



MARYLAND PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

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The **Maryland Public Purchasing Association** was granted official membership status by NIGP in 1980. For the past 40 years MPPA has stayed actively involved with NIGP and promoting the profession. MPPA is currently made up of a membership of approximately 400 members...and growing. MPPA has received recognition from NIGP for its growth in membership year after year, as well as for Maryland members who also hold a National membership with NIGP.

Maryland Public Purchasing Association takes great pride in its Chapter. From our operating processes and policies to our education and wealth of resources. Like all families there are traditions and guidance from our elders, just as it is with our MPPA Family...We are family and the passion and commitment we have for our family shines through in our dedication to the profession, but most of all for each other.

Maryland Public Purchasing Association Policies and Procedures were created to define the responsibility of the chapter and its members. Our Procedures manual is effective, efficient, and overall reflects productivity. The Procedures manual identifies duties and descriptions to ensure that every individual/position understands the responsibility associated to volunteering to assist with leading its chapter. Maryland Public Purchasing Association provides great written guidance for future members.

A yearly budget is prepared by our Budget and Finance committee chair. This chair is planning and overseeing the finances of the association consistent with the annual budget. This budget is prepared in correlation with the Officers, Directors and Committee chairs and is approved and voted on every August.

Each year MPPA recognizes (4) Professionals who have given back and had great achievements to the profession and organization.

Manager of the Year - The MPPA Officers and Board of Directors grants this award to public procurement professionals who have supervisory or management responsibilities. Public Procurement Manager functions must include responsibility of overall procurement/material management activities in a specific governmental entity to include the supervision of procurement personnel and/or the display of executive abilities involving economic/financial, technical, statistical, legal, and administrative attributes. Management positions may be totally dedicated to the procurement function or shared with other responsibilities.

Buyer of the Year - The MPPA Officers and Board of Directors grants this award to buyers who have no supervisory or management responsibilities. The Buyer function involves the process of determining the customer requirements, reviewing specifications and requirements, developing, and issuing bids, evaluating offers, and selecting the vendor, arriving at fair and reasonable price and terms, preparing the contract or purchase order, vendor relations, following up to ensure



timely delivery shipping/receiving, inventory and warehousing, and contract administration provisions.

Harry H. Bain Distinguished Service Award - The Harry H. Bain Distinguished Service Award recognizes the extraordinary dedication and service to the public procurement profession. This award is named after one of our founding members and currently retired member Mr. Harry H. Bain.

The Stanley D. Zemansky Award - The Stanley D. Zemasky Award is MPPA's highest award and is associated with a professional who is respected for outstanding deeds and dedication to the procurement profession. This award was established to recognize the dedicated outstanding professional who carries the same respect for procurement and professionalism as does Mr. Zemansky. This award is named after one of our founding members Mr. Stanley D. Zemansky.



MPPA Procedures Manual link:

<https://www.mppainc.org/chapters/nigp-mppainc/documents/Procedures%20Manual.pdf>

About Us link:

<https://www.mppainc.org/insidepages/about.cfm>

Zemansky Award info link:

<https://www.mppainc.org/insidepages/members.cfm>

MPPA FY2020 Estimated Income and Revenue:

[MPPA FY2020 Budget Request](#) [Estimated Income](#)
[Revenue Template Final](#)

The MPPA Newsletter link for Educational Opportunities:

<https://www.mppainc.org/index.cfm>

Up Coming Events link:

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We are pleased to announce, **Pam Jones, CPPO, CPPB, MBA, CPM, Division Chief of Operations, Office of Procurement, Montgomery County Government**, as the winner of the 2020 Manager of the Year Award.

Pam joined the Montgomery County Government as a Procurement Specialist in 1995. She quickly acclimated herself into the office dynamics by learning who would be the valuable resource that could provide mentorship to help her grow in her career. *This would eventually lead her to becoming the Division's Chief of Procurement.*

Pam currently manages a staff of 25. She is very personable and approachable in the way she interacts with her staff and is professional in all aspects of her position. She takes her time with each task, making sure that you understand the work you are doing and why you are doing it. She provides guidance and mentoring to current and new staff and holds weekly training sessions to go over the Procurement Regulations and Laws, section by section, and makes sure that everyone understands the significance of these Laws.

