

ATLANTIC PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gerry Wilson - President, APPA

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and well as these are truly some unprecedented times we are living in. I wanted to share with everyone that even though we are not able to be together (face-to-face), we can remain connected virtually. We are happy to present some FREE virtual training opportunities to our membership and an introduction to the new certification programs being offered by NIGP.

The challenges that comes with these times have showed the world how critical our profession is to the daily operations of all organizations. Procurement has been at the forefront of this pandemic. So, as we edge back into the post-corona virus world, take advantage of one of the FREE webinars.

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CONNECT LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Times have changed! We're all learning not only how to work in a virtual environment, but also how to **MANAGE** a remote workforce. Some of you are pros at this, while some are still learning. Since we will not be able to schedule any face-to-face events this year, we would like to share with you some **FREE** opportunities for our members to participate in some upcoming 90-minute webinars (see list below) through NIGP- click [here](#)

The APPA Executive Committee is committed to providing training solutions and opportunities for our membership and are researching to establish future virtual seminars. As training programs and events shift online, APPA Executive Committee is researching strategies and solutions to accelerate the development of instructor-led training to a virtual format. Coming soon!!



Webinars are 90 Minutes (60-70 minutes of content followed by a Q&A session) and attendees receive 1 contact hour. Sign up for a webinar today!

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED WEBINARS

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|  | Webinar - Beyond COVID - The Long-term Impacts on Procurement
Dates: 16 Jul, 2020 |
|  | Webinar - You are Certified by the UPPCC. Congratulations! What is Your Next Journey?
Dates: 22 Jul, 2020 |
|  | Webinar - Dealing with Anxiety & Depression
Dates: 22 Sep, 2020 |

NIGP - Pathways Courses

NIGP built content that offers parallel information in the new Pathways Courses, which are more focused on cooperative learning and have a workshop feel offering attendees the opportunity to practice real tasks. All courses will come with a student workbook and access to NIGP's Learning Management System (ASPIRE). Once the course evaluation and final assessment is completed in ASPIRE, attendees will receive instant recognition with a digital badge and certificate. It is possible to choose a number of topics to make education a 1–3 day course as desired.

To view a video to learn more about the Pathway Digital Badges click [here](#).

For Pathway course price (APPA discounts) information, please contact Linda Hachey, APPA 1st Vice President at linda.hachey@nbcc.ca



FEES WAIVED FOR 2020!!

APPA understands that organizations have taken a big economic hit due to the COVID-19 so the Executive Committee have all decided to waive membership fees for everyone during the 2020 year!!



The Executive Board is also researching a social platform whereby all members can hold discussions and ask questions.

FALL 2020 ELECTIONS

The Executive Committee will be holding elections for board positions in the Fall 2020. A call for volunteers/nominations will be coming out soon!

We have two positions on the Executive Committee that will be vacant. The Executive Committee is also seeking volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of events, marketing, and communication activities for the membership. What is your skill/passion? Communications? Social Media? Event Planning? If so, we would like to hear from you!



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