STRIVES TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF ETHICS, INTEGRITY, PUBLIC TRUST AND AWARENESS IN THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROFESSION.

Spring Fever

Join us Saturday, April 13th for Family Day at Gatorland!
Happy Spring and Happy National Procurement Month

We have filled many committee positions for 2019 but we are always looking to best utilize the skills of our members to advance the interests of our profession and our association. Please reach out to the Board of Directors if you are interested in getting involved, even if you have limited availability, we may be able to find an opportunity for you to help you get the most out of your membership.

Remember to register for our March meeting. We have surprises in store for you and your celebratory gift. During the meeting we will present the membership with the 2019 budget and the amount allocated for scholarship from the 2018 Reverse Trade Show. This event is the reason we have been able to provide scholarship points as a membership benefit. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer to assist with the Reverse Trade Show this year, even if it is simply from the comfort of your own desk or a one-time part.

If your agency is being recognized by your Governing Body for Procurement Month please send a copy of your proclamation to secretary@cfcnigp.org for inclusion in the next newsletter. We would love to recognize all the achievements of our Agencies and Members! Also, please let us know if you have been awarded an AEP or FAPPO award.

Hope to see you at our March Spring workshop.

Damaris Nazario, CPPB, Procurement Analyst II
CFC NIGP President
Vice President’s Message

Spring Fever leads to Procurement Month!

We’ve a great speaker line up for our Spring Seminar worth 4.5 unaccredited contact hours! A super special “THANK YOU” to Chapter Member Fatima Calkins for your guidance and assistance with this event! The Chapter meeting is before the event and you do not want to miss it! My goal this year is to provide YOU with more UPPCC contact hours. YOU can earn up 10+ credit hours at our 2019 meetings and workshops! And, if you just want to have fun, family day is at Gatorland! Sign up on our website!

Are you interested in volunteering for any 2019 Committees or running for an Officer position? Want to find out more about what these opportunities entail? You are welcome to contact me or another board member, and attend a board meeting (many are conference calls and do not require travel). We need help with our 2019 RTS. So, sign up for RTS now, and contact me or Damaris if you can assist!

Let’s make this year a fantastic year for your Chapter!!!

Tabatha Freedman, MBA, CPPO, CPPB
CFC NIGP Vice President

Treasurer’s Message

Happy Procurement Month!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Seminar. If you have not already signed up for our Seminar – take a few minutes and do it now. Please remember to sign up for the meetings by the Thursday prior to the meeting so that you will be counted in the food count.

Please remember Chapter memberships expired on December 31, 2019. If you have not renewed, please renew soon. If your membership is not renewed by April 1, 2019, your account may be inactivated. If your membership is inactive, you will not be able to sign up for meetings.

Please know inactive memberships can be-reactivated, once payment is processed.

P.S. Do not forget to sign up for Family Day! It will be an exciting day at Gatorland.

Jessica Graham, CPPB—Administrator/Sr. Buyer
CFC NIGP Treasurer

Secretary’s Message

Happy Procurement Month!

We are excited about our Spring Seminar topic “Managing the Right Wages for a Contract” everyone needs to look out for their Agency when Suppliers yell Show Me The Money! Come join us and earn 4.5 Non-Accredited contact hours cost for members only $50.00.

Family Day will be at Gatorland this year, so mark your calendar Saturday, April 13, 2019 cost is $15.00 per person, see event information on page 5.

Lisa Kesecker, CPPB—Senior Buyer
CFC NIGP Secretary
CFC-NIGP Spring Seminar
Friday, March 15, 2019

Managing the Right Wages for a Contract!

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. "Wage Pressure" (1.5 hours)

Presented by Mr. Steven Rondone, US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor
Statistics Economist

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lunch (included with workshop) (45 minutes)

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. "The Challenges for Small Business, Minority-Owned Business Contractors with Prevailing Wage and Living Wage in Pursuing Government Contracts" (1.5 hours)

Presented by Mr. George Morning, GOAA Small Business Director

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break (15 minutes) (this may be reduced if needed)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. "Wage Management and the Role of Culture in Building New Enterprises: An Insider's Look at Opening Universal Studios, Florida" (1.5 hours)

Presented by Rick Larson, P.A. with Rick Larson Law, Winter Garden, FL
and Instructor at UCF Office of Continuing Education

Light Breakfast 8:30 AM
Membership Meeting 9:00 AM

Price is $50 to NIGP members,
Price is $60 to non NIGP members

This Workshop is worth 4.5 Non-Accredited Contact Hours!

