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2020 Outstanding Chapter Professional Development



The primary mission of the CAGP is to improve the knowledge, skills and abilities of our members, a unique group of professionals who all share a passion for advancing and promoting professionalism in the world of government procurement and materials management. The following are examples of where the CAGP excels in promoting professional development.

Annual Conferences

The CAGP kicks off procurement month each year with our annual conference. It is four days of jam-packed opportunities for professional development and career-related education. These sessions end up being a blast and our members cannot wait for conferences every year!



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"Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

Mentoring

CAGP believes in mentoring our members. We have a first timer's class at the beginning of every conference to welcome them and to give them vital information to help them be successful. We also strive to put a first timer with a seasoned purchasing professional to help them throughout the conference and even throughout the year.



CAGP also encourages members to share information and assist other governmental purchasing professionals. All members may access an online directory of the membership with phone numbers and email addresses. We also offer a free subscription based ListServ through the School of Government at UNC, Chapel Hill, affording members the ability to communicate efficiently through email. They can reach out to all purchasing professionals and the School of Government to ask questions, request sample documents, or even advertise for positions. We feel the ListServ is a must for all members.

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"Well done is better than well said." - Benjamin Franklin

Save-The-Date

We send out Save-the-Date reminders to all our members for upcoming conferences and regional training sessions.

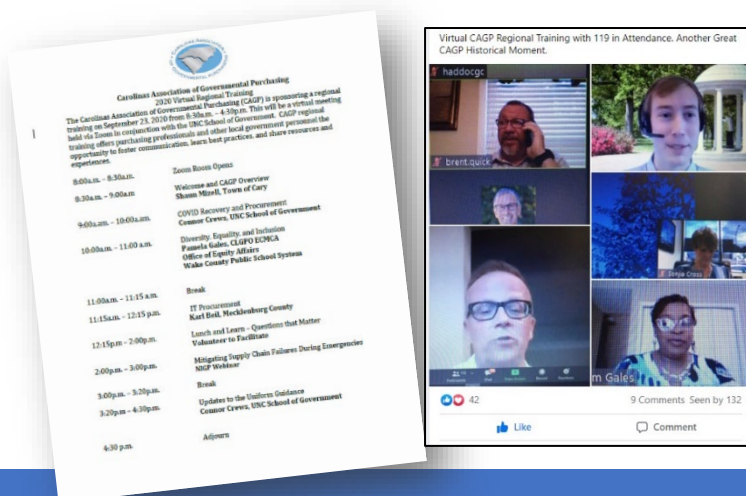


Scholarships

CAGP offers the “Frayda Bluestein Scholarship Award” for courses and programs leading to an academic degree granted by an accredited community college, junior college, college or university (including for on-line degree programs). The degree must be related to purchasing/procurement, materials management, inventory control, specification development, contract administration or contracts negotiations. The award, a maximum of \$2,000, may be applied to the costs of tuition, registration, or the acquisition of materials related to the proposed activity. Eligibility requirements and criteria for the award can be viewed here: [Frayda Bluestein Scholarship Award](#).

Regional Training Sessions

The CAGP offers regional training sessions each year. This year, we offered our first virtual regional training. It was such a great success that our professional development committee is working on having several throughout the upcoming year.



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"You never fail until you stop trying." - Albert Einstein

Round table discussion

During our conferences and training sessions we have round table discussions or “Extreme Networking”. Specific topics are assigned to tables and participants have 15 minutes to discuss before moving on to the next table. Board members are assigned to each station as well, to help our members get to know them.



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Surveys

We are always striving to give our members what they are looking for. This year we utilized a new app called “Connex-Me”. This app not only provided our members with instant access to our conference agenda and all of the speaker’s presentations, it gave them the ability to complete a survey after each speaker so they could share their thoughts, opinions and comments. CAGP members can utilize the app to let us know their interests and what type of educational sessions they are looking for to plan our conferences and regional trainings.



Newsletters

We keep our members up to date on the activities and events in our chapter by sending out a quarterly newsletter.



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Vendor Tradeshow

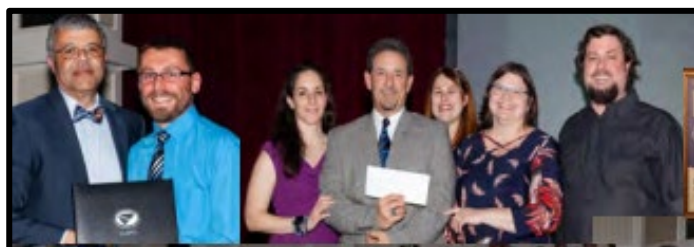
We pride ourselves in having one of the best Vendor Tradeshow every year during our annual conferences. The vendor feedback is always positive, stating that we are organized, detailed and our members are always friendly and happy to stop by their booths. We usually sell out of the spaces each year. We also hold a class for the participating vendors where a panel of seasoned procurement officers educate our vendors on NC Purchasing laws and help them to understand the differences between agencies and their policies and procedures.



"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." - Henry Ford

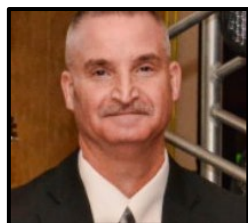
Certification Program

CAGP offers a voluntary professional certification program called the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer (CLGPO). Certification is based upon experience, attending core courses, and earning certification points by attending other professional development courses and conferences. A certification exam is offered once a year through the School of Government at UNC, Chapel Hill.



We strive to ensure our members become certified so to help with this endeavor we hold a full day review every year before testing. These review sessions have become a “must-do” among those who sit for the exam. Therefore, the CLGPO committee has established the “Steven C. Graham Achievement Award” to be given each year to the candidate who achieves the highest passing score on the certification examination. The award is presented annually at the CAGP spring conference.

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STEVEN C. GRAHAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

by Chris Payne & Norma Houston

This year marked Steven's 17th year of teaching the CLGPO exam review session. Steven's review sessions have become a "must-do" among those who sit for the exam. He manages to convey a vast amount of law and practice in a day-long session in a way that keeps the attendees engaged and, at times, even laughing. To recognize Steven's ongoing contributions to the strength of the CLGPO program and the success of many examination candidates, the CLGPO Committee established the "Steven C. Graham Achievement Award" to be given annually to the examination candidate who achieves the highest passing score on the CLGPO Certification Examination.

And now it is my pleasure to announce the winner of the Steven C. Graham Achievement Award. For the first time in the history of the award, I am pleased to announce two winners who both missed one question on the exam. This year's winners are:

Anita Brown & Robin Spencer
both with the City of Greensboro



Steven C. Graham Robin Spencer

PRIOR RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

2019	Susan Westbrook, City of Marion
2018	Amanda Bullard, Purchasing Manager, Cumberland County
2017	Robert McDaniel, Cleveland County Schools
2016	Julia Vosnock, Cape Fear Public Utility