



NIGP- Utah Chapter

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NIGP- Utah Chapter Of- ficers:

President: Trever Ward

Vice-President: Jennifer Salts

Secretary: Nikki Sanchez

Treasurer: Tyler Barnes

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

Board of Directors:

Tracie Montano, CPPB

Polly Alles

Mike Smith

Procurement News

November 2014

Chapter President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

Wow! It's nearly been an entire year since I took office for NIGP- Utah, and I cannot believe that my tenure is coming to an end.

The Board and I have had our hands full getting ready for the new board members for 2015 and look forward to an easy transition. I hope that some of you that have never taken a position have put your names in the ballot box! This is a learning experience and after it is all done it's very rewarding.

I also want to remind you all that now is the time of year that we start voting for the Manager and Buyer of the year. Please take a moment out of your day and send us your vote for the most outstanding Buyer or Manager that you have had a privilege of working with.

I am very grateful that you allowed me to serve you, and I look forward to future meetings with you all.

Sincerely,

Trever Ward

President, NIGP Utah Chapter



Trever Ward- President

Utah Chapter News

NIGP NATIONAL has made several online courses available. For more information on these courses, visit www.nigp.org , or email 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: Jennifer Salts (State Purchasing) jennifersalts@utah.gov
- Financial: Garret Johnston (State Purchasing) gkjohnston@utah.gov
- Historian: Denice Smith (Public Safety) denicesmith@utah.gov
- Membership: Sharon Pierce (SL County) spierce@slco.org
- Marketing/Public Relations: Glendon Mitchell (UofU) gmitchell@purchasing.utah.edu
- Education: Debbie Smith (Granite SD) dlsmith@graniteschools.org
- Nominating: Adrian Ruger (State Purchasing) aruger@utah.gov

Upcoming Meeting Dates

MEETING LOCATION: All chapter meetings will be held at the Canyons School District Professional Development Center , 9361 South 300 East, Sandy. Meetings will be held 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

- Tuesday, Nov 18, 2014:**
 - Election Meeting! Please come and vote!*
 - Managing Relationships With Vendors & Contractors*
Thomas Short- LDS Church
 - BidSync Functionality: Vendor Management & Qualification; RFP Evaluation; Reports and Data Export*
Josh Hunsaker- BidSync

Thursday, Jan 29, 2015: *Topic and Speakers TBD*



"It's like Forrest Gump said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates.' Your career is like a box of chocolates– you never know what you're going to get. But everything you get is going to teach you something along the way and make you the person you are today. That's the exciting part – it's an adventure in itself."

-Nick Carter

NIGP– Utah Chapter Elections 2014

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: Jennifer Salts, State Purchasing: I have approximately 15 years experience in public procurement specializing in grant writing/management, contract development/administration, and solicitation development/administration. I started my procurement career working for Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah as a Contract Analyst/Event Coordination, then to Phoenix, Arizona to work as a Contract Analyst for Maricopa Association of Government focusing on transportation, socioeconomic, and air quality programs, and finally to the State of Utah where I worked for the Department of Technology Services as a Contract Analyst and the Division of Purchasing as Purchasing Agent and Deputy Director.

Over the last 4 years, the NIGP Utah Chapter has provided me with the opportunity to serve as Historian, Secretary, and Vice President. I would be honored to serve as Chapter President and look forward to providing our members with meaningful training, community service projects, and networking opportunities.

Candidate for Vice President: Polly Alles, U of U: Most recently served as NIGP Board of Directors (2 years). Originally from Detroit, Michigan and has lived in Utah for 23 years.

Even though I love the majestic mountains– I will forever be a flatlander! Loves to be outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, swimming– any sports.

Family: Husband and 2 kids (boy– 13 / girl– 17)

Master Facilitator Certified. Retail Supply and Demographics Manager West Coast– Woolworth/Woolco Corporation, Canada LTD.

Buyer for Canyons School District (Employee at CSD for 10 years). Currently Buyer for the University of Utah– Go

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 design services, background screening services, transcription services, armored car services and legal services. I have been with the Division of Purchasing for 4 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 Secretary for the NIGP Utah Chapter. Over the past year, I have enjoyed participating and taking minutes at the monthly board meetings and networking with 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 2014 NIGP Chapter elections.

