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SGMP Names New Education Trustee

ALEXANDRIA, VA—May 27, 2015—The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) has named Alex Lichtenstein, CGMP, CMP, as a trustee for its Gilmer Institute of Learning (GIL). Lichtenstein is a senior conference specialist at the Office of Comptroller and the Currency in Washington, DC. He will complete an existing two-year term of office for an education & programming trustee position that ends on June 30, 2016.

“I am thrilled to be able to contribute to our industry in this way,” said Lichtenstein. “I look forward to working with the national leadership team to get things done.” His role will be to advise chapters on government meetings content for monthly programs and provide input on education core competencies and education session content, speakers and structure for the National Education Conference & Expo.

The mission of SGMP is to enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals by improving the quality of and promoting the cost-effectiveness of government meetings. GIL enhances the purpose and goals of SGMP by providing support to members and chapters through educational opportunities, certifications, training, resources, scholarships and funding.

This position became vacant after the resignation of an education & programming trustee. SGMP bylaws allow for trustee vacancies occurring outside of general elections to be filled by national board appointment of the national president’s nomination.

“Alex is a long-time SGMP member and volunteer and brings experience and a “can-do” attitude to the Gilmer Institute of Learning,” said Rob Coffman, CGMP, SGMP’s national president and GIL’s advisory chair. “His dedication and service will be a tremendous asset to SGMP.”

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