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Outstanding Award Application

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List Program(s) that will be highlighted in application	Professional Development – Lunch & Learn Program

X	Has your chapter submitted your Performance Standard SEAL? Yes
Check	the box for the Outstanding Chapter Award you are submitting:
•	Outstanding Chapter Operations Award How does your chapter excel in its operating processes, including policies and procedures, budgeting, recognition of agencies and individuals and involvement with NIGP?
•	Outstanding Chapter Membership Award How well does your chapter market membership benefits and resources and what are your methods for membership retention and growth?
•	Outstanding Chapter Advocacy and Outreach Award What practices and operations has your chapter demonstrated to be an effective advocate for members and our profession?
X	Outstanding Chapter Professional Development Award How does your chapter go above and beyond providing educational resources and other opportunities to your membership?

1. Explain the program/event/best practice

WORTH 25 POINTS - (Choose one or 2 programs; explain the program in detail, how it runs/works)

The Lunch & Learn Program: Program developed to encourage professional development for our members. Our approach to assess topics of interest included surveying our members during our Annual Conference and surveys using "Survey Monkey". The training is held once a month @ noon (excluding June-August and December). An email is forwarded to all members inviting them to the upcoming training. When the date approaches a Zoom link is forwarded to all who registered for the event.

During the session, members are welcome to ask questions or submit questions via the chat option for a direct response during the session or via email forwarded after the event.

Once the course closes, the recording and/or a PowerPoint is posted on our website.

2. Share Outcomes and Results

WORTH 25 POINTS – (Share pre and post results: what you started with, where it ended, was it successful, how was it received, did it have an impact?)

We started with 2 to 3 training opportunities per year by using courses available through the NIGP website.

By adding the Lunch and Learn series as a professional development opportunity is has increased the number of courses provided by adding six segments this season. The segments are convenient for members, held during the lunch hour.

When a course was not selected or scheduled, we held a "round table" discussion for members as a networking opportunity to address procurement issues that are impacting their organizations, such as best practices for securing competitive pricing for chemicals and evaluating ERP systems.

The Lunch & Learn series has been successful and well received by our members. The Vendor Performance Segment had 34 members in attendance.

3. Explain what makes your program/event/best practice unique or innovative

WORTH 25 POINTS (Explain why this was innovative or new for your chapter, how you came up with the idea, how it shows uniqueness to your chapter or innovative to others).

The Lunch & Learn training concept is not unique. MPPOA made the Lunch & Learn series unique for our organization by incorporating a training schedule that was based on input provided by our membership instead of utilizing a catalog listing of courses. Our professional development committee developed a listing of courses selected for networking with other members on a regular basis.

4. Lessons learned (so that others can adapt or replicate)

WORTH 25 POINTS (Talk us through the process of what you learned about the program, what worked what didn't, how would you do it differently, will you continue to do it?)

Our directors learned that utilizing professional development as a tool for member engagement increased our opportunities for networking.

The program saved us money by reducing cost for providing training utilizing a virtual format instead of reserving space at a conference facility.

Attendance increased when we scheduled courses requested by our membership instead of a university or organization catalog.

What proved to be ineffective for our organization is posting the events on our website only for engaging our members. What was determined to be successful included emailing our membership regularly inviting them to attend and forwarding the courses to other groups that shared our membership.

The board decided that what we could do differently or take this opportunity to the next level would be to network with universities to invite students (undergrads) that are in supply chain programs to attend as a guest. This step may provide an opportunity for more to attend the event as well as becoming future members of our organization.





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MPPOA Lunch & Learn Series

Please join us for the MPPOA Lunch & Learn Roundtable Series!

August 17, 2021: The future of MPPOA and a sneak peak at the Fall Conference October 7-8, Shoreline Hotel, Muskegon

September 21, 2021: Exploring Learning and Credentialing Opportunities with NIGP

November 16, 2021: State of Michigan MiDeal. Video available. Powerpoint available.

January 18, 2022: Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15.

February 15, 2022: MiSC: Michigan Supplier Community Program. Powerpoint available.

March 15, 2022: Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions. Powerpoint available.

April 19, 2022: Vendor Performance. Video available.

May 17, 2022: Price Increases AGAIN...What can we do—Round #2. Video available.

September 20, 2022: Education, Resources, and Cooperative Procurement with NASPO. Video available, Powerpoint available,

November 15, 2022: Data Analytics in Procurement. Video available.

January 17, 2023: Sourcing Strategies.

February 21, 2023: Simplifying Procurement.

March 21, 2023: UPPCC. Rescheduled to May 16, 2023.

April 18, 2023: NIGP. Powerpoint available. Video available.

May 16, 2023: UPPCC. Rescheduled from March 21.

Registration opens approximately 4 weeks before each Lunch & Learn session.

Upcoming events

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