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## SENIOR EVENT PRODUCER AND DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL EXPERT

Results-oriented leader with extensive experience in high-profile meetings and conferences, diplomatic protocol, and event planning. A respected industry professional and award-winning expert, frequently sought after to speak and write on topics related to diplomacy and event strategy. Possess a deep understanding of global diplomacy, with a proven ability to foster mutual respect and cultivate long-lasting partnerships. Recognized for establishing and nurturing relationships between diverse groups to achieve shared goals and advance strategic objectives.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# Lithium Logistics Group, LLC Founder and President

Lead dynamic international meeting and global event production firm that delivers comprehensive strategic planning and expert event production to clients that range from international Fortune 100 companies to major associations, Republican state parties, affiliates, and government entities.

## Successfully produced numerous high-profile events including:

- Minnesota State Republican Convention (2009 present)
- National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference (2014- present)
- RNC Northeast Republican Leadership Conference 2016, 2024
- Midwest Republican Leadership Conference 2011
- Southern Republican Leadership Conference in 2019
- Over 60 Honeywell Nobel Initiative Conferences in conjunction with the Nobel Foundation to bring over 28 Nobel Laureates to more than 34 different international college campuses for a week of events.

### Republican National Convention, Milwaukee, WI

In addition to serving as a Minnesota Trump Delegate and Platform Committee Member, managed multiple state delegations and high-profile events in support of the Trump 2024 campaign.

- Minnesota Platform Committee Member
- Trump 2024 Platform Committee Whip
- Trump 2024 State Party/Slate Management, MN Volunteer
- Managed four state delegations (ND, NC, SC, NE) and produced four major events including the Carve Out States Event, the NE Regional Event, the Log Cabin Big Tent Event, and Log Cabin "Ric-ception" honoring Ambassador Ric Grenell.

### Log Cabin Republicans Annual Spirit of Lincoln Gala

Produced the annual event at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum honoring Kellyanne Conway.

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Produced the annual event at Mar-a-Largo featuring President Trump.

### CPAC 2022, Orlando, FL

- Member of the core planning team to support all aspects of the execution of the Annual Conference
- Role included training the new management team on large-scale events, developing new processes and program improvements & industry best practices

## Log Cabin Republicans Annual Spirit of Lincoln Gala

Produced the annual event at Mar-a-Largo honoring First Lady Melania Trump, featuring President Trump.

## CPAC 2021, Dallas, TX

Served as Executive Producer managing all the production elements, speakers, and script

#### 2008 - present

## 2024

## 2022

2023

## 2022

## 2021

2021

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** (CONTINUED)

<ul> <li>CPAC 2021, Orlando, FL</li> <li>Member of the core planning team to support all aspects of the execution of the Annual Conference</li> <li>Lead on all COVID-19 protocols</li> </ul>	2021
Republican National Convention, Charlotte, NC Minnesota Trump Delegate	2020
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Trump-Pence Presidential Inaugural Committee, Washington DC2016Assistant Director, Ticketing and Invitation team	- 2017
<ul> <li>Republican National Convention, Cleveland, OH</li> <li>Minnesota Delegate, Trump Delegate</li> <li>Managed eight state delegations to convention (ND, SD, MN, ID, VA, RI, AK, MT), managed various surrogates</li> </ul>	2016
<ul> <li>Republican National Convention, Tampa, FL</li> <li>Managed convention coordination for the South Dakota Delegation</li> </ul>	2012
<ul> <li>Republican National Convention, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN</li> <li>Committee on Arrangements</li> <li>Hired to create and implement the Convention Intern Program</li> <li>98% approval rating of program with new key initiatives incorporated long-term</li> <li>Managed security and flow on the convention floor</li> </ul>	2008
PROFESSIONAL CAREER RECOGNITION	
<ul> <li>2023 Minnesota Senate District 42 Treasurer</li> <li>2021 Minnesota Congressional District 3 Secretary</li> <li>2013 M+E Hall of Fame Inductee, Best Special Event Planner of the Year</li> <li>2011 Young Republicans of Minnesota Volunteer of the Year</li> </ul>	

### **EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

The Protocol School of Washington, International Protocol Officer Certification

Meeting Professional International, Certification in Meeting Management (CMM)

Convention Industry Council, Certified Meeting Professional (CMP)

University of North Dakota, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering