



## NIGP- Utah Chapter

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### NIGP- Utah Chapter Officers:

President: Adrian Ruger, C.P.M., CPPB

Vice-President: Trever Ward

Secretary: Jennifer Porter

Treasurer: Tyler Barnes

Past President: Jared Gardner, C.P.M., CPPO

### Board of Directors:

Greg Maynard, C.P.M., CPPO

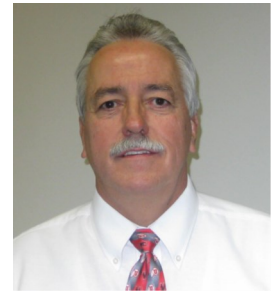
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## Chapter President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

As president of this great organization, this will be my last article in the newsletter. It's been a good two-year experience for me and a great two years in the growth of our chapter. I initially ran for this office because I wanted to see the chapter continue to grow and improve, and I believe it has. What I didn't realize when I assumed this position was just how much I would enjoy the ride. Even though the board has worked hard on behalf of chapter members, I have to say that the past two years has been very rewarding and enjoyable.



Adrian Ruger- President

We have experienced considerable growth in the size of the chapter. Our accomplishments include an improved scholarship program, a re-write of the bi-laws and handbook, an annual picnic as a tradition with our chapter, national recognition as the runner-up for the "Medium-Sized Chapter of the Year" award, a new and improved meeting location, and (I believe) continued improvement in the quality of training offered to members.

Additionally, we have talked about the growing importance of procurement in the business world; we have stressed the importance of relationships with suppliers and with our customers; we've discussed the idea of Procurement as an "art" rather than a science; and we have introduced things that can improve our personal lives as well as our professional lives.

All in all, I think it has been a great two years. I wish we could have accomplished even more, but I am content with what we've done. I would like to thank each one of you for the support you have given to the board and to me personally. I look forward to another year serving on the board as the past president and hope to continue mingling with you, the members of this awesome chapter.

Sincerely,

Adrian Ruger

President, NIGP Utah Chapter



# Utah Chapter News

NIGP NATIONAL has made several 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: Trever Ward (UDOT) [tward@utah.gov](mailto:tward@utah.gov)
- Financial: Garret Johnston (State Procurement) [gkjohnston@utah.gov](mailto:gkjohnston@utah.gov)
- Historian: Nikki Sanchez (State Procurement) [nsanchez@utah.gov](mailto:nsanchez@utah.gov)
- Membership: Debbie Smith (Granite SD) [dsmith@graniteschools.org](mailto:dsmith@graniteschools.org)
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- Education: Mike Smith (UofU) [msmith@purchasing.utah.edu](mailto:msmith@purchasing.utah.edu)
- Nominating: Jared Gardner (Granite SD) [jbgardner@graniteschools.org](mailto:jbgardner@graniteschools.org)

*“Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life.”*

-David M. Burns

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

**MEETING LOCATION:** All chapter meetings will be held at the State of Utah Multi-Agency Building, 195 N. 1950 W. Room 1020C. , Salt Lake City. Meetings will be held 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013:**                      *Chapter Elections*  
*Multi Step Bidding*  
Glendon Mitchell, U of U

**Tuesday, Jan 21, 2014:**                      *Topic and Speakers TBD*  
Please watch info for new location!

# NIGP– Utah Chapter Chapter Elections 2013

*A big “Thank You” to those who have volunteered to run for office. We appreciate your sacrifice of time to serve our chapter.*

*Below are those that have expressed interest in running. Floor nominations and write-in candidates will also be accepted at the chapter meeting.*

## **Candidate for President:**

Trever Ward, UDOT: My name is Trever Ward. I work for UDOT and have been there for about 5 years. I have been on the NIGP board for 3 years and have had some great experiences. I have two wonderful little girls and I spend most of my time getting chased around by them and dressing up like a princess, I have noticed I look best in Cinderella’s outfits. I hope that I get the opportunity to help grow NIGP and create a fantastic atmosphere for all of us!

