

CHAPTER OPERATIONS

2020 is a year most organizations will never forget. Like many chapters the Washington DC Chapter of NIGP started out with a robust year. We inducted several new members, and everyone was engaged in making this year better than the previous one. Committees were formed and committee chairs were selected. The chapter was excited about hosting the in-person Area 2 Conference, a reverse trade show, engage in a membership drive, continue with the mentorship program and launch our social media page. Then the pandemic hit, and the chapter had to pivot and adjust to this new environment. The organization reevaluated its mission and made 2020 one of the best years for its members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE



In 2020, The Washington DC Chapter of NIGP's Program Committee held quarterly meetings in the format of educational Lunch and Learns. The first meeting of the year was held on January 15, where the induction of elected Members-At-Large: Angela Turner, CPPB and Ebony Chester took place. Also, there was a presentation of the 2020 budget and 2020 committees. Members conducted voting on the Board's motion to increase membership dues to sustain the Chapters initiatives, such as, certification prep sessions, a Mentoring Program, and scholarships.



On March 4, 2020, seventy -three procurement professionals (56 members and 17 non-members) attended our Purchasing Month Luncheon and Award Ceremony. A catered lunch was served, and Brian Barnes, Associate Administrator, GSA was our guest speaker that provided an engaging Purchasing Month presentation. The Chapter hosts several games and prizes.



The Chapter presented awards to the top public procurement agencies, team, and individuals in the Washington Metropolitan area.

- Innovative Agency Award
- Best Practices Agency Award
- Notable Team Service Award
- Esteemed Manager Award
- Distinguished Buyer Award
- Young Professional Award



Shortly thereafter the tumultuous Coronavirus, Covid-19, occurred causing a major shift in how members met for our quarterly meetings. The Program Committee quickly revamped the structure and came up with innovated ideas for the quarterly meeting. We held the remainder of our quarterly meetings via zoom on July 15th, Renell Roberts, MBA- “Procurement life during a global pandemic” and October 21st- Daniel Manning, CPPB- “Technical Evaluation Panel”, with 38 members attending each. In between the meetings, to boost morale and vitality, we held two virtual happy hours, April 28th and July 30th and one Holiday party on December 10th.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Our Public Affairs Committee developed and enforced the Chapter's public relations strategy throughout the year by reviewing the website and public information to ensure all content was professional and consistent with the Chapter's mission. They review and updated the chapter Communication Plan, and they consistently engage in effective communication with chapter members via email and social media.

SOCIAL MEDIA



The Social Media Committee created the social media pages. They developed and enforced the Chapter's Social Media strategy throughout the year. They updated and maintained the Social Media pages with current information about the chapter. During the month of March, the Social Media Committee highlighted and saluted the women in leadership in our organization. They posted a picture and a brief biography about each individual and their contribution to the profession and the Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership committee keeps track of all members of our chapter. The committee engages in periodic membership drive to increase membership in the organization. In early 2020, the Chapter saw a 28% growth over the previous year. In addition, our national membership grew by 7% over the previous year. A \$25 Visa gift card was awarded to those members who brought in the most members.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The Chapter's recognition committee was created to recognize individuals who goes above and beyond the requirements of the Chapter to contribute to the organization's goals. In previous years the Chapter has spotlighted members. In October 2020 the chapter recognized Ms. Samira Davis with the Presidential Certification of Appreciation, for her outstanding work as the Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee. In addition to being recognized by the chapter, Ms. Davis also received a gift certificate for One Year of Unlimited Online Yoga classes.

