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Alton Hagen, CMP, DMCP is the Founder and General Manager of **Agenda: USA**. One of the first 200 meeting professionals to receive his CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) designation, Alton has been in the hospitality industry for over 40 years.

Alton spent the first 17 years of his career in Tourism, beginning as a Tour Manager leading special interest groups to destinations throughout the world. Then, in 1987, after leaving Maupintour in Lawrence, KS, he began what ultimately became **Agenda: USA**, a full service Destination Management Company providing event production, group shuttle service plus chauffeured transportation services in Kansas City and North America.

Alton or **Agenda: USA** is a member of many local and national tourism and hospitality related organizations. He is a current or past board member of:

- Skai International USA
- Skai International, Kansas City
- Visit Overland Park (KS)
- ADMEI/Association of Destination Management Executives International
- NLA/National Limousine Association
- PCMA/Professional Convention Management Association, Heartland Chapter
- KCSAE/Kansas City Society of Association Executives
- MPIKC/Meeting Professional International, Kansas City Chapter
- HLA/Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater Kansas City
- Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
- KCBTA/Kansas City Business Travel Association

In addition, Alton and other members of the **agenda: USA** team, are active members of the:

- Greater Kansas City Attractions Association
- Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- Mid-America Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
- Visit KC

Alton currently serves as:

- Vice President, Finance Skal International USA
- Treasurer Certification & Accreditation Board-ADMEI
- Board Member& Past Chair Visit Overland Park (KS)

Alton currently serves, or has served, as **VP-Finance** for:

- Skal International – Kansas City Club’s Board of Directors
 - 2 years
- ADMEI’s Certification & Accreditation Board
 - 5 years
- ADMEI – National Board of Directors
 - 2 years
- PCMA – Heartland Chapter’s Board of Directors
 - 1 year
- MPI – Kansas City Chapter’s Board of Directors
 - 2 years

As indicated above, Alton and those working with him believe strongly in supporting organizations that support Travel and hospitality industry. Consequently, the company has been recognized a number of times over the years.

- KCSAE Allied Member Award of Excellence (2002 & 2015)
- KCMPI Employer Recognition (2010 – 2011)
- PCMA Heartland Chapter Supporter (2009)
- Kansas City's CVA (now Visit KC) "One KC" Award (2007 - inaugural recognition)
- PCMA Continued Chapter Involvement (2006)
- H&LA Allied Employee Exceptional Service Award (2005)
- KCMPI President's Award (1995 – 1996 & 2003 – 2004)
- Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing's Merit Award (2003)
- PCMA Chapter Member of the Year (2002-2003)
- MABTA Vendor of the year (2002)
- PCMA Continued Chapter Involvement (2001-2002)
- HLA Supplier of the year (2000)
- Kansas City's CVB (now Visit KC) Membership Award (1998)
- KCMPI Supplier of the year award (1991-1992)
- Ingram's Magazine's Silver Award, Best Event Planner (2008 & 2009)
- Ingram's Magazine's Silver Award, Best Ground Transportation Company (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2014)
- Ingram's Magazine's Bronze Award, Best Ground Transportation Company (2008 & 2015)
- Ingram's Magazine's Gold Award, Best Limousine Company (1999)
- Ingram's Magazine's Silver Award, Best Limousine Company (2000)