

## Reflections of 2020

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To say this year has been challenging, is an understatement! As your Communications Chair, I had high hopes of continuing to improve KPPA's social media presence, website and newsletter, especially as we began planning for an exciting new annual forum location in Owensboro. We were making great strides to achieve our goals and then the rug was pulled out from under us in March.

I remember as COVID-19 just started emerging, the Board debated whether to continue with our March Procurement Month (MPM) celebration but decided to move forward. We never would have guessed that would be the last time our members would be able to meet in person even though precautions were starting to take place. I actually missed the closing speaker because I was hidden away in an empty room on a last minute conference call regarding COVID with my management.

After MPM, the Board continued with plans for the Reverse Trade Show and Annual Forum. We were so excited with the new things we were going to bring to Forum and our members! As months kept passing and we were still working from home and restrictions were in place, your Board had to make some tough decisions. Our Reverse Trade Show and Annual Forum are sometimes the only avenue for our members to directly network with each other and vendors. In addition, where else are you able to hear amazing speakers and earn 16 hours of credit over three days for around \$150?! (\$100 of the approximately \$250 forum registration fee is annual membership dues for the following year.) However, we had no choice but to cancel our activities for this year. Not everything is lost though as the prep work we did this year will ease planning efforts in 2021 when hopefully we will be able to initiate activities again. Stay keyed into KPPA communications to learn when this will happen.

In the meantime, take advantage of the virtual offerings that KPPA and NIGP/Pathways offer. You are getting some greatly reduced rates and new training/certification opportunities! You will find a listing of future classes offered by KPPA and/or NIGP within this newsletter.

Through all the Teams and Zoom meetings where we have had to learn new technology and deal with the distractions at home from children and pets (and you thought your cubicle neighbors were annoying), I hope you have gained a new perspective on life. Slow down and appreciate a less frantic pace. Enjoy cooking together and meal times at home with open family discussions. These are some of the silver linings discovered during this challenging time. Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season filled with good health, joy and hope for the new year!

# IMPORTANT *Information....*

## KPPA Memberships

KPPA recognizes the hardships our members and their employers have endured this year and as a result will be extending all 2020 KPPA memberships through 12/31/2021 at no cost to our members. Members do not need to take any action as KPPA will automatically extend your membership enrollment for you.

## KPPA Scholarships

We want our members to grow and succeed in procurement but realize 2020 was a difficult year for training with fewer opportunities for growth. Therefore, KPPA will rollover all scholarship funds our members were unable to use in 2020 to 2021. No action is needed on your part. KPPA will automatically rollover outstanding scholarship funds as of 12/31/2020 so our members will have these funds available to use during the 2021 calendar year. You've earned it!

## Virtual Awards Ceremony

Annual Awards and KPPA Board election results will be announced at the KPPA Virtual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 9. Be sure to register by 5pm EST the day before on December 8 to receive your Zoom meeting invitation for the awards ceremony.

<https://www.kppanigp.org/insidepages/meetings/details.cfm?meetingid=FF93FD08-5056-8960-3EAA-B111A6631EF4>



## New Brand, Same Mission

In case you haven't noticed, NIGP has a new look! Check out their new logo and all of the other new changes on their website at

<https://www.nigp.org>

## NIGP Pathways

Pathways is a professional development and credentialing program designed to help procurement professionals advance in their careers. Pathways provides personalized learning paths customized for every stage of your career with instant recognition.

<https://www.nigp.org/learning/what-is-pathways>



## Future NIGP Forums

**2021**  
August 28-September 1  
Anaheim, CA

**2022**  
August 27-August 31  
Boston, MA

**2023**  
August 19-August 23  
Louisville, KY

## Upcoming Courses

KPPA and NIGP offer a wide range of courses to expand your procurement knowledge through online settings. Take advantage of these learning opportunities, some of which are at no cost to the member, by registering for the upcoming classes at <https://www.kppanigp.org/insidepages/meetings/> (KPPA/KPI courses) and <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses> (NIGP courses).

