

# Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER**  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING

NIGP CGC Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020

### President's Message

To our NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter (CGC) Members and Potential Members! I am honored and excited to serve as your President for the 2020-2021 term. Although I am stepping out of my comfort zone, I will do my best to work hard for you and try to expand our membership and build on CGC's legacy. I would like to thank the past Officers for their leadership and guidance. I would also like to thank our new Officers for volunteering their time and dedication to enhance our Chapter. The Officers had their 2020 Kick-Off Meeting in January to begin planning this year's quarterly meetings and events.

As you all know ... March is Procurement Month! When we celebrate Procurement Month, we acknowledge an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental procurement with efficiency and effectiveness. The intent is to provide an opportunity to help educate others about the procurement process and the admirable work we as procurement professionals perform every day.

In celebration of Procurement Month, we encourage each member to bring a potential member as a guest. The theme for all activities during March 2020 is **The Roaring 20's**. If you know of anyone involved in the governmental procurement field, please invite them to come and join us. The normal guest fee is \$20; however, the cost for potential members will be half the cost @ \$10.00. Please indicate on your RSVP form if you have any guests attending so that we can get an accurate head count. For members who bring a guest, their name will be included in a drawing for a special prize.

NIGP members from various chapters will be attending the Purchasing Proclamation signing at the State's Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia in March. We have been notified of some tentative dates for March 2, 2020 @ 9:00 am and March 3, 2020 @ 9:00 am. This will not be confirmed until a closer time. If anyone is interested in going, please let me or one of our Officers know as soon as possible.

We would like to change how we manage our Chapter meetings. This will include an agenda, member recognition, and other things to really enhance the networking experience that inherently comes with a Chapter environment. We would like our Members input and suggestions for activities and innovative ideas for taking our Chapter in a new direction to make our Chapter a more valuable resource for our members.

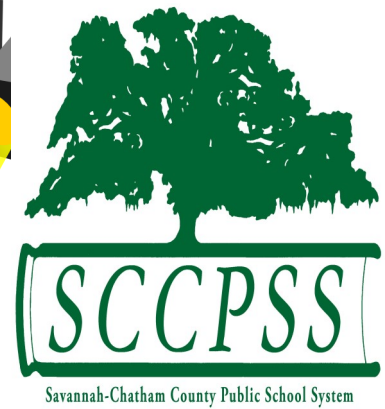
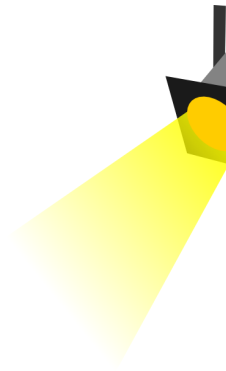
We are hoping to make the next two years fun and exciting! Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your President. See you all soon!

Ginger Adkinson, CPPB  
President, NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



***Kathleen Watson-Scott***  
***CPPB, Purchasing Agent***  
**Savannah-Chatham County**  
**Public School System**

SCCPSS

1. Are you native to Savannah? Yes, I have lived her in Savannah all my life and have a deep love for this city. Working in the downtown area I get to experience the city's beauty of azaleas blooming in the square in the springtime. What a wonderful site to see!
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? About 17 years.
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most? As a Purchasing Agent for Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, I love what I do. There are several aspects of my career I enjoy most. I am constantly learning new things. One example would be that I had the opportunity to work on a first time project for the school district (Design Professional for the New K-12 Multi School Project) and this was a great learning experience. Another would be meeting new people through NIGP professional development classes, the Coastal Chapter NIGP, as well as attending NIGP conferences which allow me to build new relationships.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? It is a challenge when working on solicitations for goods and service, it is my desire to always be within budget or under budget. Sometimes, this is not the case and it can be a stressful part of what I do as a purchasing professional.
5. What are your future goals? I have a desire to own my own business.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? I spend my free time surrounded by family and I love an occasional shopping spree.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. In college I held a job as a night time 800 reservations operator for a small hotel chain.

## New Members



*“Membership with this chapter creates a distinctive and invaluable networking resource*



**Dawoud Stevenson**  
**Director of Program**  
**Management**  
**Savannah Airport**

*for creative solutions and support for the unique challenges faced within Procurement. “*

## Recruitment

**Tell others about the benefits of becoming a member of The Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP!**

Many CGC members of NIGP enjoy the chapter's quarterly meetings and the opportunity to network with other local professionals in the field. Membership with the CGC also provides a wealth of educational opportunities. As a member of the CGC, you will also gain access to quarterly newsletters that highlight major events and procurement news.

The CGC is affiliated with the National Chapter of NIGP but operates independently. National membership is encouraged, however; members of the local CGC can participate regardless of their membership status nationally.

Visit our website at <https://cgcnigp.com/> for membership information, to view learning opportunities, and check out events!

**tell  
someone!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 11, 2020**

Guest Speaker Parveez Yousuf,

Senior Construction Manager, Chatham County

Topic : Construction of Memorial Stadium

Time: 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Location: Memorial Stadium 101 John J. Scott Dr.

Savannah, GA 31406

**JUNE 17, 2020** Topic: TBD

Location TBD

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## ***March is Procurement Month***

Time to celebrate the role of the public procurement profession

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<https://www.nigp.org/home/about-nigp/connect/procurement-month-2017>

**For Procurement month our meeting theme is  
Roaring 20's. Feel free to participate.**

**Big things are happening in the  
Coastal Georgia Chapter for 2020!**



**Please return membership application  
if you have not renewed your  
membership yet.**



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## COASTAL GEORGIA NIGP CHAPTER MEETING

Memorial Stadium

101 John J. Scott Dr.

Savannah, GA 31406

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

11:30am – 1:00pm

**Send in your reservations today! The meeting will include a brief Chapter meeting followed by lunch, Chapter engagement and guest speaker.**

**Parveez Yousuf, Senior Construction Project Manager at Chatham County, will be speaking about the construction of the new stadium.**

**Please submit RSVP to [llansford@gaports.com](mailto:llansford@gaports.com) by 12:00 noon, Friday, March 6, 2020.**

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE NO.:

Guests are welcome at a cost of \$20 per person payable to Coastal GA Chapter of NIGP

GUEST NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE NO.:

**\*\* IN CELEBRATION OF PROCUREMENT MONTH, WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO BRING A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER AS YOUR GUEST AT A REDUCED GUEST FEE OF \$10. PARTICIPATING MEMBERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A GIFT CARD! \*\***

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