Location
Orange County Renaissance Senior Center
Venice Ballroom
3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail
Orlando, Florida 32829

Programming Committee Chair:
Tabatha Freedman, MBA, CPPO, CPPB
tfreedman@volusia.org or 386-822-5788
Please join the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP as we share a day at Gatorland with our Chapter friends and family members. Members are encouraged to invite their families to join in the festivities!

**Family Day Ticket Price:**
$15.00 price per person includes:

1 - Admission to Gatorland  
1 - Unlimited Train Wristband  
1 - Lunch voucher  

Lunch voucher is valued at $10 for kids, $12 for adults  
Children 3 & under are free!  
Parking is free!  
PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10 AM  
Cost for additional attractions or separate reservations are not included

All Tickets must be purchased by an **ACTIVE CHAPTER MEMBER,**  
and must be purchased in advance  
(by March 29th)  
on the Chapter web site at: www.cfcnigp.org  
NO REFUNDS ALLOWED.

For questions about the event, please call Damaris Nazario at 407-742-0940 or via e-mail at president@cfcnigp.org.  
For more information about Gatorland, visit their website at www.gatorland.com.  
Gatorland is located at: 14501 S. Orange Blossom Trail. Orlando, FL 32837
On January 18, 2019, our speaker was Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Martin, PHD. MSW, MBA, Professor of Public Affairs, University of Central Florida. He presented on "How Federal Grants are Being Transformed into Federal Contracts: What Public Procurement Professionals Need to Know".

Attending Chapter Members enjoyed the presentation and received a certificate for one (1) contact hour.

The presentation is available on our website, www.cfcnigp.org. Select Documents and Files from the front page. Sign in. You will be directed to the Documents and Files page. Here, select Speaker Presentations. The presentation title is “2019-01-18 Dr. Larry Martin - Federal Grants “.

For additional information or questions, please contact Tabatha Freedman, Programming Chair, at tfreedman@volusia.org or 386-822-5788. Thank you! Tabatha
Programming Committee—Speaker Charity Request

The Chapter had an interesting speaker request!

Rick Larson, P.A. with Rick Larson Law, Winter Garden, FL, and Instructor at UCF Office of Continuing Education who is presenting at the Spring Workshop, "Wage Management and the Role of Culture in Building New Enterprises: An Insider's Look at Opening Universal Studios, Florida".

The Board of Directors met and voted to accommodate this request! The Chapter made a $500 donation to Christian Help. This charity established in 1992, has a mission of preventing homelessness by helping people find jobs while providing for them materially and spiritually. For every $125 donation made to Christian HELP, 1 person can be connected to employment and receive 2 weeks’ worth of groceries from our pantry. To read more about this Charity, go to www.ChristianHELP.org.

Excerpt from email. . .

"I’m on the Board of Directors for the Central Florida Employment Council ("CFEC"), which is a great HR networking group that meets monthly.

An arm of CFEC is Christian HELP which works with the unemployed seeking placement assistance, skills training, resume prep, etc. I have attached a brief summary of their activities.

I would be pleased in the event your group would consider a donation to Christian HELP in lieu of any speaker’s fee to me.

Thank you very much!

Best regards,

Rick

Rick Larson, Esq.
RICK LARSON LAW
**2019 NIGP Chapter Academy**

Every year, NIGP invites Chapter Leaders to a incredible event intended to educate, motivate, excite, and energize your local Board officers regarding their roles in a chapter... and that is exactly what happens. I had the privilege to attend this event once again. The event was held on February 14th-16th in Herndon, Virginia. There were over 90 attendees from over 60 Chapters. As always, the training days were filled with an abundance of sharing of ideas and best practices. However, this year NIGP rolled out the new and improved Chapter Academy which included networking sessions, vision boards, roundtable discussions, creating action plans, and a wonderful volunteer opportunity of building bicycles and creating letters for children to be donated by Sourcewell. Overall the Chapter Academy provided the platform and resources needed to continue brainstorming on how we can all work towards improving our chapter. Remember, the success of our Chapter is founded on the collective input and ideas of our entire Membership.
Take a Front-Row Seat to NIGP’s Spring Virtual Conference.
Get all the benefits of a conference without the cost or hassle of traveling.

