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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Purchasing Professionals,

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As our second year as a chapter will be concluding next month, I would like to review our accomplishments and reflect a little on what these two years have meant to me. Hopefully, you will indulge me in this.

The first meeting of the 2006-07 year last September initiated our new mini-workshop format of three hours of instruction and networking. The instruction this year has been exceptional and provided those in attendance with very useful information. We also joined forces with EdPAC in November for an all day workshop. EdPAC is an advisory committee to State Purchasing made up of Procurement Professionals in the public school sector. This and all our meetings have been well attended.

In addition to the meeting format change, we also created a "Handbook for Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairpersons". This document hopefully will provide direction and uniformity in the chapter's operations for the present and future. This document is available to you on our new web site, NIGPUTAH.org. If you have not taken a look at it yet, please do so and give us you feed back as to its functionality.

Between the new web site and this newsletter, we hope to keep you informed of events and opportunities to help you further your career. We have also purchased a set of six LEAP study books from national. These books are part of the new chapter library that will be available to chapter members. They may be checked out for two months while you prepare for the CPPB and CPPO certification examinations. This past year we have had three individuals successfully pass the CPPB and two the CPPO examinations.

As you can see, we have had a very productive year. However, there is so much more that we could have achieved had we had more of you step forward and participate in the chapter. There are more than twenty positions needed to allow the chapter to function as it should. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank those individuals who helped keep the chapter afloat this year: Merlene Wixon, Mindi Bos, Rosemary Frenchwood, Dean Pope and Tonya Hodges. They have given service above and beyond the norm to provide you with such a quality program.

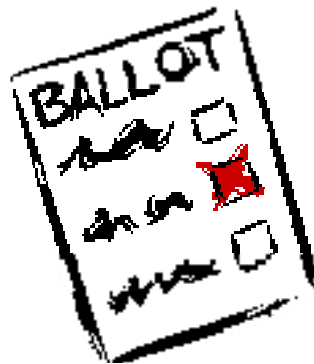
My biggest hope is that more of you will commit to giving a little of your time to serve as an officer, board director or as a committee member. Many hands make for light work and the rewards of fellowship and satisfaction are great. I have greatly enjoyed

working with two different staffs over the past two years as your president. I cherish the acquaintances I have made working with these fine professionals and with you.

Attached to this newsletter is the official ballot for next year's officers and directors, and changes to the By-Laws. The changes are needed to allow the chapter to function better, and I hope you will take a few minutes to go to the web site and read through the proposed By-Law changes that are noted in blue (additions) and red (deletions). Also, you will see there are still many opportunities to serve. The ballot is a little scarce of names in most areas. Please consider adding your name to the ballot during the nominating period from the floor. The chapter could use a few more good men and women!

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to have served you for these past two years. I am proud of what has been accomplished and confident that with your help the chapter will continue to progress and get even better in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Gregory Maynard, CPPO, C.P.M. MBA
2006-07 President Utah Chapter, NIGP



**PLEASE CONSIDER
RUNNING FOR A CHAPTER
OFFICE!**



Upcoming Meeting Dates

CHAPTER MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 22, 2007- **Election Meeting**; Emergency Planning- Mike Stever- (9AM-12 Noon, Murray City Hall [5025 S. State]) SLC Office of Emergency Preparedness
Emergency Procurement- Greg Maynard

Tuesday, Sept 18, 2007 (tentative)- Topic TBD
(9AM-12 Noon, Murray City Hall [5025 S. State])

UPCOMING WEBINARS (To register, go to www.nigp.org)

Thursday, May 17, 2007- Preparing for the CPPO Oral- What to expect

Thursday, May 31, 2007- What's in the Fine Print & Why? Standard PO Terms and Conditions for Goods

Thursday, June 7, 2007- The Art Form of Specification Writing

Tuesday, June 19, 2007- Ten Characteristics of the Effective Manager

Thursday, July 19, 2007- Procurement Cards Level III: Advanced Applications and Future Functions

62nd Annual NIGP Forum 2007

August 4-8, 2007 in Hartford, CT. For more information and registration, go online to www.nigp.org/forum.

Utah Chapter News

CONGRATULATIONS to Jared Gardner, Purchasing Agent for State of Utah, who received his CPPO certification!

CERTIFICATION has its rewards! Contact Dean Pope, Education Chairman at dean.pope@granite.k12.ut.us for more information on how you can become certified.

