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OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVOCACY & OUTREACH AWARD

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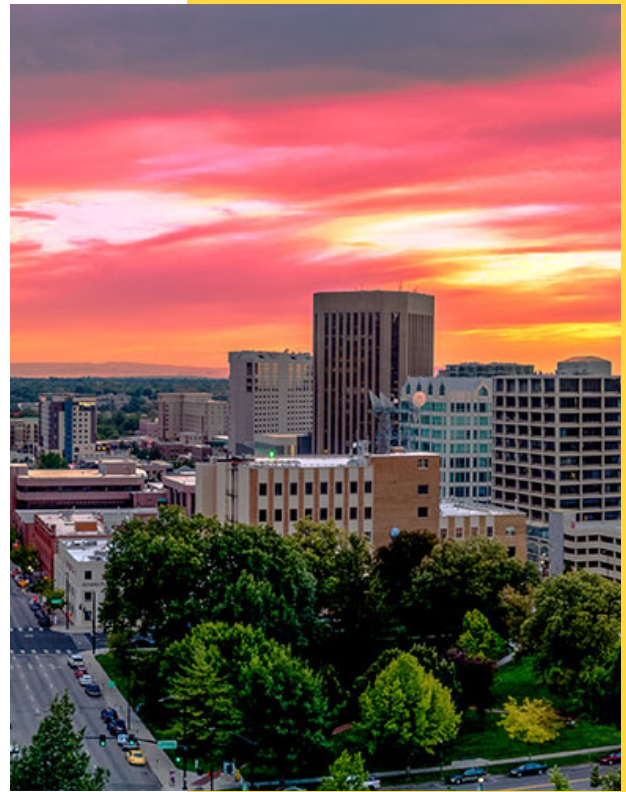
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ADVOCATING FOR IPPA MEMBERS & IDAHO PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS

IPPA continues to thrive as a small group of professionals breaking through barriers to advocate possibilities in the procurement profession.

In a year that provided limitations, IPPA proved themselves to be innovative; hosting virtual educational classes, Lunch and Learns, and the Chapter's first Virtual RVTS.

IPPA refused to allow restrictions keep the group from moving forward. Every virtual avenue was utilized to keep this group united and successful.



IPPA & BEYOND



IPPA collaborated and cohosted alongside other NIGP Chapter affiliates, not only to discuss Sister Chapter Agreements, but to take quick courses of action on acquiring critically needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). "We have demonstrated again as procurement professionals that we can offer our services in unique and beneficial ways when the need calls for it" says IPPA's President, Alyssa Ellington.

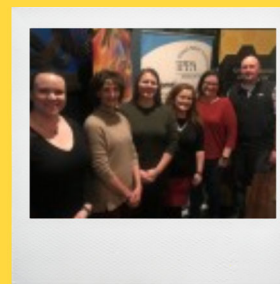
NIGP FORUM 2020 - UNSEEN OPPORTUNITY

Many of IPPA's members were fortunate enough to attend NIGP's virtual forum because of the pandemic. IPPA offered nine scholarships to our members to attend virtual exhibit halls, connect with vendors, interact with others within the profession, attend educational sessions, as well as hear from keynote speakers. In other circumstances some may not have had this opportunity if it wasn't for NIGP's tireless efforts.

TO FURTHER OR NOT TO FURTHER? THAT'S THE QUESTION

IPPA provided many educational opportunities to its members. Whether in-person or through virtual dinner meetings, IPPA strived to offer further education to each professional. Zoom was the new meeting channel when it came to Winter, Summer, and Fall Chapter meetings.

The sky was the limit for IPPA and just because it felt like COVID-19 put a damper on everyday life, IPPA was not about to let the pandemic put restrictions on educational meetings. IPPA Board Members pursued with Lunch & Learn topics such as; Tips & Tricks: Procurement Processes during COVID-19; NIGP Core Certificate courses that included; Foundations of Sourcing and Contracting, and Foundations in Strategy and Policy.



KEEP STRIVING

And why stop there? IPPA members had more in sight; three of its members were awarded with the NIGP-CPP certification. One of which received her certification through the pilot exam session in August, 2020.

PASSPORT TO POSSIBILITIES

Since possibilities were on the horizon, cancelling the annual RVTs was not an option. So rather, the IPPA board revamped the details and soared in success. Passport to Possibilities: Gone Virtual allowed participating entities to meet with all registered vendors through a 30-minute presentation. These 30-minute time slots offered vendors and organizations alike to network with one another that most may not have a chance for an introduction.

RVTs virtual was a success in IPPA's book. Overall there were 63 vendor representatives, 15 agency booths, and 20 sponsors in attendance. The board members worked diligently around the clock on-site at Boise Centre to provide the sense of being at the event in person.

And what a swell job they did; the 3-day event greeted attendees in the morning with a virtual coffee and chat plenary, offered breakout sessions, and ended with an impactful live YouTube stream with keynote speaker, Monte Stiles.



PROCUREMENT MONTH

IPPA began March 2020 in CELEBRATION of Procurement Professionals throughout the state. Treats and goodies were personally delivered by board members to agencies in appreciation of all their diligent work and care to their customers.

IPPA's playbook outlined some fun and exciting events, but that quickly came to a halt around Mid-March when the team was given a yellow card because of COVID-19.



IPPA GOAL!

COVID-19 wasn't stopping IPPA from continuing to score. The team of board members quickly huddled to decide their next move and moving forward toward the goal was agreed upon.

PROCUREMENT CHAMPIONS

IPPA continued with announcing their individual champions (IPPA individual award winners), it just looked differently than years past. Rather than presenting these three champions in person, it was all done in the comfort of everyone's home office. Scavenger hunts still continued of course virtually, Procurement Month Proclamations were inducted by multiple agencies, and lunches were still shared together just from multiple kitchens. COVID-19 opened a lot of doors for new topics of discussion by all IPPA's members. In the face of what looked like defeat, IPPA managed to work as a team and bring home the WIN in March for Procurement Month.



This is how the Idaho Public Purchasing Association is celebrating Procurement Month 2020:

- [NIGP Class: Contract Administration in the Public Sector](#), March 4-6th
- [2020 Spring Dinner Meeting](#): Special presentation by Peter Rigerink on *Ethics in the Workplace*, March 4th at 6 p.m. at Chicago Connection off Eagle & Overland Roads - IPPA is paying for your pizza!
- [Professional Buyer's Day](#): March 11th
- [Lunch & Learn](#): Procurement Roundtable Discussions, March 24th, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Location TBD)
- [Procurement Month Proclamations](#) from various state agencies & political subdivisions will be posted on IPPA's website
- [IPPA Individual Award winners](#) will be announced
- [Procurement Scavenger Hunt](#) through member email