- **2 riveting tracks:**
  - **Track 1: The Strategic Value of Procurement** – Overcoming challenges, making well-thought-out decisions and adding strategic value to your role and your entity.
  - **Track 2: Procurement Fraud** – Strategies to avoiding it, implementing processes to detect it and steps to effectively handling it.

- **What you can expect** Ten 60-minute sessions, two offered at a time which allows you to attend up to five live sessions. Recordings will be made of each session, giving you access to all ten sessions post-conference. Attending live provides interactivity with presenters and other attendees during the sessions.

- **5 Contact Hours**
- **Fees** Members $129 Non-Members $229

*Group discounts available for 11 or more!* [REGISTER HERE!](#)
Grants Management in Deland, FL - March 28-29, 2019

Stetson University and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop in Deland, March 28-29, 2019. In this class you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations. This training is recommended for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines.

More information including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration is available here:

http://grantstraining.com/deland0319

We are excited to offer you a special tuition rate of $565. Please use code "FLASSN" to receive this $30 discount off full price at registration. Grant Writing USA’s 500-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Contact:
Tammy Pitts
at Grant Writing USA
888.435.7281 toll free
tammyp@grantwritingusa.com

More than 10,000 agencies across America have turned to Grant Writing USA for grant writing and grant management training.
In 2019, NIGP Forum will be at the Austin Convention Center and the two main hotels will be the Hilton Austin and the JW Marriott Austin. Austin, the capital of Texas, was known as the “City of the Violet Crown” because of the colorful glow of light across the hills just after sunset.

The Annual Forum is the largest North American educational conference exclusively for individuals in public procurement. The educational component of the conference covers the latest hot topics, best practices, resources, and skills to help improve job performance and provide professional development.

The products exposition provides an opportunity to discover the latest products and services available to the government from a vast array of suppliers.

This is a once a year opportunity to engage in professional development and network with others in public procurement and the supplier community. For the 2018 Nashville Forum, there was 331 vendor booths and over 1,350 attendees!

Planning on attending 2019 NIGP FORUM? Register before April 30th and save MONEY ($$$)
Contact me so YOU can be included in a Chapter attendee list so we may sit together at in Keynote speaker sessions, award functions, enjoy group dinner(s), and photo opportunities!

### Future Forums

**FORUM 2019**
Date: August 25 - 28
Location: Austin, TX

**FORUM 2020**
Date: August 23 - 26
Location: Chicago, IL

**FORUM 2021**
Date: Aug 29 - Sept 1
Location: Anaheim, CA

Note: Group Registration is not required for early bird discount.
FAPPO
52nd Annual Conference and Trade Show
May 13—16, 2019

Hilton Ft Lauderdale Marina
1881 SE 17th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Phone #1-954-463-4000

FAPPO Room Rates
$129.00 — $159.00 / Night
Tower, Pool, Marina or Intercostal Views
Keeping up with NATIONAL

The Two Host Hotels will be the Hilton Austin and the JW Marriott Austin
In 2018, CFNIGP cooked and served meals at the Orlando Ronald McDonald House (RMH). In addition, a $1,000 donation was made by CFNIGP to RMH to help continue the agency’s efforts helping families in need.

Thank you, Ronald McDonald House for your continued services to Central Florida communities.

Mildred Maldonado and Gwendolyn McKinney
CFC NIGP Community Services Chairs
Mildred.Maldonado@osceola.org
and
Gwendolyn.McKinney@ocfl.net
# Community Service Committee—Donation Receipt

**Donation Receipt from Central Florida Chapter NIGP**

**Community Services Committee** (Please print clearly so form can be returned to you timely)

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**Area below for Committee Chairs use only**

**Community Services Chair**

Approved by / Date

**Scholarship Chair**

Accepted by / Logged / Date:

_Not eligible for scholarship points unless signed by Community Services & Scholarship Chairs_

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!
**Certification**

Upcoming Examination dates. For those that are looking to test, some important dates are mentioned below in the table that might be useful. For more details on certification, visit the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) website at [http://www.uppcc.org](http://www.uppcc.org).

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**Prometric Testing Center**

2301 Lucien Way, Suite 150
Maitland, FL 32751

**Study Groups**

If you are planning on taking the CPPB or CPPO exam this year please contact Diane Wetherington at (diane.wetherington@cityoforlando.net) or Jessica Graham at (Jessica.graham@ocps.net) to join one of our Study Groups.

