Happy Birthday to all of our MACPP members with birthdays in June, July, and August!

Spring Procurement Summit

By Nicole Hogan

On May 7th, 2019, 50 members of MACPP attended the Spring Procurement Summit hosted by the Blue Valley School District. Our opening keynote speaker, Rebecca Kee, Chief Procurement Officer and Purchasing Agent for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, spoke to us on how to engage our fellow colleagues when discussing our procurement manual. Rebecca had some interesting ideas on how to get those in other departments excited about procurement, thus enabling those teams to follow the procurement manual.

Next up on the Summit schedule was Crystal Greer with the City of Independence. Her insight into how to win a seat at the table in procurement discussions was enlightening. Crystal helps guide procurement discussions through the use of a Quick Quote form and a Department Acquisition Plan. These tools allow her department to be more efficient when acquiring needed information from the end-user of the product or service. Crystal and myself also teamed up to have a brief session during the summit on the certification plan for the procurement profession. With knowledge of the NIGP certification class offerings and the process to become certified, some additional members in the room became interested in the certification program.
Summit continued...

Rick Gentry from the City of Lee's Summit was next up to bat to speak about the procurement alphabet. It was interesting to see the differences in the room between members in regards to the design of RFI's, RFP's, RFQ's, and RFB/ITB's. Members were able to discuss amongst their tables best practices when it came their own unique circumstances.

Russ Pankey from the City of Independence had the pleasure of speaking to us right before lunch about the new service launched called MemberConnect. This new service will allow members to connect via your email software to gain valuable information from your peers. Russ also mentioned chapter awards. Each year the chapter honors one person as the Manager of the Year and one person as the Buyer of the Year. More information will be coming to all MACPP members in the fall about how to apply for these chapter awards.

Big thanks to Nancy Otto, Catering Manager, at Blue Valley School District for making the excellent lunch and afternoon snacks. Special thanks goes to Omnia Partners for helping to sponsor our community service project for the Foundation for Hospital Art. MACPP members were able to creating a painting that will be donated to a local hospital or charity. MACPP members will have another opportunity to finish the painting at the Reverse Vendor Fair on October 1, 2019.

After our bellies were filled, April Billingsley from the Fort Osage School District presented her knowledge on school bonds and the process her district took to pass a major initiative. Through her work, the school was able to accomplish large capital projects to benefit students.

Procurement fraud has been a sensitive topic in this profession. Stephanie Creed from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and Leslie DeGroot from Clay County, Missouri teamed up to present a panel discussion on this hot topic. I applaud you for sharing your difficult stories of how fraud has affected you both in the workplace and how it affected you emotionally.

Our keynote speaker Rebecca ended the day with some powerful knowledge on strategic alignment, and what her staff is currently working on to make procurement work for the City of Virginia Beach. Our hearts go out to Rebecca and her staff with the loss of several work colleagues and good friends in the utilities department in the latest workplace violence. We send her and her staff a big hug to deal with the months, weeks, and days ahead.

Thank you to all of the speakers who stood proud on May 7th to share their experiences in the world of procurement!
President's Message

BY RUSS PANKEY

Happy Independence Day! To all Americans, this is a very special time of celebration and reflection. I am so happy to be in a land that enables the freedoms that we have, and to be part of an organization like MACPP and NIGP. Both organizations embrace the foundations and are making strides to provide even better opportunities to serve, to volunteer, to make a difference.

One of those differences was an absolutely amazing Spring Summit on May 7. With 50 registered attendees, we covered a number of great topics about procurement, embraced networking with newer members as well as folks that have been around a while, and even had the opportunity to give back through the Foundation for Hospital Art project. Rebecca Kee, Purchasing Agent for Virginia Beach, VA, was our keynote speaker, bringing us great procurement information and challenging us in our jobs. We got about a 35% response on the post-event survey with very good remarks. The board is already planning to set this one-day conference as an annual event, probably in March next year to coincide with National Procurement Month. A huge thank you to Jason Gillam and Nicole Hogan at Blue Valley School District for helping us put this together.

