

# ***THE MACPP MESSENGER***

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR MID AMERICA  
COUNCIL OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT  
CHAPTER OF NIGP

**Happy Birthday to all  
of our MACPP  
members with  
birthdays in August,  
September, October,  
November!**



## **A Note from the President**

By Barbara Smelter

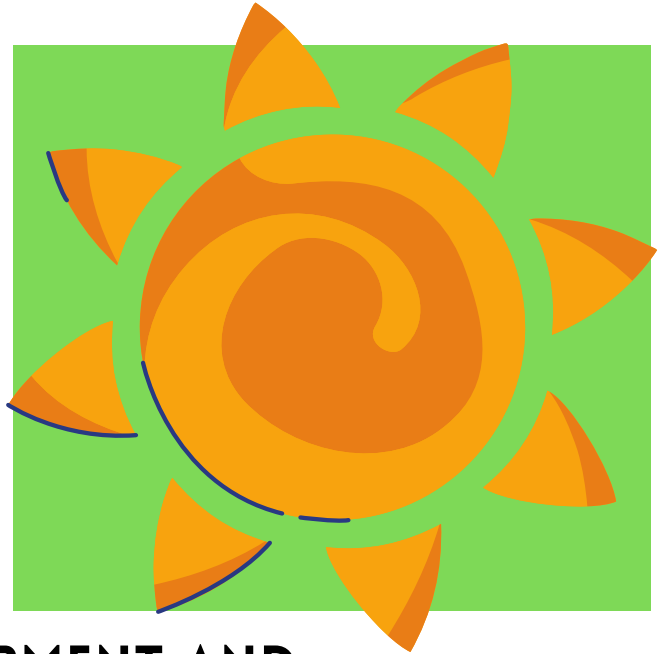
I truly hope you are having a great summer! I wanted to “reach out” to everyone and ask “How are you doing?” Are things “starting” to get back to normal? Whatever normal is! Here in our School District we were able to not wear masks in the “public” areas of our building if we were vaccinated. Those that have not received their vaccination must continue to wear their masks. I feel that is a “start”, and that we all can stay healthy.

On another note: the membership has approved the submitted changes to the MACPP Constitution and bylaws. Thanks to all that took the time to submit their votes! The current Constitution/Bylaws have been posted on the website. Another update to share is that MACPP is co-hosting a Reverse Vendor Fair in Topeka, KS on November 3rd, 2021. Additional information will be posted to the website soon.

Again, I just wanted to “touch base” with our members, as I sincerely hope everyone is doing well. If there is something new or interesting you would like to share or impart on your fellow members. Please consider sending a note to the Communications Director, Nicole Hogan at: [communications@macpp.org](mailto:communications@macpp.org).

Also, please consider engaging yourself as an officer/chair of MACPP. We will be seeking volunteers in the very near future as there will be several positions that will need to be filled in 2022. I personally have enjoyed being the President of MACPP. Though, I feel it’s time for me to turn the reins over and watch the chapter thrive. Thank you in advance, for your consideration to be a candidate for an officer/chair position.

# Check out these upcoming opportunities



- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- *Your MACPP Board is working behind the scenes to provide educational opportunities. Please be sure you are taking advantages of those FREE sessions! The current sessions are provided in this issue. We encourage you to take advantage of these free learning opportunities.*

- **FREE LIVE WEBINAR (MONTHLY) LEADERSHIP SESSIONS WITH LOURDES COSS, MPA, CPPO**

- *MACPP is excited to announce that we have partnered with Lourdes Coss to bring our members a series of FREE professional development and leadership webinars monthly for the remainder of the year! If you are preparing to sit for your NIGP-CPP, CPPO, or CPPB exam, these sessions will be a great tool to help you prepare. Please visit the MACPP website for the upcoming events. These courses will count for 1 contact hour per webinar.*

# Mark your calendars for these upcoming NIGP events



- **NIGP Forum Virtual August 23 - 26**
  - --\$297 NIGP members
  - --\$397 Non-members
- **NIGP Forum Leadership Summit September 11-14**
  - --\$850 NIGP members
  - --\$1,050 NIGP members
- **Webinar** - August 17 - NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: A Proven Pathway that Invests in Your Long-Term Career Growth

\*\*\*ALL upcoming NIGP webinars can be found at <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses/webinars>.

