



NIGP- Utah Chapter

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NIGP- Utah Chapter Officers:

President: Jennifer Salts, CPPB

Vice-President: Polly Alles

Secretary: Nikki Sanchez

Treasurer: Sharon Pierce, CPM

Past President: Trever Ward

Board of Directors:

Randi Ruff

Debbie Smith, CPPB

Lori Peterson, CPPO, CPM

Chapter President's Message

Dear NIGP Utah Chapter Members:

As the year winds down, I wanted to take an opportunity to tell all of you how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as the President for the Utah Chapter. I have had an amazing experience getting to know more of our members and working with our talented board members. We were able to bring meaningful training opportunities to the Chapter Meeting, had insightful discussions on some of the issues facing our members and their organizations, and we were able to celebrate individual's successes as they were recognized for their outstanding achievements in public procurement. This has truly been a great year.



Jennifer Salts- President

I encourage all of you to get involved with our NIGP Chapter... whether that is volunteering to serve in a small or large capacity, all are very much appreciated. Elections are coming up at the next Chapter Meeting and I hope we get several members interested in running for each position. I had a wonderful experience and I know you could have a similar experience as there are so many exciting events planned for the future (did you hear Utah is hosting NIGP Nationals!!!).

Thank you for the opportunities the Chapter has provided to me, it has been a great year!

Jennifer Salts, CPPB, 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 , 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: Polly Alles (UofU) palles@purchasing.utah.edu
- Financial: Adrian Ruger (State Purchasing) aruger@utah.gov
- Historian: Joan Tuttle (Davis SD) jtuttle@dsdmail.net
- Membership: Jerilyn Midthun (SL City) jerilyn.midthun@slcgov.com
- Marketing/Public Relations: Glendon Mitchell (UofU) gmitchell@purchasing.utah.edu
- Education: Eileen Boswell (SLCC) Eileen.boswell@slcc.edu
- Nominating: Trever Ward (UDOT) tward@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. 17, 2015:

Contract Management
Nancy Webb & Gary Hansen- Canyons SD

Google Docs– Hands-on Computer Lab
Garret Johnston– State Purchasing
(Please bring your Gmail email address & pass word)
Lunch will be served!

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016:

Topic and Speakers TBD



“Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action has arrived, stop thinking and go in.”

-Napoleon Bonaparte

Meet our Candidates!

Candidate for President:

Polly Alles- University of Utah

I have been honored to network and serve with NIGP members! Most recently serving as Vice President; previously Board of Directors 2 years, and member. I have been to National Forum and have served on many committees. I have 14 years' experience as a supply chain manager and buyer. I would be honored to serve as president for 2 years to lead us into the future of procurement, bridging generations, bringing in valuable training and lead us through Salt Lake City National NIGP Forum 2017!

Previous Public Procurement with Canyons School District for 10 years. I am a certified Master Facilitator, Retail and Supply Chain Demographics Manager West Coast- Woolworth/Woolco Corporation, Canada LTD.

Even though I have lived in Majestic Utah for 24 years, I will forever be a flat-lander from Detroit, Michigan! I have a husband, two children, two furry kids, two turtles and 6 chickens! Sara is a Freshman studying at Southern Utah University and Samuel is a Freshman at Hillcrest High School.



Candidate for President:

Joan Tuttle- Davis School District

I am currently employed as a Senior Buyer for Davis School District. I have worked for Davis School District for 32 years. Last year I received my CPPB, what an honor to show everyone that I know what I am doing!

For the last half of this year I served as the Historian for NIGP Utah and it has been a pleasure to do so. As I have thought about the things I have learned as a member of NIGP, I realized that it is exciting to be a part of what is going on in the chapter and what better way than to be a member of the Board.

I am excited to be able to help with the National Forum when it comes to Utah.



Meet our Candidates (continued)



Candidate for Secretary:

Limher Montoya- University of Utah

I graduated from BYU where I got a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with an emphasis in Supply Chain Management. After receiving my Bachelor's degree, I worked as a Buyer for Ultradent Products, a manufacturer of dental products, where I purchased a wide range of skus including: raw steel, electronic componenets, chemicals, printed items, and tooling. I was able to work with a majority of international vendors (including Mexico, Italy, Japan, Vietnam, and Germany), and was able to improve communication and key processes. I have been at the University of Utah since September 2014 where I am responsible over Audio Visual items, Professional Services and Consulting, and a number of other commodities.

