FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT…

Dear Chapter Members and Colleagues,

March is National Procurement Month and this is a perfect time for professionals to show how important the public procurement profession is to their government agencies. Purchasing is an ever changing profession that has many challenges and rewards. I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your contributions to this profession!

We have many upcoming events that I hope you will attend. Our annual Reverse Trade Show is scheduled for April 6th at the University Community Center in Tampa and our annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18th at the Seven Spring Golf and Country Club. With the Reverse Trade Show only a month away, remember to reach out to suppliers as the early registration deadline is fast approaching. If every Member sells just one booth, we will exceed what we’ve done in previous years. If agencies have not done so already, please make sure to sign up on the Chapter’s website so you do not miss out on this event.

Other events that are on the horizon include two professional development classes (Contracting for Construction Services in April and Practical Specification Writing being held in June). The next Chapter Meeting/Luncheon is on June 1st and the Trade Show is scheduled to take place in October. More information will be emailed out as soon as we have more details. Volunteering for these events are great way to meet suppliers, network with other procurement professionals and earn valuable scholarship points that can be used towards various educational opportunities.

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The Chapter will be giving back approximately $41,000 in scholarships this year for points earned in 2017. We received 20 scholarships for Forum being held in Nashville Tennessee, 4 scholarships for the FAPPO conference, 8 scholarships for a 1, 2 or 3-day educational class and 12 Members are rolling over their points to be used next year.

I hope that you will continue to participate as the Chapter is only as good as its members! Thank you again for all you do and I look forward to seeing you all next month at the Reverse Trade Show.

Stephanie Bunford, CPPB,  
Chapter President - 2018

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Want to Get the Latest Quick Updates on Chapter News?  
Want to Show Off the Photos from Chapter Meetings on Your Smart Phone?

OR VISIT:  
https://www.facebook.com/pages/NIGP-Tampa-Bay-Area-Chapter/314130835389581
TBAC Vice President

The past couple years for the Chapter have been highly successful. Thus, thirty two (32) Scholarships are to be awarded to members and used in 2018 as follows:

Twenty (20) will be attending the NIGP National Forum Conference in Nashville this August, with most on a full Scholarship. Anticipated cost is expected to be $32,150.00.

Eight (8) are planning to attend NIGP seminars (1, 2 or 3 day courses) including 2 choosing CPPO/CPPB application/exam fee options estimated to cost $4,450.00.

Four (4) members will be attending the FAPPO Conference in Orlando this May estimated to cost $3,045.00.

Total estimated cost to the Chapter for the 2017 Scholarship Awards is $41,400.00.

Additionally, there are twelve (12) “roll-over” scholarship requests to be combined with those earned in 2017 for use in 2019.

Finally, a huge thank you to Treasurer Tara Bohnsack for pitching in and e-mailing out the Scholarship Award letters to our members.

Have a great Spring!

**David D. Fechter, AICP, CPPB**

Chapter Vice President - 2018
TBAC Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Chapter Treasurer for 2018. Your participation in the upcoming events is essential to the overall health of the Chapter. With the continuous assistance of our members, we continue to show a profit year after year. We closed out 2017, with an overall profit of $15,789.01. The total income for January and February has totaled $9,750.14 with expenses of $2,162.33. The majority of the income has come from the Reverse Trade Show to be held in April, and Chapter Membership renewals/registration. During the month of March, I will be busy registering members who are receiving scholarships for Forum in August, as well as the FAPPO conference in May. Please keep reaching out to Suppliers to have them register for the Reverse Trade Show and the upcoming Golf Tournament.

Tara Bohnsack, CPPO, CPPB
Chapter Treasurer - 2018

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TBAC Secretary

The Chapter Board held three (3) meeting during the first quarter. Below are the dates and highlights on priority items:

Chapter Board meeting dates:

January 16, 2018 - Tampa Airport
February 13, 2018 – Phone conference
March 2, 2018 – Rusty Pelican

Highlights of items discussed and/or approved and action taken during the first quarter included:

Reverse Trade Show – locations and Budget
Chapter sponsored NIGP Classes
Membership renewals
2018 Scholarship Budget
Volunteer Appreciation Event

Bobbie Hamilton, CPPB
Chapter Secretary - 2018
Thank you to Robert O’Linn and Susan Reich from Florida Surety Bonds for their awesome presentation at our March Luncheon! Their presentation and handouts can be downloaded from the Chapter Website under “Documents and Files”.

![Thank you to Florida Surety Bonds](image)
Thank you all for your generous donations at the March Chapter Lunch for Bess the Book Bus!!

Bess the Book Bus is a Tampa based mobile literacy outreach dedicated to narrowing the achievement gap created by poverty. They build home libraries and a love for reading in the area’s most underserved communities across Tampa Bay (and beyond).

Thank you to Leah Wooten, Bess the Book Bus Board President for coming and educating the membership on this amazing organization!
The 2018 Tampa Bay Area Chapter of NIGP Reverse Trade Show is just around the corner! The event will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 8:00 am—12:30 pm at the University Area Development Corporation Center.

If you haven’t registered yet, please go to the Chapter website to register to attend. Also, be sure to send the flyer out to your vendors to promote their attendance. Let’s make this the most successful show yet!!!
Save the date, Friday, May 18th for our 24th Annual Buyer/Seller Golf Tournament. The tournament will once again be held at the Seven Springs Golf & Country Club in New Port Richey. The outing begins with an 8:00 shot-gun start (we all start at the same time) four person or best ball scramble and will be followed by lunch and awards presentations.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams as well as to the winners of the longest drive, closest to the pin and putting contests. The $85.00 entry will entitle you to greens fee, cart, drink tickets, entry into ALL contests, door prizes and Bar-B-Q Chicken luncheon.

