

## NIGP- Utah Chapter

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### **NIGP- Utah Chapter Officers:**

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## Chapter President's Message

Fellow Colleagues:

As members of the Utah Chapter NIGP each of us understands the value of participating in chapter meetings to further our professional understanding, knowledge, and networking. The members of the board understand this and work hard to try to assemble quality meetings. Unfortunately, I think too many see these meeting as the sole purpose of NIGP and this is where the effect of the organization stops in their careers. There are several other benefits, but I believe the professional certifications offered by NIGP and the UPPCC are worth your time and effort to at least explore.

NIGP and the UPPCC offer two certifications the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Public Procurement Buyer (CPPB). The following information, taken from the UPPCC website ([www.uppcc.org](http://www.uppcc.org)), details the benefits of the certifications:

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Examinations measure professional competence and the understanding of the body of knowledge surrounding public procurement. Certification is a voluntary action by a professional group to establish a system to grant recognition to professionals who have met a stated level of training and work experience.

Certified individuals are issued a certificate attesting that they have met the standards of the credentialing organization and are entitled to make the public aware of their credentialed status, through the use of the certification initials after their name and in all forms of address. The UPPCC offers the CPPB and CPPO designations.

Obtaining a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) or Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) designation demonstrates a standard of competency in the public procurement profession.

A CPPB and CPPO designation indicates to the public that, having mastered a body of knowledge, one can make sound decisions that reflect maximum value for the taxpayer's dollar. The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC), the issuer of the CPPB and CPPO designations, is accredited by the International Federation of Purchasing and Supply Management.

Many local and state governments formally recognize the CPPB and CPPO designations as meaningful standards for employment and advancement of public procurement personnel.

I know that most every member could share a benefit from their certification. My career has been benefited in many ways through the attainment of my CPPO. I will name just a few: (1) it was a factor in my most recent employment offer, (2) it forced me to study and understand procurement concepts I had not previously studied, and (3) it continues to motivate me to stay on top of my professional development and to be involved with our chapter as I strive for recertification.

I encourage each member to look at or relook at this tremendous opportunity. It was certainly not an easy process, but the benefits have certainly outweighed the work required to attain the certification.

Sincerely,  
Jared Gardner, CPPO, C.P.M.

President, NIGP Utah Chapter



Jared Gardner- President



# Utah Chapter News

**NIGP NATIONAL** has recently made several new online courses available. For more information on these courses, visit [www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org) , or email [customer care@nigp.org](mailto:customer care@nigp.org)

*Basics of Business Math*                      *Business Communication- Written Communication*

*Fundamentals of Business Management*                      *Leading High-Performance Teams*

*Negotiating Skills- Influence and Persuasion*                      *Project Management*

*Time Management Fundamentals*

**VOLUNTEER** to serve on a chapter committee! If you are interested, please contact the committee chairperson listed below:

### Committee Chairpersons

Honors & Awards: Kurt Prusse (Weber SD) [kuprusse@weber.k12.ut.us](mailto:kuprusse@weber.k12.ut.us)

Financial: Mark Parry (State Purchasing) [mparry@utah.gov](mailto:mparry@utah.gov)

Historian: Kate Fotsch (U of U) [kfotsch@purchasing.utah.edu](mailto:kfotsch@purchasing.utah.edu)

Membership: *Position currently available.*

Marketing/Public Relations: Trever Ward (UDOT) [tward@utah.gov](mailto:tward@utah.gov)

Education: Tracie Montano (UDOT) [tmontano@utah.gov](mailto:tmontano@utah.gov)

Nominating: Glendon Mitchell (SL County) [gmitchell@slco.org](mailto:gmitchell@slco.org)

*“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren’t used to an environment where excellence is expected.”*

*-Steve Jobs*

# Upcoming Meeting Dates

(All meetings are held at 9:00 AM at the SL County Building, room S1007 [2100 S. State] unless otherwise posted. PUBLIC PARKING is available in the parking structure if outside lots are full.)

### November 15, 2011:

*Ethics- Pam Gardiol*

*Election Meeting*

### January 17, 2012:

*Topic and Speakers TBD*

# Meet the Candidates (Floor nominations will also be accepted at the Chapter Meeting)

## CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

### Adrian Ruger- State Purchasing

I started my federal career in 1974 as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service. My procurement experience began in 1983 as a supply clerk in Pocatello, ID. A year later I was promoted to the supervisor of the procurement section. In 1986, I relocated to Salt Lake City where I worked in a district procurement and contracting office in various purchasing positions until 2005. In these positions, I procured all types of supplies and services, eventually specializing in design and construction contracting. In 2004, I completed my CPM certification with the Institute of Supply Management. In May 2005, I was promoted to a facilities contract specialist position in Denver, CO. In February 2008, I transferred to the Bureau of Land Management back in Salt Lake City, as a contract specialist. During that time I received my lifetime CPM certification. I retired from the federal government in May 2008, and started with the State of Utah Division of Purchasing three weeks later... You know the rest!



## VICE PRESIDENT:

### Trever Ward- UDOT

Hello My Name is Trever Ward, I work at UDOT as a purchasing Agent and have been there for over 2 years, before that I worked in the private sector as a buyer and marketing manager for over 15 years.

I have a beautiful wife, two loving girls and two cats and two dogs.

