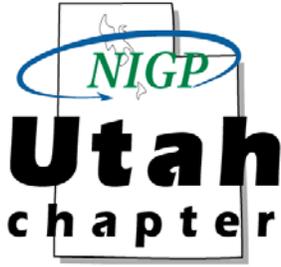


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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Procurement Professionals

May 2008

Another year has come and gone already. This month marks our third year as a chapter. Sincerely, I am grateful for your support this past year as we have endeavored to improve on the past and lay the foundation for the future. I have also enjoyed working closely with the board these past several months. A finer group of individuals one could not find anywhere. Their ideas and dedication have helped move the chapter forward.

Now, it is my privilege as required by our By-Laws, to report on the State of the Chapter.

Financially – we are in a great position as will be reported at our Annual Business Meeting on the 20th. We will be able to do some wonderful training and other ventures which will improve our skills as professionals and contribute to the future of the profession. This will all be explained at our meeting on the 20th.

Membership – The Chapter is growing. We added fourteen new members bringing our total to 70: (National membership increased by 10 but there are still 32 national members who have not joined the chapter). So there is still more we can do in this area. Part of the problem is the distance some national members must travel to attend our meetings. Next year we hope to be able to address their needs by offering seminars and recording our meetings on DVDs and distributing them to our distant colleagues.

Attendance – Apparently, the switch to mini-seminars has met with approval as our attendance has increased from an average of 23 to 34. But there is still room for improvement as this represents only 49% of our membership attending meetings on average.

National Requirements – We have complied with all national requirements for membership and financial reporting. We are in good standing with nation and have applied and received permission to come under National's insurance umbrella for liability.

Web Site – We have renewed our website contract and updated the information. This is an ongoing challenge and we could use someone to take this over-watch on as a service to the chapter.

Professionalism – To the best of my current knowledge we had three individuals attain either the CPPB or the CPPO certification this past year. This brings our total certifications to 8 CPPBs and 2 CPPOs. Many more of you have expressed an interest in gaining either of these achievements. We hope to be able to help those of you seeking these certifications. Our plan will be presented at our meeting on the 20th. We also passed out “Continuing Education Points” and will again do so in the fall. This will help those who are certified to progress to toward being able to renew their current certification.

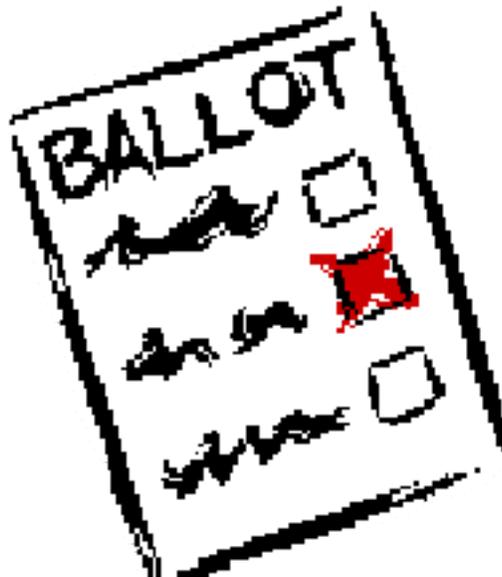
Goals and Mission Statement – As a Board we have formalized and put in writing our goals and mission statement for the Chapter. These will also be presented to you on the 20th.

By-Laws Updated – In conjunctions with several new proposals, we have amended the by-laws. A copy of the proposed changes is attached.

Purchasing Month – This year we spearheaded the effort to get the Governor to sign a proclamation declaring March as “Purchasing Month”. We also sponsored a scavenger hunt and had cake during our meeting.

As you can see, we had a full year. Next year promises to be even better. Hope to see you on the 20th.

Gregory Maynard, CPM, CPPO
President – Utah Chapter NIGP



COME ON MAY 20TH AND VOTE FOR OUR
NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS!



Upcoming Meeting Dates

CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - ELECTION MEETING
(9AM-12 Noon, Murray City Hall) – Guest Speaker: Jim Phillips (UDOT)
([5025 S. State])
- Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 - Speakers & Topics TBD
(9AM-12 Noon, Murray City Hall)
([5025 S. State])

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

- Thursday, May 22, 2008- Preparation for the CPPO Oral Exam- What to Expect
- Thursday, June 5, 2008- Avoiding the Greenwash Gremlin: Learn How to Avoid Being Fooled by Misleading Environmental & Social Claims
- Thursday, June 12, 2008- Emergency Management Series, Session 4: Safety & Security Specifics for School Districts & Other Agencies
- Thursday, June 19, 2008- Preparing for the CPPB Written Exam- What to Expect
- Thursday, June 26, 2008- The Why, When, and How to use Price as an Evaluation Criterion in Your RFP's

63rd Annual NIGP Forum 2008

July 26-30, 2008 in Charlotte, NC. For more information and registration, go online to www.nigp.org/forum.

Utah Chapter News

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Kikuchi, UDOT; and Penni Taylor, UDOT, for recently receiving their CPPB certifications!

WE NEED YOU! Volunteering can help you learn new skills, meet great people, build your resume, and can give you a great feeling of accomplishment. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the committee chairperson listed:

Committee Chairpersons

Honors & Awards: Penni Taylor (UDOT) pennit@utah.gov ; 801-965-3836

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Education: Tiffany Sorensen (SLC Corp.) tiffany.sorensen@slcgov.com ; 535-6347

CERTIFICATION has its rewards! Contact Dean Pope 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

VISIT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE! Go to <http://nigputah.org>.

Classroom Corner

"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it."
-Margaret Thatcher

Thanks to those who have volunteered to run for chapter offices! For those of you unable to attend the May 20th Election meeting, please vote absentee and send your ballots to the PO Box listed at the top of the ballot.

Please see the attached ballot, chapter mission statement and goals, and proposed changes to the chapter By-laws.

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