**We are proud to  
announce these  
upcoming  
MACPP hosted  
classes:**



- **Core Certificate: Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting VIRTUAL CLASS:**
  - **October 04 - 06 (8 am – 5 pm CDT)**
  - [Click Here to Register](#)
- **NIGP will notify you 5-7 days from the start day of the class to confirm its status.**
  
- **Core Certificate: Foundations of Planning and Analysis VIRTUAL CLASS:**
  - **November 04 - 05 (8 am – 5 pm CDT)**
  - [Click Here to Register](#)
- **NIGP will notify you 5-7 days from the start day of the class to confirm its status.**
  
- **Competency Module: Evaluation Methods VIRTUAL CLASS:**
  - **January 27 (8 am – 12 pm CDT)**
  - [Click Here to Register](#)
- **NIGP will notify you 5-7 days from the start day of the class to confirm its status.**

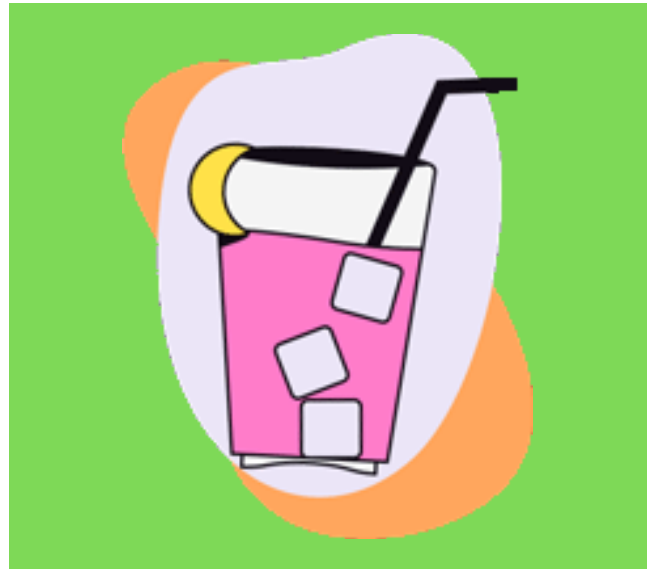
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- **Competency Module: Negotiations VIRTUAL CLASS:**
  - **January 27, 2022 (1 pm – 5 pm CDT)**
  - [Click Here to Register](#)
- **NIGP will notify you 5-7 days from the start day of the class to confirm its status.**
  
- **Legal Aspects of Public Procurement VIRTUAL CLASS:**
  - **March 09 – 11, 2022 (8 am – 5 pm CDT)**
  - [Click Here to Register](#)
- **NIGP will notify you 5-7 days from the start day of the class to confirm its status.**



# Upcoming MACPP events- All Events are FREE TO MEMBERS



## AUGUST

- 8/12/21 - Lourdes Coss, MPA, CPPO Webinar - **Getting Ready for Transformation** - - Zoom link to be sent via email once you register - 12:00 PM

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/9/21 - Lourdes Coss, MPA, CPPO Webinar - Building a High Performance Culture - Zoom link to be sent via email once you register - 12:00 PM
- Seeking Volunteers for Next Year's Chapter Officers and Board Members
- Discussion with Rick Gentry - The Importance of Volunteerism and What you Gain - Time and Date TBD

## OCTOBER

- 10/8/21 - MACPP Board Meeting - 10:00 AM
- 10/14/21 - Lourdes Coss, MPA, CPPO Webinar - The Power of Ideation - Zoom link to be sent via email once you register - 12:00 PM

## NOVEMBER

- 11/3/21 - Reverse Vendor Fair - Capitol Plaza Hotel - Maner Conference Center  
\*More details to be shared with entities and vendors soon.
- 11/4/21 - Lourdes Coss, MPA, CPPO Webinar - Learn How to Build an Expert Status - Zoom link to be sent via email once you register - 12:00 PM
- Elections to Occur for Next Year's Chapter Officers and Board Members

