

From the President's Pen...

September 2011

There are lots of exciting happenings at National; here are some of the highlights:

A cookbook in honor of SGMP's 30th anniversary that will be distributed to all attendees at the 2012 National Education Conference in New Orleans! What better place to offer a cookbook than the city of amazing food.

Not only will this wonderful book have recipes from our chapters around the country but it will also have a brief history on each of our chapters. As everyone knows, cooking invokes memories of special times spent with special people. The committee is asking for short SGMP memories that will make this cookbook not only about recipes but also about our SGMP family. Click on the survey monkey link below to submit a recipe. There is a goal of a minimum of ten recipes per chapter – I know that we will receive many more than that!

Survey Monkey Link for Submitting Recipes:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGMP30thAnniversaryCookbook>

There is a new incentive for planners that join SGMP beginning on October 1 and runs through December 31, 2011. New meeting planners can join at a special rate of \$30 for the first year. The special rate only applies to government meeting planners and must be a new membership! It is not for planners that renew their membership or have dropped in the last 12 months. SGMP will post a special **30th Year Anniversary Membership Application** and a marketing tool kit on our web site. These marketing tools have been created for your use to promote this special offer in celebration of this important milestone in SGMP's history. **This incentive fits right into MISGMP's goal of moving up to the next membership level of 150 members. Do you know some government planners who are interested in SGMP if so share their information with Leslie Thompson, our membership chair at Leslie.Thompson@hilton.com.**

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