

# ATLANTIC PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

*Chapter of National Institute of Government Purchasing*



## NEWSLETTER

### APPA New Look!

*Gerry Wilson - President, APPA*

With more than 75% of Atlantic Canadians online and 6 out of 10 people accessing the internet using social media, APPA wants to do a better job at providing information to its membership.

That's why we are in the process of upgrading and developing our website, social media pages, and creating newsletters!



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## NIGP - Members Special Offer



NIGP is offering a FREE one-month trial membership to APPA members!

To start your 1 month FREE NIGP membership online:

- go to <http://www.nigp.org/home/membership#join>
- go to the join as an individual page, select the one-month FREE trial option, enter the code NIGP Chapter at checkout
- membership benefits are effective for 30 calendar days after joining.

Should you decide to join, NIGP is offering \$90 (discounted) membership to APPA members until June 30, 2020!!

## UPPCC - Broader Eligibility for CPPO and CPPB

The CPPO and CPPB programs are the most highly regarded and well-respected certifications among procurement professionals and their employers in the public sector.

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) announced that it is introducing new, broader eligibility qualifications for those wishing to apply for the CPPO and CPPB certifications.

Check out the UPPCC website: <https://www.uppcc.org/>





## A Look Back at Previous Years

The 2019 APPA Spring Conference was held in Truro, NS (May 21-23).

The 2018 APPA Spring Conference was held in Charlottetown, PEI (May 29-31).

The 2017 APPA Fall Conference was held in Saint John, NB (October 17-19).

## APPA Spring Conference 2020

The Atlantic Public Purchasing Association has been following the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health with regards to the COVID-19 virus. On March 11, 2020, NB (Moncton) announced it's first case of COVID-19. The potential spread of the virus is now in Atlantic Canada.

APPA feel's that protecting and keeping our members safe from the spread of the COVID-19 is is key to fighting the pandemic; therefore, APPA is cancelling the 2020 APPA Conference that was supposed to be held from May 27 to 29, 2020 in Moncton, NB. We stand by our members, colleagues, and partners in these challenging times. Your Executive Committee will make plans to setup another date for the Conference and will send out information as soon as it become available.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Executive Committee will be holding elections for board positions.

A call for nominations will be coming out soon!

We are also looking for volunteers to join the Executive Committee team!

What is your passion: communications, social media, event planning?

Whatever your passion is and you like to volunteer, we would like to hear from you!

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