Several groups are forming for Exams in May 2019. Don’t miss the opportunity to study with other CFC-NIGP members.

**CFCNIGP Sponsored Classes / Seminars Scheduled**

The Professional Development Committee is eager to help you meet your educational goals. Currently we have Six (6) classes scheduled for the Chapter, however, there are more classes scheduled throughout the State of Florida. All classes can be found on the Training Matrix.

- **Intro to Public Procurement**
  - April 17-19, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - School District of Osceola Co.

- **Legal Aspects of Public Procurement**
  - May 1-3, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - Toho Water Authority

- **Contract Administration**
  - July 24-26, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - Osceola County BOCC

- **Developing & Managing RFP’s**
  - July 29-31, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - Osceola County BOCC
  - Pending

- **Intro to Public Procurement**
  - August 5-7, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - Volusia County BOCC
  - Pending

- **Legal Aspects of Public Procurement**
  - October 7-9, 2019
  - 3-Day Class
  - Brevard County Schools
Hosting a Seminar

If you are interested in hosting a 1-day, 2-day, or 3-day class at your agency location, we encourage you to review the “How to Become a Host Site” document, which can be found on our chapter site in Archive. Contact Lisa Kesecker at lisa.kesecker@osceolaschools.net with any further questions or to begin the seminar scheduling process.

With over 30 classes to choose from, visit the NIGP website for Face-to-Face Course information at: http://www.nigp.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=pd_ep_f2f

NIGP Webinars

NIGP Webinars are 90-minute topical online classes that provide time-challenged professionals the opportunity to earn contact hours without ever having to leave the office. All you need is a computer. Offered throughout the year, Webinars are a great way for you and the entire procurement team to stay abreast of the best practices and current issues in the profession.

Upcoming Webinars

Webinar - The Power of Certification: Credibility, Marketability, Respectability
Date: March 19, 2019

Webinar - Transition to Paperless—City of Leesburg’s eProcurement Implementation
Date: March 28, 2019

Webinar - Procurement Fraud—Can you Detect It?
Date: April 11, 2019

For more information or to sign go to:
http://www.nigp.org/grow-professionally/education/webinars

Webinar Fees

Complimentary to NIGP Members / $190.00 Non-Members *

*Non-Member Fee includes a one-year complementary NIGP membership (for eligible individuals).

Lisa Kesecker, CPPB
Pro-D Chair
MENTORSHIP

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MENTOR

Some of the Benefits:

- Guidance to the Mentee.
- Share knowledge and experience
- Customize plan to meet Mentee’s goals.
- Assist Mentee thru certification process
- Scholarship points
- Mentee Learns the NIGP nuances
- Mentor gives feedback for progress and assessment
- Mentor feels sense of achievement by “giving back”

Mentors needed.

Take advantage of the Mentoring Program!

Contact Info
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fholmes@tohowater.com
UPPCC Launches Online Application for Recertification

Herndon, VA – January 14, 2019 - The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) is pleased to announce that the new online application for recertification is now available.

Public procurement professionals who are credentialed by the organization as CPPOs and CPPBs are required to recertify every five (5) years to maintain their credentialed status. The recertification process consists of documenting one’s ongoing professional development and contribution activities in the field of public procurement.

More User-Friendly
UPPCC has taken the paper-based process of the past and completely transformed it into a modern, user-friendly process that is now completely paperless and accessible to any certificant through their own personalized MyUPPCC account.

Certificants will appreciate the significant benefits this convenient online application process provides, which includes the ability to:
● log all continuing education and professional development activities as they are completed,
● upload documentation for logged activities directly to the application,
● track progress towards meeting recertification requirements,
● view certification status and recertification dates (expiration dates),
● apply for recertification and make payment,
● And much more!

Convenient and Organized for Busy Professionals
“UPPCC has made the tracking of my professional development activities so much easier with the new online recertification application. I can conveniently organize and log my achievements in MyUPPCC as I complete them rather than scrambling to pull them together at the last minute. I can even upload my supporting documentation directly to my application. Once I’m ready to recertify, everything is all set to be submitted.” – Kathleen Muretti, CPPO, CPPB, Chair of the UPPCC Board

Whether your recertification is due next week, next month or 3 years from now, UPPCC encourages all certificants to give the new online application a try. You can open a new application for recertification by logging into your account and clicking on the “My Application for Recertification” tab from the MyUPPCC dashboard. UPPCC is now accepting recertification submissions via the MyUPPCC portal, but will continue to accept paper application through February 28, 2019.