We Invite You to Attend our NIGP Chapter Meeting and Bring Your Boss!

The NIGP association is dedicated to helping you grow in the public procurement profession through education and cooperative relationships. Bring your boss to build awareness and understanding of the role these meetings play in developing critical thinking, best value procurement and networking.

We hope to see you there on November 17, 2015 at 9:00 am! Lunch will be served.

We Need Your Help!

NIGP- Utah Chapter's new year is fast approaching and we need you help! We will have many positions available, in many areas of expertise, and we need some of our talented members to help us fill these positions. Utah has been selected to host the 2017 NIGP National Forum convention here in Salt Lake City, and we need volunteers to help us make that event spectacular!

If you have ever thought about joining the board/committee or just want to help in some manner, this is the time. Please feel free to contact Trever Ward at tward@utah.gov or Randy Ruff at rruff@purchasing.utah.edu for opportunities in either the NIGP Utah Chapter Board/committees or NIGP National Forum convention volunteers!

Special Notes/Announcements

Please Note:

Our next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Elections meeting with Luncheon!



Special Notes / Announcements (cont).

Change in Chapter Bi-Laws Proposed

The NIGP-Utah Chapter Board will propose to incorporate a change to our chapter bi-laws at our November meeting, that the chapter board offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer be changed to bi-annual terms. Please come prepared to vote on this measure.

It's Election Time!

We need you! If you would like to serve on our chapter board, we are looking for committee chairs, committee members, and Board of Director members. Please feel free to offer floor nominations at the meeting for our Chapter officers. We also need volunteers to serve on our 2017 National Convention Committee! Please consider serving in our chapter, and contact a member of the chapter board if you are interested.

Buyer and Manager of the Year Nominations

Start considering your managers and co-workers for our upcoming Buyer and Manager of the Year awards! Additional information as well as nomination forms will be forthcoming.

Please help us recognize the great work provided by our fellow procurement professionals!

Upcoming NIGP Webinars

(Complimentary for National Members/\$190 for Non-Members. Register at www.nigp.org)

Wednesday, Dec 2, 2015:	<i>Getting a Seat at the "C-Level" Table: New Best Practices for The Place of Public Procurement within the Entity</i>
Wednesday, Dec 9, 2015:	<i>New Specifications Global Best Practice Unveiled</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016:	<i>Wrangling the P3: The Best Practices for Public-Private Partnerships</i>

(On-Demand Webinar Recordings are also available for free download to Institute members in the NIGP Online Store)

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

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Speaker Biographies (Selected)



Gary Hansen, C.P.M., Director/Chief Procurement Officer, Canyons SD

Worked in the purchasing discipline for over 28 years. Current job assignment is the Director of Purchasing for Canyons School District. Certified Purchasing Manager (CPM). MBA. Past chair of EdPAC. Served on the Board of Directors for ISM and was an original member of the team that established NIGP-Utah. Member of the State of Utah Procurement Policy Board.

Married, with 3 children and 7 grandchildren- which are the love of my life.



Nancy Webb, MBA, C.P.M., Senior Buyer, Canyons SD

I am currently a Senior Buyer for Canyons School District. Prior to Canyons, I spent some time working for Jordan School District. I started and operated my own business for a time and spent 23 years working for a major aerospace company. I have a Masters degree in Business Administration and I earned the Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) designation through the Institute for Supply Management. I am a mother of three children whom I raised for 15 years as a single mom, while working full time and going to school. I married my best friend 10 years ago and gained two additional grown kids and we now have four beautiful grandchildren.



Garret Johnston, MBA, CPPB, Senior Purchasing Agent, State of Utah

Eons ago during the cold war era, Garret worked in marketing when a reduction in workforce required him to take on additional duties as Department of Defense buyer for a publicly traded construction company based in Baton Rouge, LA. He crossed over from private purchasing to public purchasing when a new Utah school district was created, Canyons School District, where he conducted purchases and established contracts for the new school district.

Garret Johnston is currently a senior purchasing agent for the Division of Purchasing at the State of Utah where he managed a NASPO ValuePoint nation-wide freight contract and several state-wide cooperative contracts. Currently he provides business support for the division, assisting agents and management in all things purchasing including vendor contract compliance. Garret has a passion for purchasing and a job well done.