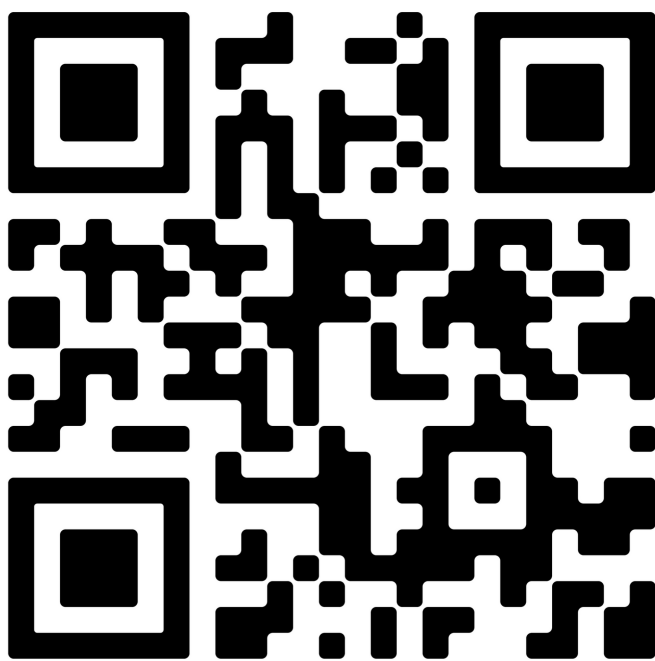
## DECEMBER

- 12/9/21 - Lourdes Coss, MPA, CPPO Webinar - Public Speaking Made Easy - Zoom link to be sent via email once you register - 12:00 PM
- Election - Awarded Candidates Announcement

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# NIGP Member Spotlight

Tonya Hodges



## LET'S GET TO KNOW TONYA THROUGH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

List your Agency, Your Title, and any certifications you have.

- Tonya Hodges, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Senior Buyer, Jordan School District, Utah Chapter of NIGP

How long have you been in Public Procurement? How long have you been a member of NIGP?

- I've been in Public Procurement and a member of NIGP for 16 years. I had about 3 years of Purchasing experience in the Private sector prior to this.

Why did you join NIGP?

- I joined NIGP because it would give me professional development opportunities and would eventually help me get my CPPB and later my NIGP-CPP certifications. I think life long learning is essential in our profession, and certification gives greater emphasis to the Procurement profession and allows us the opportunity to show our agencies that we are qualified to do what we do.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

- I enjoy volunteering for several reasons. I feel it's a great way to give back and to help others, especially those new to the profession. It's important to be able to provide professional development and networking opportunities for our members. We are really close here in the Utah chapter, and we develop relationships with counterparts in other agencies, and feel comfortable contacting each other for advice or information. I think this is one of the best outcomes from being a member.

What advice would you offer to an NIGP member?

- I would encourage NIGP members to get involved in your local chapter. Whether that is participating in a social or service event, or volunteering to help the chapter on a one-time or longer term basis, it is a great opportunity to get to know other chapter members, who may become a resource for you down the road.

What do you love most about working in Procurement?

- I enjoy working in Procurement for the variety it provides, and most especially knowing that it helps our end users and communities. I'm very customer service driven, and I love working in a school district where I know that what I do daily helps our students in our communities.

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

- Fun fact: My left arm is about 1 inch shorter than my right arm. I broke my left elbow on the trampoline when I was 9, and I was in the middle of a growth spurt. The left arm stopped growing so it could heal, while the right arm kept growing. Now I always reach for things with my right arm because I can reach further!

If you could share an organization leadership tip or trick, what would that be?

- Organizational tip or trick: Morale boosters. We are all busy and have trying times. Make sure to let your employees know they are appreciated for the work they do. This can be a note or a mention of something well done in a meeting, or even providing an occasional treat. Do something on a regular basis to let them know you appreciate them. A happy workplace can work wonders with employees.

What is something you didn't know about the Utah Chapter or NIGP prior to serving on the Board?

- The Utah chapter was only a couple months old when I joined, so I'm considered a long-timer in the chapter, as those that organized the chapter have since retired. I didn't know that Rick Grimm was the one that came and presented initially to the committee that was formed to get a local chapter started in Utah. I also didn't realize until I was an officer that the first chapter meeting held in September 2005 was the chapter's first meeting with members, and that I was there participating. I thought they had previous meetings earlier in the year that I had missed.

What do you like to do in your free time?

- I like to read and watch British television shows, especially period dramas and mysteries. I serve as a church youth leader and enjoy spending time with them. I love going back to Idaho to visit and spend time with family- we love to play board and card games.