There are many things yet to come in 2019 for MACPP.

August 6 is our next chapter meeting, to be held at Freedom Interiors in KCMO.
August 9 is an evening at the Kansas City T-Bones at the Community America Ballpark near the Legends. This event is for members, families, friends, any guests. Everyone pays the same $15 register fee. Be sure to pre-register by July 18. Registration includes pre-game tailgate food and a free hat.
August 24-28 is the NIGP Annual Forum in Austin, TX. $800 scholarships are still available to MACPP members to offset the cost of registration.
October 1 is the 2019 MACPP Reverse Vendor Fair at Memorial Hall in KCKS. Registration is open now! Be sure to invite all your vendors to register and provide a sponsorship.
October 9-11 is Sourcing in the Public Sector, a 3-day NIGP course to be held at the City of Lee’s Summit. Fees are going down for classes, effective September 1, so you can attend at a lower cost. Scholarships are available! Apply online.

Have a safe and happy holiday this week! Don’t forget to plan for and register for the many events coming up. Check out everything at www.macpp.org.
Mark your calendars for these upcoming MACPP events

- August 6, 2019 - August Chapter Meeting - Learn about Blended Furniture Solutions and How Virtual Reality Can Help with Orders, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - hosted by Freedom Interiors, 4000 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

- August 9, 2019 - Fun...Well Done! Kansas City T-Bones Tailgate and Game - 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM at the T-Bones Community America Ballpark, 1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66111

- October 1, 2019 - Reverse Vendor Fair at Wyandotte County Unified Government Memorial Hall, 600 North 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101 - Additional information on next page.

Additional Important Event:

- NIGP Forum - August 25-28, 2019 in Austin, TX
To register for the Reverse Vendor Fair, go to www.macpp.org and click on the Details for this event.

Upcoming Learning Opportunity

Sourcing in the Public Sector
SRC 100919 Lee’s Summit, MO
Start Date: 10/09/2019 End Date: 10/11/2019
Start Time: 8:00 AM End Time: 5:00 PM Timezone: (GMT-06:00) Central
Time (US & Canada) Location: Howard A Conference Room
220 SE Green Street
Lee’s Summit, MO 64063
Instructor: Mr. Edward Pabor, CPPO,CDT,C.P.M.
Contact Hours: 22.50 CEUs: 2.30
Access Period: N/A
Hosted By: Lee’s Summit, City of
To Register: Visit www.nigp.org.
Introducing MemberConnect for All MACPP members

By Russ Pankey

I'm excited to announce that MACPP has launched a new service for members only that can help you with advice or opinions from your colleagues, assistance with creating documents, and ideas to make your job easier. The service is called MemberConnect and is provided through our website provider, Chapter Manager.

Here's how it works: send an email via your email software to MemberConnect@list.macpp.org containing your question(s), request, and/or describe the help you're looking for. MemberConnect automatically forwards that email from you to members who have subscribed to the service. Replies are also distributed to subscribers; it's a great way to share ideas and learn how other professionals deal with challenging situations.

As an MACPP member in good standing (your 2019 dues are current), you’ve already been subscribed. No action is required on your part unless you don’t want to participate. To unsubscribe, select the MemberConnect link on our home page (www.macpp.org), under Member Services, log in and follow the instructions for unsubscribing.

To send a message to other subscribers, just e-mail MemberConnect@list.macpp.org and the system will automatically distribute your message. There’s no need to use the web site to send a message or to send a message to a board member to post – use your email software.

If you have subscribed and are not receiving messages, your spam filters may be trapping the messages. Speak with your IT department and have them “white list” mail coming from MemberConnect@list.macpp.org.

If you have questions, you can certainly contact me at MACPPPresident@macpp.org.

MACPP MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Mid America Council of Public Procurement is open to all professionals employed in public sector purchasing, procurement and contract administration. We encourage you to learn more about the benefits of membership and join us today.

Detailed membership information can be found at www.macpp.org or reach out to the Membership Director, Delois Moore at delois.moore@kcmo.org.