## **Candidate for Vice President:**

Jennifer Porter, State Purchasing: I currently work for the State of Utah– Division of Purchasing as a Deputy Director– Information Technology (IT) & Contracting. I have been with the Division of Purchasing for almost 3 years specializing in IT procurements and negotiating terms and conditions. Prior to working for the Division of Purchasing, I worked for the State of Utah– Department of Technology Services as a Contract Analyst for 2 years. I recently completed my bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and plan to take the CPPB certification test in March 2014.

For the past year, I have held the position of Secretary for the Utah NIGP Chapter. I have enjoyed attending the NIGP chapter meetings, the NIGP Forum, and meeting procurement colleagues from the cities, counties, and school districts through NIGP training and events. I am running for the office of Vice President with the intent to continue the positive momentum of our past board members. Our chapter is growing and developing into a strong organization and I would love to see the Chapter recognized for its contributions to the procurement profession.

## **Candidate for Secretary:**

Nikki Sanchez, State Purchasing

I currently work for the State of Utah– Division of Purchasing as a Purchasing Agent specializing in general services, analysis and studies, psychological and human related services, graphic art services, and background screening services. I have been with the Division of Purchasing for 3 years. Prior to this, I worked for the State of Utah– Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) for 11 years.

Currently, I hold the office of Historian for the NIGP Utah Chapter. Over the past year, I have enjoyed attending the monthly board meetings and photographing NIGP members at the chapter meetings and special events. I am excited for the privilege to run for the position of Secretary in our upcoming 2013 NIGP Chapter elections.



**Candidate for Treasurer:**

**Tyler Barnes, State Purchasing**

Tyler began working as a Purchasing Agent/Contract Analyst for the State of Utah in 2012. He started his career in the retail grocery industry working his way up until becoming lead buyer for the grocery chain. He attended Utah State University where he earned bachelors degrees in both Business Administration and Human Resource Management. Tyler has been serving as the NIGP Utah Chapter Treasurer for the past year.

**Candidate for Director, 3-Year**

**Michael Smith, U of U**

Michael Smith has been the NIGP Utah Chapter Education Chair since 2011. He currently works as a Buyer for the University of Utah, where he procures research related goods for the entire campus. His background includes many years as Buyer in the public sector. Michael is asking for your vote as one of three Board of Directors, as he takes his role with NIGP Utah seriously and wants to give back to his counterparts, by offering value to what we do day in and day out, which includes valuable educational resources as government purchasing agents.

**Special Notes / Announcements**

*Please Note:*

**Our next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2013. See you there!**



## Special Notes / Announcements (cont).

### Upcoming Meeting Location Change

Thanks to each of you and your support, our chapter is growing! Starting in January 2014, we will be moving our meeting location to the Canyons School District Professional Development Center at 9400 South 300 East in Sandy. Our November chapter meeting will be held for the last time at the State of Utah Multi-Agency Building, 195 N. 1950 W. Room 1020C. , Salt Lake City.

Please plan ahead for the January change! Thanks for your patience as we make these changes to accommodate our growing membership.



### Upcoming NIGP Webinars

*(Complimentary for Members/\$185 for Non-Members. Register at [www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org))*

Wednesday, Nov 13, 2013:	<i>What's Procurement worth?</i>
Thursday, Nov 14, 2013:	<i>Qualitative Evaluation Criteria</i>
Thursday, Dec 12, 2013:	<i>Negotiating the Contract: Getting to Yes</i>
Thursday, Dec 19, 2013:	<i>Supplier Relationship Management</i>
Thursday, Jan 16, 2014:	<i>Contract Price Adjustments</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)

*Glendon Mitchell, C.P.M.- Associate Purchasing Director, University of Utah*



Glendon works as an Associate Purchasing Director for the University of Utah. Previously he worked for Salt Lake County as Associate Director in Contracts and Procurement. He also enjoyed his experience at the State of Utah Division of Purchasing as a purchasing agent. Private sector experience included work as a buyer for a grocery distribution company and purchasing and management for a retail chain. He is a past president of NIGP Utah and has had several chapter positions with both NIGP and ISM. Glendon has a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Brigham Young University which creates fun conversations in his current position!