# NIGP Member Spotlight

Kimberly Allen



## LET'S GET TO KNOW KIMBERLY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

List your Agency, Your Title, and any certifications you have.

- City of Albany, Georgia, Buyer I

How long have you been in Public Procurement? How long have you been a member of NIGP?

- 8 years and 8 years

Why did you join NIGP?

- It was part of my new position, upon entering Procurement.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

- Lending a helping hand, paying it forward

What advice would you offer to an NIGP member?

- Hang in there, it gets tough and frustrated. But never give up.

What do you love most about working in Procurement?

- Working with the community to build a better City. Unity!

How do you define success?

- Accomplishing your goals, not giving up.

Who inspires you?

- My Parents and children, they are my #1 Fans.

What's one thing - either industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?

- More about Grants Management as it relates to Procurement

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

- I Love to Relax!

If you could share an organization leadership tip or trick, what would that be?

- The race is not given to the swift but to the one who endures to the end.

What is something you didn't know about the Utah Chapter or NIGP prior to serving on the Board?

- The great people you meet with such knowledge to share.

What do you like to do in your free time?

- Spend time with Family and Friends.



Hello MACPP Members,

This is Christine Dorantes, the MACPP Treasurer for 2021. My budget report is somewhat unconventional, but then again so is the last 18 months. Below, I am providing a snap-shot on how MACPP is performing. I cannot determine 2019 and 2020 because I am limited to records but I can say financially MACPP is in good shape. The 2021 budget figures are based on past years and the 2021 Actual column is a true statement.

The Chapter will need to be frugal, because COVID is limiting our ability to seek revenue through our two most profitable events: the Reverse Vendor Fair and KCPRE. Moving forward, there are some housekeeping task that I am working on and will eventually catch up records for the website.

We do have scholarship funding, so please take advantage of the opportunity. Looking forward to someday having a face-to-face event, take care and enjoy the summer. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Best Regards, Christine Dorantes, MACPP Treasurer - Treasurer@macpp.org

MACPP 2021 Budget (Operating Account)								
	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Chapter Meetings Registrations/Holiday Luncheon	\$2,044	\$2,008	\$1,632	\$2,000	\$2,252	\$2,252	\$0	\$0
Chapter Meeting Sponsorships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Chapter Membership Dues	\$3,608	\$3,480	\$3,272	\$3,200	\$4,121	\$4,121	\$2,675	approximate figure 107 members x \$25.00 = \$2675.00
Contributions-Fundraising-Grants	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0				
Interest Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
KCPRE Proceeds	\$0	\$12,715	\$0	\$10,000	\$9,296	\$9,296	\$0	
NIGP Sponsored Seminar Rebate	\$1,005	\$938	\$1,302	\$3,000	\$2,049	\$2,049	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$1,705	\$20,593	\$663	\$0			\$0	\$1,095 this figure is from credits Jan to May 2021
Reverse Vendor Fair	\$18,484	\$0	\$17,887	\$0			\$0	
Refund		\$40	\$2,346	\$0			\$0	
Website Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$26,845</b>	<b>\$39,814</b>	<b>\$27,102</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>\$17,718</b>	<b>\$17,718</b>	<b>\$2,675</b>	<b>\$1,095</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Annual Chapter Assessment	\$400	\$384	\$272	\$300	\$144	\$144	\$96	\$96
Bank - Processing Fees	\$254	\$243	\$164	\$300			\$300	\$300
Chapter Awards	\$347	\$741	\$140	\$600			\$300	\$169
Chapter Meeting Expenses	\$4,017	\$3,987	\$2,247	\$5,000				
Chapter Promotional Items	\$0	\$0	\$295	\$500			\$500	order pins & do we have t-shirts?
Charity Donation	\$0	\$190	\$0	\$400	\$853	\$853	\$0	
Credit Card Fees	\$346	\$364	\$145	\$300			\$300	
NIGP Leadership Forum	\$199	\$314	\$0	\$500			\$800	\$247 Barb has a credit of \$553.00
Misc.-Miscellaneous Expenses	\$444	\$11	\$0	\$500			\$4	\$4 Mar fee of \$4.03 not able to remove
NIGP Forum Exp for President	\$792	\$1,829	\$2,374	\$2,500			\$2,500	cover hotel and flight for Leadership - Barb
Office Supplies - Equipment	\$0	\$57	\$75	\$100	\$32	\$32	\$0	\$32
Postage-Bulk Mailing/NIGP Class Mailing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200			\$0	
NIGP Classes	\$6,300	\$0	\$131	\$750			\$2,000	\$1,000 Loudres Coss
Refreshment Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$813	\$813	\$500	
Refunds	\$175	\$189	\$270	\$0				
Reverse Vendor Fair Expenses	\$2,043	\$0	\$18,037	\$0				
John Neger Scholarships (Split 2017)	\$12,104	\$10,367	\$8,096	\$8,000			\$4,000	a half figure from 2018 budget amount
Educational Subsidies (Split 2017)			\$2,388	\$6,000			\$3,000	a half figure from 2018 budget amount
Chapter Manager	\$3,917	\$2,956	\$2,764	\$1,540	\$3,530	\$1,540	\$1,540	waiting on 2021 invoice
Chapter State Non-Profit Corp Status Fee (start 2017)			\$22	\$25				
Website Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$31,338</b>	<b>\$21,632</b>	<b>\$37,419</b>	<b>\$28,015</b>	<b>\$5,372</b>	<b>\$3,382</b>	<b>\$15,836</b>	<b>\$1,548</b>
<b>REVENUES - EXPENDITURES Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$4,493)</b>	<b>\$18,182</b>	<b>(\$10,318)</b>	<b>(\$9,815)</b>	<b>\$12,346</b>			
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>								
	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$23,030	\$18,537	\$38,117	\$27,999			\$34,969.4	beginning balance 12/31/21
Revenues	\$26,845	\$39,814	\$27,102	\$18,200			1095	
Expenditures	\$31,338	\$21,632	\$37,419	\$28,015	\$5,372	\$3,382	\$15,836	
Ending Fund Balance	\$18,537	\$36,719	\$27,799	\$18,184	-\$5,372	-\$3,382	\$19,756	