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) is an independent entity formed to govern and administer the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs. The CPPO and CPPB programs are highly regarded and respected among procurement professionals and employers involved in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 10,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada as well as in other nations around the globe.

Visit www.uppcc.org for more details.

CFC-NIGP Recertification Counselors:

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**RECERTIFICATION TASK FORCE MESSAGE**

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**What's The Best Way To Prepare For the Exam?**

![Certification Preparation Recommended Timeline](chart)

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**UPPCC RECERTIFICATION at a Glance**

CPPB and CPPO are certifications offered by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC). This information is being provided to support NIGP members.

- Certificants must hold a valid current certification and must apply for recertification every five years. No examination is required.
- Current employment is not a prerequisite.
- There is a single Application for Recertification for CPPB, CPPO and Dual Recertification.
- All certificants must earn a minimum of 45 contact hours in at least two out of the three categories listed below:

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Visit [www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org) for more details
CHAPTER RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUR SMART PHONES!

Follow @CFCNIGP for news, resources and updates about the chapter.

“Like” the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP fan page on Facebook to see how others are discussing, teaching and sharing procurement news.

Join the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP group on LinkedIn to participate in procurement discussions and information exchange opportunities.

Join the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP group on GovLoop for additional interaction with government procurement professionals.

Subscribe to the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP blog to receive news on procurement topics and participate in information exchange opportunities.
Website Tips for our CFC NIGP Members

TIPS FOR USING
www.CFCNIGP.org

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 Login?” 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.

Questions? Email: president@cfcnigp.org
1. What year did you become a team member of NIGP National?
   January 1998

2. What is your current NIGP National team member role?
   Chief Executive Officer

3. What does your NIGP National team member role entail?
   I serve as NIGP’s general manager, having primary accountability for management of NIGP’s activities, under the direction of the Governing Board. NIGP has a staff of 28 and an annual operating budget of $6.2 million. The Board provides overall leadership and direction, while I am charged with implementing the policies established by the Board and developing new events for our members. I have been blessed with supportive and encouraging Boards for 21 years and amazing teams of professionals who have worked with me in Herndon to develop, support and promote public procurement. Together, we have developed our own comprehensive curriculum, expanded learning to online and virtual opportunities, created a unique governance structure, fostered leadership programs with our chapter affiliates, initiated strategic relationships with academia, CIPS, and GFOA, and transformed the Forum experience.

4. What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchasing event in which you have been involved?
   The 2011 NIGP Forum at National Harbor was by far the most challenging conference for the Institute. While planning for the eventual landfall of Hurricane Irene in the DC area which was slated for the 2nd day of the conference, a very unusual earthquake hit the Washington DC area. Hurricanes and earthquakes don’t hit the Nation’s Capital – much less “hit” the same week which happened to be the same week as Forum. As a result, the planned crab feast and entertainment on the pristine edge of the Potomac River was moved into an empty Expo Hall. For all of the weirdness of 2011, the most revealing aspect was the resiliency of our members who were flexible, patient, and willing to take the experience in stride – from participating in workshops in improvised walkways (since we lost power) to hosting hurricane parties in the hallways. We survived Hurricane Irene!

5. What is your number one goal (career or personal)?
   Constantly innovating NIGP to ensure that we are offering an ever-expanding array of products and services that are relevant to our members. Our 15,500 members depend on us as their trusted advisor; we cannot let them down!

6. What is your favorite past-time or hobby?
   I love both domestic and international travel.

7. Share a little known fact about yourself.
   Most people in the Sunshine State know that I am a Miami native and a frenetic Hurricanes fan. Perhaps less known…. I attended the U on a debate scholarship.
Remember to turn in your completed puzzle prior to the start of the March Chapter meeting for your chance to win a Free Lunch or other great prize!
Welcome – Damaris Nazario, President
- Introductions, Welcome Guests & Recognition of New Members

New Members: Natalia Stauffer, Orange County Convention Center
David Murphy, Orange County Board of County Commissioner

Guests: Angelita Russell, Lake County Schools
Thomas Blaine, Retired from City of Miramar

OLD BUSINESS
- Secretary’s Report and Approval of December Meeting Minutes – Lisa Kesecker
  Motion to approve Minutes by Crystal Pierson, Seconded by Mike Thornton.
  No discussion
  Motion Passed

- Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Jessica Graham was not in attendance, treasurer’s report will be given in March.