I Love a challenge, am driven and am not afraid of crowds, unless those crowds are filled with zombies.. Then I am very afraid of crowds.

I love to cuddle fluffy kitty cats, play games and go to school, I am currently enrolled at the U of U to finish my B.A. in Political science.

After I finish my B.A. I plan on taking over the world with elaborate schemes that only 007 or Perry the Platypus can foil.

I have no photos of me, here is a stock photo of a bunny instead, it is also soft and cuddly, just like me.



## SECRETARY:

### Kay Healey- Alpine School District

**Education:** University of Phoenix, Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Business Management Major

Graduation Date: September 1994

Utah Valley Community College, Orem Utah, Associate of Science Degree, Graduation Date: July 1991

Utah Technical College, Provo Utah, Electrical Automation Technology Certificate, Completion Date: June 1978

CPM Certified Purchasing Manager Certification

34 years of experience with Alpine School District and over 13 years experience in purchasing, warehousing, and mail / media delivery.

Also worked to organize UCARE, (Utah Cooperative Acquiring Resources Effectively). UCARE is a cooperative in the State of Utah to purchase food for 12 school district Nutritional Services programs.

**TREASURER:**

**Mark Parry – State Purchasing**

Born: Yes  
Profession: Evil State Employee  
Likes: Taking candy from children, removing chickens from every pot...

OR...

Born: Salt Lake City  
Education: Bachelor degree- University of Utah School of Accounting  
Profession: Purchasing Agent- State of Utah Division of Purchasing and General Services



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ( 2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE [ both are 3 year terms] ):**

**Tracie Montano- UDOT- 3 year position**

Tracie Montano has worked in Government Purchasing for both Federal and State for over 25 years, for the past 16 years with Utah Department of Transportation in the Procurement Office, for the past five years as Procurement Manager.

Tracie is a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), she received CPPB certification (Certified Professional Public Buyer) in 2007. Tracie is also a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.), and serves as a member on the State Procurement Board.

Tracie and Mike, her husband of 18 years, have four children, three girls and one boy and two beautiful grandchildren. She enjoys her family, friends, camping and having fun.



**Paul Worthen- Granite School District – 3 year position**

I have been very lucky and fortunate to have worked in the procurement field for 28 years, 8 years in the private sector with Unisource Worldwide and 20 years in the public sector with Granite School District.

My wife Janet and I have been married for just under 20 years and blended a family of 6 children. I now have 16 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

I am running for the Board of Director and would love to serve N.I.G.P.



**Special Notes/Announcements**

*Please Note:*

**Our next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2011. See you there!**



## Special Notes / Announcements (cont).

### Chapter Officer Elections

Elections for new officers to serve in the Utah chapter for calendar year 2012 will be conducted by absentee ballot or by voting at our next chapter meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. If voting as an absentee, your ballot must be in the NIGP Utah PO Box by Nov. 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Ballots may be mailed to: NIGP-Utah, PO Box 571962, Murray, Utah 84157.

We express appreciation to those officers who have served in 2011 and for the many contributions they have made to the success of the chapter as well as helping advance our profession.

Please consider volunteering to serve on a committee or as a committee chair as there will be some openings. Last year a record number of members served in a variety of positions with most having limited time commitments. We will distribute a list of opportunities in the near future. As they say, many hands make a big job light and your hands would be appreciated!

### Upcoming Nominations and Elections

Just as a reminder, nominations for NIGP Utah Chapter Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year are requested, and will need to be submitted by January 2012. The nomination form is attached as a separate document to this newsletter email.

### Upcoming NIGP Webinars

*(\$75 for Members/\$105 for Non-Members. Register at [www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org))*

Thursday, Nov 10, 2011:	<i>Navigating the Social Network: A Guide for Procurement Professionals</i>
Thursday, Nov 17, 2011:	<i>Section 511 of the TIPRA Act: Its Relevance to Public Procurement</i>
Thursday, Dec 01, 2011:	<i>Procurement's Challenge: Embracing Socioeconomics in a Free Market</i>
Thursday, Dec 08, 2011:	<i>3 Overlooked Keys to Successful Outsourcing Agreements</i>

*(On-Demand Webinar Recordings are also available for purchase in the NIGP Online Store)*

*For newsletter submissions or comments, please contact Tonya Hodges, Newsletter Editor:*

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# Speaker Biographies (Selected)

## Pam Gardiol – President, Gardiol & Associates

Pam Gardiol has worked in the organizational management field for more than twenty five years. She is President of Gardiol & Associates, and works with Demarche Consulting Group, Seattle, Washington. She works with organizational leadership in the private, public and non-profit sectors to design specific, hands-on methods to align performance to the organizational mission.

Whether redesigning organizational systems or cultures, or providing one-on-one coaching with business leaders and managers, she helps her clients create organizational environments that foster individual accountability and high performance. A sample of her clients includes the City of Seattle, Corbis, 3M, and Salt Lake County.

Ms. Gardiol teaches in the Master of Public Administration Program at the University of Utah, and teaches business management courses in master's programs at two other universities. She teaches in the Certified Public Management program for the State of Utah.

Pam holds a Master's degree in Organizational Management and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Psychology. She is the co-author of, *Facilitating Your Own Meetings: Essential Skills for Managers and Supervisors*.