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President's Message



Chapter Members,

As we enter into a new year, the chapter is looking forward to another outstanding year of great professional development. The Executive Board has an exciting year planned to include instructors from UPPCC to provide information and assist members with certification (CPPB/CPPO), new and educational meeting locations such as Legislative Hall and even hosting a special event on the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

The first thing I would like to share is DPPA may be entering into a partnership with APEX ACCELERATORS of Delaware (Formally known as PTAC) to host a reverse trade show to include not only State, County and Town governments but the federal government as well. When we meet in March we will explain all the details and start the planning process.

Finally, a little bit of sad news for the chapter. If you have been in the association for more than 5 years, you would have had the opportunity to meet our **Honorary Member, John Gregg**. After a long fight, John went home to be with the Angels. We will miss his sense of humor, his great smile and his dedication to the chapter. Our Christmas Luncheon will never be the same!

Respectfully,

Kimber'



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What is your agency doing for **PROCUREMENT MONTH**?



Open House ~ Luncheon w/everything starting with "P"

Educating your co-workers in procurement

SWAP MEET





Specializations from Pathways allow you to demonstrate and differentiate your expertise and depth of knowledge in specialty areas of public procurement. Gain mastery and advance your learning in new and emerging focal areas of procurement so you can become recognized as an expert and thought leader in that area. Specializations allow you to build specific skills in niche areas of public procurement, such as technology, acquisitions, and sustainability.

You do not need to complete any pre-requisite courses in order to obtain a specialization. However, first-hand knowledge and experience with the specialty will be essential to your success. To obtain a Specialization Badge in any given area, you must successfully complete the required learning and pass the assessment associated with the specialty. As with all Pathways certificates, you will receive a digital Specialization Badge for instant recognition of your achievement.

NIGP Offers Specialized Certificates in :

NEW Developing and Managing a Sustainability Program

As global warming and climate change continue to disrupt our environment, procurement professionals are in a pivotal position to purchase environmentally responsible products and facilitate the implementation of environmentally sound practices. Learn to implement simple sustainability practices, investigate major areas of concern when applying those practices, and explore how to develop long-term sustainability goals.

NEW Using Federal Grant Funds

Federal grants have specific requirements and expectations that procurement professionals must be capable of understanding in order to meet the unique requirements of the grantor as well as reconciling local rules with federal rules. This specialization certificate provides the framework for understanding the conditions of properly expending federal grant funds.

Construction Procurement

Procuring professional design services and construction can be challenging as each project is unique and complicated. Discover new and evolving project delivery methods to stay agile and successful.

Cloud Procurement

Navigate the ever-changing world of Cloud Technology by becoming familiar with the concepts and challenges of the cloud, SaaS, hosting agreements, lines of demarcation, and other evolving cloud technology in order to advise, procure, and negotiate successfully.

Specialization Certificate: Job Order Contracting (JOC)

Job Order Contracting (JOC) is a subset of construction procurement and typically used for smaller construction procurements. Learn to successfully implement a JOC and communicate with suppliers about JOC opportunities.



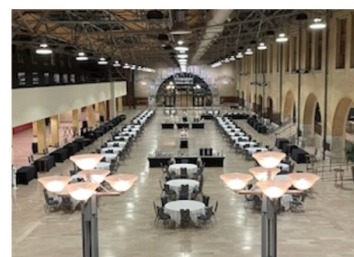
For more information about these specialize certificates, please visit www.nigp.org

Chapter News & Updates

2023 NIGP Leadership Summit

The NIGP Leadership Summit was held on February 2 through February 5 in St. Louis, Missouri and representing DPPA was ***Ruthena Milbourn—Department of Health & Social Services.***

The theme for this year's Chapter Academy program was **“Leading through Action”**. Chapter Academy is designed for newly elected Chapter Leaders to strengthen operations, increase member engagement, and elevate member services. This program is structured around the Chapter Dashboard, a powerful tool for identifying challenges and opportunities, and driving success in our chapter .



L to R: Jennifer Steffen, *Chapter Relations Manager*, Ruthena Melbourne, *DHSS*, and Rick Grimm, *CEO of NIGP*



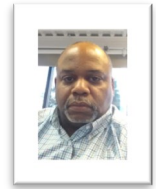
Picture of Area 2 Family Members -Washington DC, MD, PA, DE & VA

Chapter News & Updates



2022 Above & Beyond Award Recipient

Clifton Crawford, CPPB
New Castle County Government



Our fourth quarter meeting is traditionally reserved for us to get the chance to celebrate with each other and recognize our members accomplishments. During the Holiday and Recognition Luncheon, the Executive Board members presented several service awards as well as our **Above and Beyond Award**. This year the award was presented to Clifton Crawford in recognition of his continuous dedication and commitment to the Chapter and for his ongoing leadership within DPPA. Over the years Cliff has been President two times, First Vice President, Second Vice President, conference organizer, chairperson, educational seminar organizer, and MART (Mid Atlantic Reverse Trade Show) organizer and chairperson. DPPA would not be what it is today without his insight, drive, and leadership.



Congratulations, Cliff and thank you for your dedication to the chapter and to the procurement profession!

Celebrating Members "Years of Service"

During the 4th quarter meeting, members were presented with certificates and lapel pins in recognition of their years of service to the chapter. Thank you for all your years of dedication to DPPA!



Deborah Dennis *Delaware State Police*

Kimberly Jones *Dept of Heath & Social Services*



Heather Herold *Town of Middletown*

Lisa Tusick (13 yrs.) *Town of Bethany Beach*

Barry Wolfgang (11 yrs.) *City of Dover*



Clifton Crawford *New Castle County*

Kimberly Cuffee *Delaware State Police*

Thank you!

Upcoming EVENTS



2023 NIGP National Forum

Kentucky International Convention Center Louisville, Kentucky

Saturday, August 19 to Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Registration: Early registration is now open and ends May 31st!

\$ 897.00 - NIGP Members

\$ 972.00 (June 1)

\$1,122.00 - Non Members

\$1,172.00 (June 1)

For more information, go to www.nigp.org



Upcoming NIGP Webinars for March



- **March 1** - NIGP CPP: Connecting Certification to your learning and Career Aspirations
- **March 8** - Request For Proposals: Learning Lab Series Preview
- **March 16** - Three ways to Set Your Procurement Up for Success in 2023

NOTE: These webinars are **FREE** to NIGP members

For more information, and to register please go to www.nigp.org



Don't forget....



At the next meeting we will have the first drawing...If your renewal form and payment are received before the March meeting, you will be entered into a drawing to attend the **Area 2 Conference in hosted by Maryland at no charge to you!**

(Registration, Hotel, and Meals are covered by DPPA)



And Finally.....



Chapter Membership At A glance

	<i>Total Members</i>	<i># Retired</i>
2022	37	4
2021	29	4
2020	36	5
2019	33	5

Membership
Matters

Tune in to RADIO NIGP on YouTube!

Radio NIGP gives a new vibe and a new twist to the world of procurement.

Tune in and listen to a talented team of procurement professionals talk about everything from how to onboard new employees, insightful tips and advice in guiding your career, cyber security in a virtual workplace and much more!

Get ready to listen, learn and be entertained!



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