### KPI Courses

All KPI classes will be via Microsoft Teams

#### Introduction to Professional

##### Service Contracts

Thursday, December 10, 2020

1:00 PM-4:00 PM ET

Be sure to continue checking the eprocurement website for the new KPI schedule for 2021

### NIGP Courses

#### Competency Module: Negotiations

##### Virtual Instructor-Led

December 8, 2020 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (ET)

Instructor: Stacy Gregg CPPO, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

#### NIGP Certification: Procurement Professional

##### A Proven Pathway That Invests in Your Long-

##### Term Career Growth - Webinar

December 9, 2020

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (ET)

#### Competency Module: Negotiations

##### Virtual Instructor-Led

December 9, 2020 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (ET)

Instructor: Theresa Webb CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M. M.A., NIGP-CPP

#### Learning Lab 5 – Use Just Enough Structure:

##### Plan, Communicate, Follow-Up

##### Virtual Instructor-Led

December 9, 2020 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (ET)

Instructor: Richard Pennington, CPPO, J.D., NIGP-CPP

#### Membership Ideas for Your Next Outstanding

##### Chapter Awards Application - Webinar

December 15, 2020

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (ET)

#### Competency Module: Communication

##### Strategies - Virtual Instructor-Led

December 15, 2020

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (ET)

Instructor: Lourdes Coss CPPO

#### From Roadblock to Trusted Advisor:

##### Transforming the Role of Procurement

##### in Your Entity - Webinar

December 16, 2020

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (ET)

#### Content Corner – Are Certificates,

##### Certifications, and Designations the Right

##### Path for Me? - Webinar

January 5, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (ET)

#### VCON WINTER

January 27-28, 2021

## Kentucky Procurement Institute



The KPI training and certificate program

substantiates basic levels of training accomplished by agency procurement staff and provides a framework for delegation of agency small purchase authority.

For information regarding KPI training and certification, go to: <https://finance.ky.gov/services/eprocurement/Pages/Kentucky-Procurement-Institute-Training-and-Certificate-Program.aspx> or send an email to [Ask.kpi@ky.gov](mailto:Ask.kpi@ky.gov).

### KPPA Virtual Sessions

#### KPPA Awards Ceremony

##### Virtual Session via Zoom

December 9, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (ET)

#### Pathways Program

##### Virtual Session via Zoom

January 21, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM (ET)

Presented by Penny Owens  
NIGP Area 3 Chapter Ambassador

To register for these sessions, go to the KPPA website at <https://www.kppanigp.org/>



## Not a member?

If you are not already a NIGP or KPPA member, please go to the following websites to join.

[www.kppanigp.org](http://www.kppanigp.org)

[www.NIGP.org](http://www.NIGP.org)



## Members in Motion

If you know of a KPPA member who has recently received an award, a certification, promotion, transferred, retired or have other general good news to share, please contact one of the Communications Committee members.

We want to recognize all accomplishments of our members!



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## Dates to Remember

- **Christmas Day**  
December 25, 2020
- **New Year's Day**  
January 1, 2021



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Office of Procurement Services' employees Richard Mize and Don Robinson who retired at the end of November.

*Happy Retirement!*

## About Our Organization

Kentucky Public Procurement Association (KPPA) membership is open to any public official, both elected and non-elected, representing Federal, State, County or City governments, colleges or universities, school systems and political subdivision jurisdictions.

KPPA's purpose is to:

- Provide a professional forum for the exchange of ideas, research, and experiences among public procurement officials;
- Promote and encourage professional development and competence through continuing education, seminars and training of public officials;
- Promote cooperative relationships and programs among public procurement officials;
- Support and promote continuing improvements in the field of public procurement; and
- Support the principles and concepts of effective competition, increased public confidence and equitable treatment of all persons involved in public procurement.

## KPPA Communications Committee

### Questions or Suggestions?

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