Candidate for Treasurer: Sharon Pierce, Salt Lake County:

Sharon Pierce works for Salt Lake County in the Contracts and Procurement Division. She performed contract management services for ten years and then was a professional services buyer for ten years. Currently Sharon is the Purchasing Manager and enjoys working with the Purchasing Team at the County.

Sharon has been married to Ted Pierce for several years and they have 3 children. Her current hobby is playing with her grandchildren.

Candidates for Director Positions:

Director- 1 Year: Randi Ruff, U of U: Randi Ruff has been with the University of Utah for almost 15 years. She joined the Purchasing Department in January 2004 and is the Small Business Liaison/Manager for the U. Her main focus as a buyer is to work with the departments that have grants and contracts. She has served as a Board Officer for several years with the Utah Supplier Development Council and is currently the Treasurer. She has been involved with the Utah chapter of NIGP since 2008.

Director- 2 Year:

Debbie Smith, Granite School District: Debbie began working as a Buyer for the Granite School District in 2007. She started her career at Granite in 1995 and worked her way up to Buyer. She received her CPPB certification in 2013. Currently she is serving as the NIGP Utah Chapter Education Chair and prior to that was the Membership Chair. I have enjoyed working with the members of the NIGP Utah board and would like the opportunity to serve as one of the Board of Directors. Debbie has been married to her wonderful husband for 41 years, has 6 children and 9 grandchildren. She enjoys tole painting, Bear Lake, and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Eileen Boswell, Salt Lake Community College: Eileen Boswell has been a buyer with Salt Lake Community College since July 2013. I am an NIGP member. I enjoy our monthly Chapter Meetings and the opportunity to learn. I am looking forward to becoming a NIGP Board Member for the coming year. Currently I am working on my MBA. In my free time I enjoy biking and traveling.

Director- 3 Year: Lori Peterson, Davis School District

Special Notes / Announcements

Please Note:

Our next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014. See you there!



Special Notes / Announcements (cont).

Meeting Date Change for January

Due to a scheduling conflict for the building, our January chapter meeting will be held on *Thursday, January 29, 2015*. We will still be at the Canyons School District Professional Development Center , 9361 South 300 East, Sandy. The meeting will be held 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please mark your calendars for this date change! All other meetings in 2015 will remain on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Chapter Invoices

Please make sure your information on the chapter meeting attendance rolls are correct at our upcoming chapter meeting, so that we can make sure that upcoming invoices for membership dues next year are correct. Thanks for your help!

NIGP- Utah Chapter Elections

Chapter elections are coming up! Please notify any of our Chapter Officers or board members if you are interested in serving as an officer or in a committee next year. It is a wonderful way to get to know your colleagues and for networking. Our Chapter needs you and your talents! Please consider serving in the Chapter next year.

Upcoming NIGP Webinars

(Complimentary for National Members/\$185 for Non-Members. Register at www.nigp.org)

Tuesday, Nov 25, 2014:	<i>Fraud</i>
Wednesday, Dec 3, 2014:	<i>Sole Source, How to Determine Supply</i>
Wednesday, Dec 10, 2014:	<i>Procurement Basics, The Cornerstone of a Successful Procurement Career</i>
Wednesday, Jan 14, 2015:	<i>Non-Responsive Vendors</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)

Thomas Short, MBA, CPSM, C.P.M.

Thomas Short works for the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He currently manages a group of Regional Operation Managers that support 14 worldwide area offices where both strategic and tactical Supply Chain efforts take place that support operations globally.

Mr. Short writes and reviews contracts as well as provides legal review for the global contracting efforts for the Church. He has worked at the Church for 18 years.

Mr. Short is a graduate of the University of Utah and received his MBA in 2009. He has worked in the Supply Chain Management profession for 25 years. Mr. Short teaches the Certified Professional in Supply Management exam preparation class for Mountainland Applied Technology College and to Purchasing Departments across Utah. He is currently serving on the Supply Chain Management advisory board for the Weber State Goddard School of Business and Economics.

As a member of the Institute for Supply Management, Thomas has served as the Professional Development Chairperson, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President as well as on the Board of Directors. Mr. Short received the Gordon Burt Affleck Award from ISM-Utah in 2009 for outstanding leadership in Supply Management.

Thomas is married and has three children.