# Raise Your Hands for this Volunteer and Engagement Opportunity

**AS WE HAVE MANY BOARD OFFICER AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS TERMS ENDING, WE HAVE SEVERAL OPENINGS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO THESE CURRENT INDIVIDUALS IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR INTEREST IN THESE ROLES.**

## **President - Term Ends 12/2021**

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## **Secretary - Term Ends 12/2021**

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## **Treasurer - Term Ends 12/2022**

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## **Website Director - Term Ends 12/2021**

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## **Program Director - Term Ends 12/2021**

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## **Chapter Development and Recognition Director- Term Ends 12/2022**

OPEN POSITION

## **Historian Director - Term Ends 12/2022**

OPEN POSITION appointed by the Executive Board

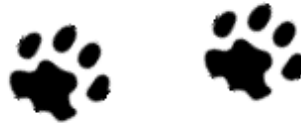


# Remember these Brain Teasers? Answers on Next page.

## BRAIN TEASERS

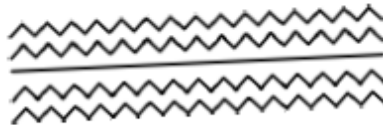
1. Emily loves cats and she keeps some as pets. All but two of them are completely black. All but two of them are completely white. All but two of them are completely ginger.

How many cats does she have in total ?



2. A family of five people drove in a car for 300 miles at an average speed of 50 miles per hour. For the whole journey nobody noticed that the car had a flat tyre.

How come nobody noticed?



3. Try to re-arrange the letters of **NEW DOOR** to make one word.

4. A school orchestra with six musicians can play the first section of Beethoven's 5th symphony in 7 minutes and 23 seconds.



How long would it take to play if they doubled the number of musicians?

5. Tom owns an antique grandfather clock made in the year 1877.

How long is it designed to go without winding?



6. Emma was running in a 5 mile marathon. With the end in sight she sprinted past Chloe who was in second place and triumphantly crossed the finish line.

Why didn't Emma win the marathon?



# BRAIN TEASERS

## *The answers!*

1. She has three cats.
2. It was the spare tyre.
3. NEW DOOR re-arranges to make ONE WORD.
4. The same amount of time. The number of musicians will not change the length of the piece of music !
5. It is not designed to go without winding.
6. She was still in second place.