A LIBRARY of NIGP recommended texts has been purchased for use by chapter members studying for CPPB or CPPO certification exams. To check-out these texts (texts may be checked-out up to 60 days), please contact Dean Pope at the email listed above.

TEXTS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Public Procurement
Legal Aspects of Public Procurement

Planning, Scheduling and Requirement Analysis
Sourcing in the Public Sector
Developing and Managing RFP's in the Public Sector
Contract Administration

THE NEW CHAPTER WEBSITE is up and running! Please visit <http://nigputah.org>.

E-PROCUREMENT IS HERE! The State has just awarded RFP Depot with the State Contract for E-Procurement services. To set up your organization with this valuable system and service, please contact State Purchasing Agent Paul Mash (pmash@utah.gov) or Joe McCaul at RFP Depot at (800) 990-9339 x240, or at joem@rfpdepot.com. The State will cover associated fees for this service from Procurement Card rebates. Here's your chance to ease your procurement load at no cost to your organization!

Classroom Corner

"But it's not just learning things that's important. It's learning what to do with what you learn and learning why you learn things at all that matters." - *Norton Juster*

(From article, Universities React to Virginia Tech Tragedy by Implementing Emergency Notification. For full article, please see <http://www.govpro.com/ProductCenters/Communications/Article/52704/>)

Many universities and schools throughout the country are pursuing immediate measures in reaction to the April 16 killings on the Virginia Tech campus.

In addition to grief counseling and safety briefings, administrators are researching and implementing high-speed emergency notification systems to address the need for immediate information during natural and manmade disasters.

Margi Schmidt, a spokesperson from MIR3, a San Diego-based business that provides emergency notification technology, commented: "We're receiving many phone calls from educational institutions that want to modernize their communication infrastructures to better handle emergency situations, including weather-related and other disasters. We are working with these organizations to implement emergency notification systems within 24 hours."

The MIR3 communications platform was designed for ease of use and to cut overall response time so that in the heat of an emergency, the system is set to go with minimum effort.

Schmidt adds, "In real time, you can see who has received and responded to your critical message. In the event of natural and/or manmade disasters, all students, parents, and campus/local police can be contacted in a matter of minutes with information and instructions either by landline or cell phone, e-mail, PDA, TTY, fax, pager, SMS, or other communication device."

The MIR3 Intelligent Notification system is already in use at hundreds of corporations, [government](#) agencies, and educational organizations.

According to Schmidt, the Board of Regents at the University of Michigan, as well as several other university and secondary school systems, have contacted MIR3 to look at its emergency notification solution.

For more information about MIR3, visit www.mir3.com.
Abstracted from Market Wire Newsletter, 04/17/07.

NIGP UTAH CHAPTER ELECTIONS

A big "THANK YOU" to those who have submitted their names for chapter officer positions. If you are willing to serve, please consider being submitted as a write-in candidate or floor nominee.

PLEASE SEE THE BALLOT ATTACHMENT TO THIS NEWSLETTER. If you are unable to attend the election meeting, please use this ballot, mark your ballot as "Absentee", and mail your ballot to: NIGP-Utah Chapter, PO Box 571962, Murray, Utah 84157. Please note that you will be unable to vote for floor nominees if voting by absentee ballot. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2007.**

For those who will be in attendance at the meeting, ballots will be available at the meeting for voting. Write-in candidates and floor nominations will be accepted, with the condition that the individual(s) are willing to serve. Please note that most positions or committees require a 1 to 2 hour commitment per week.

The following positions are open for election, with those candidate names who have already been submitted:

President

No candidates

Vice President

David Bryan- UDOT

Secretary

No candidates

Treasurer

Jared Gardner- State of Utah

Board of Directors (3 yr term)

No candidates

Board of Directors (2 yr term)

No Candidates

Board of Directors (1 yr term)

No candidates

The following committees are open for volunteer or assignment:

Finance Committee

No volunteers yet

Education Committee

No volunteers yet

Membership Committee

Paul Kikuchi-UDOT

Public Relations/Marketing

No volunteers yet

Honors & Awards

No volunteers yet

Historical Committee

No volunteers yet

Chapter Newsletter Editor

Tonya Hodges- SLC School District

For suggestions or submissions for future newsletters, please contact Tonya Hodges, Newsletter Editor, at tonya.hodges@slc.k12.ut.us.