Pam is the backbone of the office and wears many hats. When the team lost seasoned Managers and Specialists to retirement several years ago, she worked tireless hours, performing those functions with sincerity, clarity and vision, all while leading the staff through those vacancies. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, Pam was tasked with managing the transition of staff to a virtual work environment. She worked 18-hour days learning new ways for the employees to perform their jobs and to ensure that our internal customers' needs were addressed. She held virtual meetings, learned new technology and implementing new business processes. She was also an integral part of ensuring that the County and all of its employees had the resources and supplies needed to combat COVID-19; technology, supplies, critical human services and personal protection equipment (PPEs), so that they could continue to service the residents of Montgomery County.

Pam is knowledgeable in all aspects of the County Codes, Regulations, Compliance processes and the inter-workings of the County System. Her institutional knowledge and professional demeanor are highly respected, not just in the office, but throughout the County, and she is often called upon by several professional organizations to share her perspective on matters. She develops key initiatives that assist small and disadvantage businesses in the community and ensures diversity and inclusion for all.

In addition, Pam has been a Member in the MPPA Chapter since 2000, from serving as MPPA Director 2012-2016, to currently serving as MPPA's Mentor/Mentee Chairperson. She actively attends and participates in various Contract Administration and Procurement-related events too. She was also the recipient of the 2018 Harry H. Bain Distinguished Service Award, which recognized her extraordinary dedication and service to the public procurement profession. She is also involved in a series of 5 Contract Administration-based training courses for the County, and participates in both in-person and virtual Procurement Fairs, Reverse trade Shows, and Procurement-related training courses.

Her broad range of Procurement knowledge and deep understanding of the Procurement process, along with all of her accomplishments makes her an asset to both, her Office and the County.

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We are pleased to announce, **Jamaal Turner, Procurement Officer for Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)**, as the winner of the 2020 Buyer of the Year Award.

Jamaal joined the MDTA Agency in 2019 and immediately impressed everyone with his professionalism, hard work, and wonderful sense of humor. He assumed his role as the Agency's liaison for eMaryland Marketplace Advantage and MDOT's contract tracking system, M.Core, patiently sharing his knowledge and skills to guide anyone needing assistance, and always with a smile on his face. Jamaal is a valuable

resource for the procurement and/or use of DGS and DoIt Contracts, and his level of detail and unique problem solving skills has not gone unnoticed.

No procurement is too big or too small for Jamaal. He's proven himself, time-after-time on his willingness to take on new and challenging procurements without hesitation. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Office of State Procurement and Department of Health was overwhelmed with procuring Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Jamaal didn't hesitate to volunteer to take on the challenge. He worked endless days, nights and weekends to conduct not one, but two (2) PPE commodity, multi-award Contracts; one available to all Vendors and one reserved for certified Small Businesses. This was in addition to collecting data for the solicitation; responding to questions; evaluating over 100 Bids for each Contract; and writing endless Procurement Officer's Determinations, rejection letters, Purchase Orders and Award letters. Jamaal accomplished all of this while maintaining his own MDTA workload.

Further, Jamaal's apparent leadership skills are not exclusive to his work at the MDTA. As a single father of an eight-year-old son, he still finds time to volunteer his skills at the local churches within his community, using his talent as a musician for religious services, as a musical coach and as an educator. He also volunteers at a private K-12 school for students with dyslexia and other related language-based learning differences, and participates in theatrical workshops; mentoring students by helping them learn their lines and providing music for their plays. In his spare time, he serves on the Board of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of the John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics as a non-medical member responsible for reviewing and approving the protocols for ethical use of stem cells in medical research.

His commitment to both, his work life and personal life makes him an exceptional employee and a great asset to the State of Maryland.

Harry H. Bain distinguished Services Award

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We are pleased to announce, **Debbie Groat, Cooperative Purchasing Director, Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Facilitates Regional Cooperative Procurement - through the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee**, as the winner of the 2020 Harry H. Bain Award.

Over the last year, Debbie continued to stay active in the Chapter. In addition to serving as MPPA's Cooperative Purchasing Chairperson, she hosted several presentations via our Free webinars and always volunteered at our social events. She also serves as a committee member for the Association of School Business Officials' professional Development Subcommittee.

Debbie's outstanding performance and contributions to the Chapter has proven her commitment to the success of the Maryland Public Purchasing Association over-and-over again.

Link to the MPPA Website Announcing our 2020 Award Winners.

<https://www.mppainc.org/insidepages/content/index.cfm?newsid=090035A6-5056-8960-3EB2-802632777224>