FOR THE PRESIDENT

We will be announcing the new 2020 Board at the October Meeting. In the near future, you will be asked to jump in the convertible and join the fun. I encourage you to volunteer as a board officer, board member or a committee chair/member. If you have any questions, please contact me or a member of the Board or Committees.

Per the Wikipedia, Volunteering is generally considered a humane activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain "to benefit another person, group or organization". Volunteering is also renowned for skill development and is often intended to promote goodness or to improve human quality of life.

9/11 Remembrance – Never Forget

Congratulations to Paul Nobles for winning the door prize.

Jeff Lovingood from Escambia County, Board of County Commissioners has been accepted in the NIGP Leaders Edge Inaugural Class 2020.

Leaders Edge provides a fully immersive competency-based learning experience to learn the critical leadership skills and knowledge to successfully lead and influence in the fast-paced and high-performance technology-driven world. (Continue to next page)
The modern workforce is changing rapidly with lifelong learning becoming the new norm. To stay relevant, professionals must embrace an agile mindset, learn continually and take charge of their professional development to forge their career paths. Leaders Edge provide the blueprint. Only 40 cohorts were selected for the first Leaders Edge Program.

**Congratulates Jeff!**

Another educational session was a Protest Panel Discussion entitled “The Good, The Bad, The Ugly”. Our panel included (left to right):

Jeff Hyde (Okaloosa Cty. BOCC); Paul Nobles (Escambia Cty. BOCC); and John Dombroskie (Escambia Cty. School District).

At this meeting, we revealed our new Chapter Logo. All members present received a goody bag with brochures about our various Membership Guides, a new lapel pin and business cards with 2019 Officer & Board Members information.

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**Tonia Lawson**

**Executive Director of Procurement & Auxiliary Services**

**Gulf Coast State College**

1. What year did you join the chapter?  **So long ago I can't remember.**

2. How long have you worked in the procurement profession?  **30+ years**

3. What organization do you work for?  **I work for Gulf Coast State College.**  Serving the community since 1957, GCSC was the first public two-year institution to open after the 1957 Florida Legislature established a statewide network of community colleges. Located in Panama City on Florida’s Emerald Coast, GCSC is one of 28 public colleges in the state, all located within commuting distance of 96 percent of the population.

4. What is the most interesting, unusual or challenging purchase in which you have been involved?  **Hmm, that’s a hard one. I can tell you no two days are alike. My office touches just about everything the College needs.**

5. What professional certifications do you hold?  **I currently hold ten (10) professional certifications.**

- CPPB – Certified Professional Public Buyer
- CPP – Certified Purchasing Professional
- CPPM – Certified Purchasing Professional Manager
- CGPP – Certified Green Purchasing Professional
- CCPM – Certified Construction Project Manager
- CISCMP – Certified International Supply Chain Planning Manager
- CSOPM – Certified Sales & Operations Planning Manager
- CIGPM – Certified International Green Procurement Manager
- CICCPA – Certified International Contract Cost/Price Analyst
Member Spotlight continue: Tonia Lawson

6. What is your number one goal (career or personal)?
   Career – to bring significant value to my organization.

7. What is your favorite past-time or hobby?
   Reading, traveling and spending time with family.

8. Share a little known fact about yourself.
   Retired at the age of 30 and went back to work because I wanted an employer to pay my health insurance instead of me.

Website Tips for our CGCC NIGP Members

Using our website is easy! Here are shortcuts to 4 common tasks:

**Important:** Review your member profile and keep it up-to-date
- On the home page under Member Services, click “Review/Update your Profile.”
- Sign in with your user name and password.
- Review and update your login, password, email address, employer and personal contact information
- Click on tabs at the top of your profile to register for meetings, renew membership, add certifications, join committees and more.
- Don’t forget to click “Save” where indicated!

**Forgot your user name or password?**
- On the home page under Member Services, click “Review/Update Your Profile.”
- Under “Forgot Your Log-In?” Enter the email address you have on file.
- You’ll receive an email linking you directly to your member profile where you can enter a new user name and/or password.

Register online for meetings and events
- On the home page under Upcoming Events, click “Details” to go to a meeting’s information page.
- Click “Register.” If you have a profile, log in with your user name and password to complete registration. If not, click “Register as a Non-Member” to create a profile and complete your registration.

Become a new member or renew your current membership
- Click Membership at the top of the home page.
- Determine which membership level applies to you.
- **New Members:** click “Join Online” next to your membership level in the first chart. Fill out the online form to create your member profile and complete registration.
- **Current Members:** click “Renew Online” next to your membership level in the second chart. Sign in with your user name and password to complete your renewal.

Be sure to visit us on Facebook at NIGP Central Gulf Coast Chapter.

Congratulations are in order to Kristin Smith. She received CPCP certification from NAPCP. The CPCP credential is awarded to P-Card professionals who have demonstrated experience and understanding of the body of knowledge necessary to administer a Purchasing Card program. This credential focuses on individual skills and knowledge of specialized P-Card functions. Achieving this designation allows P-Card professionals to be recognized for their exemplary level of expertise.
The Annual Forum is the largest North American educational conference exclusively for individuals in public procurement. This is a once a year opportunity to engage in professional development and network with others in public procurement and the supplier community. This year’s event will took place in Austin, TX.

Together we can achieve more, learn more, engage more. Forum is one of the largest educational conference exclusively for public procurement in North America where peers share ideas, engage and inspire one another, develop strong connections and gain a better understanding of how to tackle challenges they face along the way. It’s an opportunity to come together and rethink status quo, make ideas happen and leave empowered, ready to put these new ideas into practice and add value to your agencies.

This year’s community event was United Way.

NIGP 1st group to receive Technology Certification-Level 1 badges.

Upcoming Events:

**2019 FL-TAGM Regional Meeting**
“Getting in Tune With Procurement”
October 20-23, 2019
Perdido Beach Resort
27200 Perdido Beach Blvd.
Orange Beach, AL
For more information, visit [https://www.naepnet.org/group/Florida](https://www.naepnet.org/group/Florida)

Two Chapters coming together to form one Regional Meeting. Regional meeting is open to K-12, Colleges & Universities.

**FAPPO 53rd Annual Conference & Trade Show**
“Organizational Sustainability”
May 17-20, 2020
Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
For more information, visit [https://www.fappo.org/Content/Annual%20Conference](https://www.fappo.org/Content/Annual%20Conference)

The Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, better known as FAPPO, is a public purchasing association based in Florida. Association was established in 1968, is one of the oldest and most widely recognized professional statewide procurement organizations.

**NAEP 2020 Annual Meeting**
“Getting In Tune With Procurement”
April 5-8, 2020
Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Nashville, TN

99th Annual Meeting is all about "Getting In Tune With Procurement". This year we will offer over 40 educational sessions within six racks, 1)Analytics, 2) Diversity/Sustainability, 3) Procure to Pay which includes: Contracts, Payables, Technology and Travel and Expense, 4) Strategic Sourcing, 5)Supplier Management and 6) Supply Chain.
For more information, visit: [https://www.naepnet.org/page/AMHome](https://www.naepnet.org/page/AMHome)