chapter received two awards this year at NEC! One for programming of the year and the other for Chapter operations.



This year at NEC I was able to attend two City tours. I quite enjoyed the architecture in St. Louis. I learned that the City has many events that are free to it's residents. I enjoyed meeting new members to SGMP. I also was able to meet some new vendors as well. Overall, this years conference was joyful sucess!

Jamila Brown
SGMPAZ - President

Election Results

Employment
Opportunities

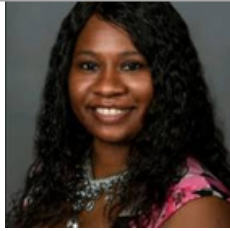
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Credentials

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Announcement of Election Results
July 2025 - June 2027



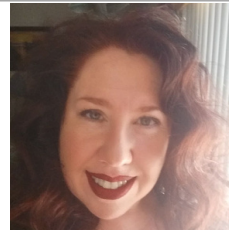
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Ariel Fisher

Membership Director
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Employment Opportunities

- **Events Manager** - Kino Sports Complex - \$60,487 - \$72,585 [Link](#)
- **Voter Outreach Coordinator** - Pima County Recorder's Office - \$20.10hr - \$23.62hr [Link](#)
- **Community Outreach Professional** - University of Arizona - \$20.33hr - \$25.4hr [Link](#)
- **Special Projects Producer** - University of Arizona - Arizona Public Media - \$47,356 - \$59,195 [Link](#)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOTED IN THIS YEAR'S BOARD ELECTIONS!!

The ceremony of the 2025 - 2027 board will be held in mid-June via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Jen Garica at jennyj@arizona.edu for the date and Zoom link.





Your Path to Specialized Expertise

Thursday, May 8th, 2025 SGMP announced the launch of a new program designed to empower members. **SGMP Micro-Credentials!** *Micro-Credentials develop specific expertise across nine core competencies for government meeting planners.*

Fundamentals								
Education & Programming	Ethics	Facilities & Services	Finance & Contracts	Leadership	Logistics	Protocol	Technology	Travel
Advanced								
Education & Programming	Ethics	Facilities & Services	Finance & Contracts	Leadership	Logistics	Protocol	Technology	Travel
Expert								
Education & Programming	Ethics	Facilities & Services	Finance & Contracts	Leadership	Logistics	Protocol	Technology	Travel

By completing just five hours of targeted professional development in a specific competency, you'll earn an electronic certificate. Hours can be earned online or in-person at chapter or national events.

The first competency rolled out is Technology. If your interesting in being specialized in building the foundational understanding of event AV, master event registration software, or exploring the world of event apps, these is a Technology Micro-Credential for you.

Students with the Certified Government Meeting Professionals (CGMP) are exempt from the Fundamentals Level and may begin with courses at the Advanced Level. Otherwise, Fundamentals is where you must begin.

Visit <https://www.sgmp.org/microcredentials> to get started on your path to becoming a recognized expert in government meetings.



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking to build on your skills AND make meaningful connections with others in the meetings profession? We have multiple opportunities for you to choose from! SGMPAZ is accepting volunteers for:

- Chapter Director - Education
- Chapter Director - Social Media
- Education Committee Member (s)
- Hospitality Committee Member(s)
- Social Media Committee Member(s)
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For more information on how to apply, please contact Kim Phillips at kphillips@azdot.gov or Jamila Brown at jbrown10@azdot.gov.



Pappas Kids
Schoolhouse Foundation

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SGMPAZ donated to the Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation. Pappas Kids helps to prevent families from falling under the poverty threshold by providing educational assistance to Arizona's students in need. Pappas Kids also assist struggling high school seniors with funding for tutoring, this helps them overcome an obstacle which may be preventing them from graduation.

EXPANDING YOUR EXPERTISE

As you may be aware, SGMP offers quite a bit of educational opportunities on their new Learning Management System (LMS). To access the entire catalog, go to <https://learn.sgmp.org/>. You will need to log in with your membership credentials. Not a member yet? Sign up now at sgmp.org/membership. You'll be happy you did!

For those who are looking for college level courses, universities such as Harvard, Stanford, UC Irvine, Georgia Tech, Michigan State, and MIT have many **free online courses available RIGHT NOW!** Take advantage of these amazing opportunities while they are available:

<https://pll.harvard.edu/catalog/free>

<https://online.stanford.edu/free-courses>

<https://coursesity.com/university/uci>

<https://pe.gatech.edu/massive-open-online-courses>

<https://coursesity.com/university/msu>

<https://ocw.mit.edu/>