For those of you who do not play golf; invite your vendors, co-workers or the folks you serve on a daily basis. I’ve yet to work at an agency that did not have an abundance of golfers, all you have to do is ask. For those vendors who claim not to play, there are a number of new sponsorship opportunities available; the basic being a hole sponsor, $100 will secure a hole sponsor sign at a designated hole with the company’s name imprinted. Sponsorship of contests such as putting, long drive and closest to the pin are available for $200 as well as Ace, Eagle and Birdie sponsorship’s (details can be found on the Chapter website). As with all chapter events, door prizes are always accepted! The more donations received the more profit the chapter will realize.

For those of your working toward the Nashville Forum, scholarship points can be earned; either by signing up golfer/ sponsors or by working the event. We have openings for registration as well as spotters for the contests. If you or a prospective participant have any questions please contact me @ 727 943-4871 or email jjack-us@ctsfl.us
NIGP Seminars Scheduled for 2018
All Chapter Members will receive a 40% subsidy after completion of the seminar.

Registration is open for the following NIGP Seminars:

Contracting for Construction Services
Accredited, 1.5 CEUs, 16 contact hours
April 19-20, 2018, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tampa International Airport Central Warehouse, Tampa, FL
Instructor: Carolyn Turner, CPPO, CPPB

Practical Specification Writing
Accredited, 0.8 CEUs, 8 contact hours
June 15, 2018, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tampa International Airport Central Warehouse, Tampa, FL
Instructor: Theresa R. Bauccio-Teschlog, CPPB

Effective Management of Construction Contracts
Non-accredited, 8 contact hours
July 31, 2018, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Clearwater, FL
Instructor: Darin L. Matthews, CPPO, FNIGP, C.P.M., CPSM

Upcoming NIGP Seminars:

Adding Value to the Procurement Process*
Non-accredited, 8 contact hours
September 18, 2018, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Clearwater, FL

Protests: Managing Options for Positive Results
Accredited, 0.8 CEUs, 8 contact hours
November 2, 2018, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tampa International Airport Central Warehouse, Tampa, FL

Details on other NIGP seminars can be found online at: http://www.nigp.org/grow-professionally/education/take-a-course

If you have any questions or seminar suggestions, please contact Kathleen Fisher at KFisher@TampaAirport.com or by phone at 813-870-8732. All Chapter Members with an National NIGP Membership and who register early will receive a 10% subsidy after completion of the seminar.
Please help us congratulate Lori Vogel, CPPB, and Rianner Woodard, CPPB on their new CPPB designation!!
March is Procurement Month!
How are you celebrating?

City of Tampa:

The City of Tampa proclaimed the month of March as Purchasing Month and will be sending out short emails containing “Purchasing Principals and Practices” to City staff throughout the month of March. They will be addressing topics such as: insurance, contract signature authority, P-card, inventory, navigating the Purchasing website, spending thresholds, and disposal of surplus property.

Submitted by: Gregory Spearman, CPPO, FCCM
March is Procurement Month!
How are you celebrating?

City of Tarpon Springs

The City of Tarpon Springs received their Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners on March 6th declaring March as National Procurement Month. We will also celebrate National Procurement Month on Friday, March 16th with our 11th Annual Open House. Suppliers are invited to participate in our outdoor mini-trade show and appreciate the opportunity to meet employees that use their products or services. Our employees and supplier representatives get a chance to talk about what works and what doesn’t and find out about new products.

Our Open House promotes Procurement to both employees and suppliers in a fun, informal setting. Some City employees have said that this is an event they look forward to all year. Suppliers also seem to enjoy meeting people that actually use their products and services and the honest feedback (sometimes, depending on how honest it is!). It helps that we have hot dogs, snacks and door prizes!

Submitted by: Cathy Morgan CPPO, CPPB
January, February, and March Birthdays!

Steven Duarte (01/05) District School Board of Pasco County
Patty Hall (01/16) Hernando County BoCC
Dorise Hendricks (01/16) Hillsborough County BoCC
Acquanetta Grant (01/18) City of Tampa
Mina Kaeding (02/27) Hillsborough Public Schools
Suruchi Maini (02/27) Hillsborough Community College
Regina Kavanagh (02/28) Tampa Bay Water
Christy Aulicino (03/02) Southwest Florida Water Mgt District
Kelly Rogers (03/20) City of Clearwater
Kimberly Richards (03/26) Hillsborough Clerk of the Circuit Court
Bobbie Hargrove (03/29) Hillsborough Public Schools

Make sure to update your membership profile in Chapter Manager!
A big WELCOME to our newest members:

Brian Bennett  Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office
Dan Fabiano    Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office
Jackie Swingle Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office
Daria Dixon    Hillsborough County BoCC
Charlene Bostic Hillsborough Community College
Teresa Gutierrez Hillsborough County Public Schools
Camille Massey  Hillsborough County Public Schools
Alan Mohr      Hillsborough County Public Schools
Stacey Ziegler Pasco County BoCC
And in Other News.....

Check out the Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative!

Website: http://tampabayareapc.wix.com/tbapc

Don’t get lost!

If your email address has changed due to retirement or your agency has changed your address, remember to update your member profile with the most current information! If you have changed agencies, please update as soon as your new agency enrolls you as a member. If you have any issues with signing on to our new website or other membership questions please contact Membership Chair Michelle Gomez with questions.

Michelle.Gomez@tampagov.net

Have any suggestions for speakers for our upcoming Chapter Meetings? If so, contact Mina Kaeding at 813-272-4326
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