- Vice President’s Report – Tabatha Freedman
  Scholarship Updates – Reminder that Scholarship applications are due January 31st.
  Programming Updates – March 15th meeting/Spring Workshop, you will receive 4.5 Contact Hours, boxed lunch all for $50.00 and breakfast before our meeting. We have three (3) Speakers, they will discuss Wages (from the Bureau of Labor Statistics), Small Businesses (GOAA) and Rick Larson Law (firm). May Meeting will have a Speaker from Volusia County, their Risk Manager will discuss Insurance requirements and what to look for.
  Spotlight Member Katrina Ponzini introduced
  Reverse Trade Show: Venue on the Lake, Maitland Civic Center has been reserved for 11/12/19.

- President’s Report – Damaris Nazario
  2019 Budget – Still finalizing the budget, we will present it at the March meeting.
  Committee Chairman Appointments & Volunteer Opportunities - I you are interested in serving on a committee get with Damaris so she can get them signed up.

NEW BUSINESS
- Committee/Task Force (s)
  Updates from Chairs
Study Groups – If you are planning on taking your CPPB, CPPO Exams this year get with Diane Wetherington so she can get you set up with other members to help study.
Community Service – No update.
Pro-D – We have four (4) upcoming classes they are;
   - Introduction to Public Procurement, April 17-19, 2019 at the School District of Osceola County’s Administrative Complex in Kissimmee.
   - Legal Aspects to Public Procurement, May 1-3, 2019 at the Toho Water Authority Administrative Office in Kissimmee.
   - Contract Administration in the Public Sector, July 24-26, 2019 at the Osceola County BOCC in Kissimmee.
   - Legal Aspects to Public Procurement, October 7-9, 2019 at the Brevard County School District in Viera.
Internship/Externship – Fatima is looking for several Agencies to host students to Job Shadow members for a week, to see if they are interested in procurement.
Mentoring – If you are interested in Mentoring or to have someone mentor you, please fill out a mentor form and we will match you up with a mentor/mentee.
Legislative update – will be coming soon, we will post information on the website and bring it to members at our next meeting.
Open Floor

- Recognition of new certifications:
  - Mursal Mzee, CPPB - Toho Water Authority, Kissimmee, FL
  - Janice Ellis, CPPB – Brevard County Public Schools, Melbourne, FL

- Job Postings, Announcements, New Positions, Purchasing News
  - GOAA has an opening for a Senior Purchasing Agent
  - City of Palm Bay has an opening for a Senior Purchasing Agent (Road Construction Experience preferred)

- Drawings 50/50 – Total $64.00, Janice Ellis, Brevard County Schools receive $32.00

- Puzzle Contest – Katrina Ponzini, School District of Osceola County, FL.

- Other New Business – None

Meeting Adjourned
Membership Meeting Agenda,
March 15, 2019

8:30 AM Light Breakfast

9:00 AM

Welcome – Damaris Nazario, President
- Introductions, Welcome Guests & Recognition of New Members

OLD BUSINESS
- Secretary’s Report and Approval – Lisa Kesecker
- Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Jessica Graham
- Vice President’s Report – Tabatha Freedman
  Scholarship Updates
  Programming Updates
- President’s Report – Damaris Nazario
  2019 Budget Approval
  Committee Chairman Appointments & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW BUSINESS
- Committee/Task Force (s)
  Updates from Chairs
  Community Service
  Pro-D
  Internship/Externship/Mentoring
  Open Floor
- Recognition of new certifications
- Job Postings, Announcements, New Positions, Purchasing News
- Drawings 50/50
- Puzzle Contest
- Other New Business

Meeting Adjourned

2019 CHAPTER MEETING DATES
January 18th
March 15th
May 3rd
July 19th
September 27th
December 6th

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER
March 15th
SPRING SEMINAR
September 27th
FALL WORKSHOP
November 12th
REVERSE TRADE SHOW

BREAKFAST
Bagels/Danish
Coffee & Tea

LUNCH
Boxed Lunches
Salads
Tea & Water
Cookies or Cupcakes