

From the Presidents Pen...

July 2011

Welcome to Fiscal year 2012, MISGMP's 21st year as a chapter. It is an honor to be your President and to follow in the footsteps of Debbie Kopkau, who with the assistance of the Board was able to move the Michigan Chapter forward again. For the last several years, Michigan has been dealing with hard times and MISGMP has been no different. Even while struggling MISGMP was a strong chapter -- we had just lost our footing. We are now on solid ground and have even more plans for success in the coming years. The Chapter's strategic plan will be solidified at the Board retreat in August 2011 and shared with the membership in September. Also at our Board Retreat we will be reassigning chairs for all our committees and need your help as participants on committees. Please review the attached committee information and if you have interest in being a committee member please contact me prior to 8/22/11.

[Click Here for Committee Information](#)

Meanwhile, look for these upcoming MISGMP Events:

- On 8/1/11, MISGMP will launch our new website, which will have easier registration, tracking of your history of attendance and surveys for education programs.
- A new fundraising event at the 2012 AEC, details to follow.
- Celebration of SGMP's 30th anniversary, a special presentation will be included in the September or October Program.
- Planner/Supplier of Year Awards at the Silent Auction in November. We all know a planner or supplier that always goes above and beyond for the Chapter or individual members. Start thinking about nominating someone today.

As I look forward to leading the Chapter, I can't help but think that I have large shoes to fill and of quote by Henry Kissinger: "The task of the leader is to get his [her] people from where they are to where they have not been." Therefore as I begin my journey to lead the Chapter I ask you all to accompany me in my travels as we move into new areas and an even better tomorrow.

Your President,



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