



Top Young Professionals

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Nominee: Stephanie Scharfenberg

Membership Category: Supplier

Employer: Embassy Suites Loveland – Executive Meeting Manager, Government

Chapter: Rocky Mountain

Member Since: 2016

According to Stephanie Scharfenberg

Who/What influenced you to become involved in the government meeting industry? I was given the opportunity at my hotel as the Executive Meeting Manager to work with the Government Market Segment. I would have to say the hotel industry influenced me to become involved in the government meeting industry. I have truly gained so much from being a part of this industry. Not only do I have more knowledge about government planning than I ever thought I would, but I have gained many clients that I can call friends. SGMP has been such a big part of that and I am so happy to be a part of this group

Share your most unique experience as a meeting professional...My most unique experience and accomplishment within my profession that I am very proud of is setting up a private event for the now current president of the United States. Despite your views on politics this event was one that I will never forget. This private event was for around 200 people and was put together within 3 weeks' time. Not only did I work directly with my contact, but I had to also work with secret service and government staff. Communication was key in the events success and I am grateful for the experience that it brought me.

How would you prepare for the future success of the government meeting industry?

Communication and always willing to be open to new ideas and needs of the government meeting planners. It is important for a successful government meeting industry to have proper communication and openness. Both the supplier and the planner are wanting to have a successful event. Making sure you set that high level of importance to the government planner, no matter what budget or how big the event is. All government meeting planners want to be valued just like non-government clients. I pride myself on making sure each of my clients know that their event is important and that I too want it to be extremely successful.

Nominated by Holly Miller, CGMP

Stephanie is a government meetings powerhouse. She doesn't shy away from work and is always ready to lend a hand. She's humble and eager to learn. Many do not know of her immense accomplishments and may overlook her because of her youth, but all who know her know she is capable of tackling the biggest challenges, always has a positive attitude, and is wise beyond her years. At only 28, she's a leader in our industry and admired by all in our chapter. She may be the youngest Director in our Chapter Board history! We are grateful to have her.

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