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The President's Corner



Dear AZNIGP Members,

This has been a challenging year for all of us. Our chapter worked hard to continue to bring our members seminars, webinars, study sessions, education, and professional development virtually. This year was not possible without the support of the committee chairs and committee members. Thank you for your dedication and hard work during the year. You are an amazing group of people.

The members are what makes this chapter great and I encourage you to get involved in some way. We cannot do this without you and we need you to continue the great things we are doing along with the new things we still need to accomplish. Volunteer opportunities to serve on a committee will be available in January.

We were still able to accomplish a lot this year by holding things virtually. We hosted 1 in-person luncheon, 2 career seminars, 2 CPPB/CPPO review study sessions, 3 webinars, 4 NIGP Seminars, 2 NIGP Pathway Classes, and a regional conference. In addition, we attended the NIGP Chapter Academy in Herndon, VA and over 50 members were able to attend NIGP National Forum virtually.

I have enjoyed seeing all of you at our virtual meetings and look forward to hopefully seeing you in person in 2021. Thank you for a great year and I am honored to serve as your President for another year.

Happy Holidays! I wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and prosperity in the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

Heather Hodgman, MPA





New AZ NIGP Members



City of Avondale

- Tessa Prater



City of Phoenix

- Genie Usher
- Isis Sanchez



City of Tempe

- Daniel Wojcik



Pinal County

- Ann Synodis

AZ NIGP 2021 Executive Board

Elections were held and  to the following members:

President - Heather Hodgman

Vice President - Lori Noyes

Treasurer - Haydee Nora, Central Arizona Project

Secretary - Jesse Atoigue

Past President for 2021 - Kristy Garcia



Your Professional Growth

As a Member of your local chapter, you recognize the importance of connecting with like-minded professionals and the need for professional growth.

At NIGP, your networking and professional growth is incredibly important to us!

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP + NIGP MEMBERSHIP

Whether you need career support, access to research, mentorship, or professional development training and tools, NIGP is here for you. By becoming a member of NIGP, you expand your reach and relevance.

Here's what NIGP membership can do for you:

- Connect with thousands of procurement peers from across the country
- Get answers and advice to your pressing questions from colleagues who have been there, done that in different states, cities, counties, municipalities
- Search procurement-specific document libraries featuring real-world solicitations, RFPs, templates, Statements of Work, etc.
- Save on professional development opportunities including Forum

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

As a Chapter Member and Member of NIGP you double, triple, quadruple your exposure to the public procurement profession. The networking is priceless as is the knowledge and growth you gain from a dual membership.

GET STARTED TODAY

For new members only!

Take advantage of special limited-time NIGP pricing created just for you.

Only \$90

through December 31, 2020

Join online at nigp.org as a new agency or individual member and enter the discount code **Chapter2020** at checkout to receive special pricing. Don't forget to indicate your chapter affiliation.

Questions? Contact customer@nigp.org to assist with setting up your NIGP membership.



Consider Volunteering with UPPCC!

UPPCC is actively recruiting CPPOs and CPPBs for several volunteer positions, including positions on the Item Writing/Item Review Committee and UPPCC Study Group Task Force. Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to the profession and earn valuable contact hours towards your next recertification in the process. Check out the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) on our website for additional details and how to apply.



UPPCC Agency Certification Awards - Apply for 2020 Recognition by Dec 31!

Through its Agency Certification Award program, the UPPCC identifies organizations that have earned the distinguished and unique honor of achieving and/or maintaining a high percentage of staff that are UPPCC Certified. This program was developed to recognize those organizations that have made a concerted effort to achieve procurement excellence.

The UPPCC Agency Certification Award is an annual recognition for which qualifying agencies must apply every year for consideration.

The deadline to apply for 2020 recognition is December 31.

Visit the [Agency Certification Awards](#) page for more information and to apply.

Now Accepting Applications for CPPO/CPPB Testing this Spring

The exam application window for Spring 2021 testing opened on Nov 1 and will remain open until the application deadline Feb 1.

If you have been putting off applying for your CPPO or CPPB and earning the recognition you deserve, don't put it off any longer... *The time to apply is now!* The May 3-15, 2021 examination window marks the last opportunity to test before the exams change.

[New certification examinations](#) will be effective for the fall 2021 examination window as a result of the most recent Job Task Analysis process.

Apply Today!

Follow Us!



The CPPO and the CPPB are the only globally recognized certifications specifically designed for government procurement professionals. Wholly owned and operated by the independent certifying body, the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council, the CPPO and CPPB represent the gold standard in public procurement certification.

Upcoming Events & Professional Development Opportunities

This is a TENTATIVE schedule of 2021 Events and Professional Development Opportunities. The calendar will be updated as planning progresses.

January 2021

January Chapter Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Location: [Virtual Zoom Meeting](#)

Helpful Links

Contact us at: info@aznigp.org or Members@aznigp.com

Visit us on the web at: www.aznigp.org

[Helpful Web Links](#)

[Job Opportunities](#)

Board Members

President—Heather Hodgman hhodgman@ajcity.net

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Secretary—Jesse Atoigue at Jesse.Atoigue@azdcs.gov

Immediate Past President - Kristy Garcia at Kristy.Garcia@MesaAZ.Gov

They say if you can find 7 persons & a cat in the picture, your brain is in a top condition. 6 is OK. 2 or 3 means the mind needs a to refresh

