



Top Young Professionals

**Under
37**



Nominee: Andrew Marks

Membership Category: Supplier

Employer: Office of Economic Development & Tourism,
City of Lynchburg, Virginia

Chapter: Old Dominion

Member Since: 2017

According to Andrew Marks

Who/What influenced you to become involved in the government meeting industry? I was first introduced to SGMP by my Supervisor when I obtained a position in tourism with the City of Lynchburg. I was able to connect with a few government planners that I had previously worked with when I was in the hotel industry as Director of Sales for five years.

Share an accomplishment that you are very proud of... I helped coordinate/execute the Honor Flight Network trip to the Lynchburg area for the 70th Commemoration Event at the national D-Day Memorial.

How would you prepare for the future success of the government meeting industry? I would like to continue to educate myself so that I am able to convey the importance of government meetings in my City to other suppliers so that they may join SGMP. Also, I would like to reduce the stigma amongst suppliers that there isn't much money to be made in the government meeting industry.

Nominated by Marilee Tretina

Since Andrew joined SGMP Old Dominion Chapter last year, he has provided a boost of energy to the chapter. His experience as a hotelier and now as a tourism representative for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia brings together the elements that give him a unique perspective to help meeting planners deliver the experience their clients deserve. When Old Dominion recently needed to fill the treasurer position, he didn't hesitate to volunteer to fulfill the term. Andrew is a glowing example of the top Young Professional under 37!

SGMP Leadership Positions:

1. Chapter Treasurer

Community Service: (Local non-profit, PTA, local food bank, etc.)

1. The Daily Bread Volunteer (local food pantry which serves hot meals daily)
2. Lynchburg First Church of the Nazarene Worship Team volunteer

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