"A Word From The President"
Clifton Crawford, New Castle County Government

I would like to thank the members that were able to attend our first quarter zoom member’s meeting. I also would like to give a special thanks to our Chapter Meeting Sponsor Steve Havelka - CEO, of Equity Hub which is a secure lock box and a cloud based E-Procurement workstation and Lorie Newton, Area II Chapter Ambassador, for her presentation on NIGP benefits.

DPPA is moving forward with an in-person Area II Conference in the fall. Vendors and Delegates can go to our website DPPA1.ORG for more information and to register.

Vendors will be able to showcase their products and meet with public procurement professionals from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia. Delegates will have educational and networking opportunities with other professionals and vendors. After the sessions we have planned some fun activities and of course you will not want to miss our social event.

Members: If you have not joined a committee, please contact me. We need your help in making the Delaware conference another success!!

Cliff

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“Bid Locker By Equity Hub Sponsored First Chapter Meeting in 2021!”

We appreciate when vendors reach out to the Chapter for sponsorship but we really felt fortunate when we have vendors like Bid Locker contact us for a second time. Once again, we were pleased to have Steve Havalka from Bid Locker by Equity Hub join us via Zoom.

Bid Locker is a secure online bid submission service used by agencies throughout the United States. Nearly every government agency already posts their solicitations online, many don’t have a way to accept bid submissions electronically as well. Bid Locker gives agencies a simple straightforward tool to let these vendors submit bids online. Bid Locker is a service run by Equity Hub, a Philadelphia—based company. They built tools and software with an equality focus, for local government and non-profit buyers, to help connect them with a more diverse supplier pool. In other words, they have leveled the playing field for diverse business.

Once again, we would like to thank Steve for his sponsorship of our 2021-1QTR meeting. More information can be found on the Chapter website on how Bid Locker can assist you and your agency in electronic bid submissions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve at 267-225-1407 or email him at steve@equityhub.us
During our Chapter Zoom Meeting we were joined by Lorie Newton, CPPO, CPPB from Chesapeake, VA as one of the newest Area II Chapter Ambassadors. Lorie provided a presentation which reminded us of all the educational opportunities and the various webinars offered by NIGP. She also went through all the different award badges offered to Chapters' as well as certifications.

A special thanks to Lorie for taking the time out of her busy schedule to “Zoom” with us. We all look forward to working and networking with her in the future.
In honor of *March - Procurement Month*, the chapter received proclamations from Governor John Carney and City of Dover Mayor, Robin Christiansen. The proclamations recognized the value and resources the members of the Delaware Public Purchasing Association provide to the state’s procurement community.

Below are the proclamations presented to the Chapter.

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**PROCLAMATION**

*Whereas*, the purchasing and materials management professionals play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of governments and business; and

*Whereas*, purchasing and materials management professionals through their combined purchasing power, spend billions of dollars every year and so have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world; and

*Whereas*, the Delaware Public Purchasing Association and other professional purchasing associations throughout the world engage in special efforts, during the month of March to inform the public about the importance of the role played by the purchasing profession in business, industry and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, J. ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

PURCHASING MONTH

in the City of Dover and urge all citizens to recognize the influence of purchasing power on our economy.

Robin R. Christiansen
Mayor

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**STATE OF DELAWARE**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF PROCUREMENT MONTH**

*Whereas*, the Delaware Public Purchasing Association’s mission is to promote the professional development of procurement professionals who have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, WE, JOHN CARNEY, GOVERNOR, and BETTIE YOLANDA, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as procurement month.

PROCUREMENT MONTH

in the State of Delaware and urge all Delawareans to observe the month by celebrating the countless contributions made by The Delaware Public Purchasing Association.

John C. Carney
Governor

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*When we celebrate Procurement Month, we acknowledge an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness. This month, March, provides the opportunity to help educate elected officials, administrators, taxpayers and vendors about the procurement process and the admirable work you perform every day.*

- NIGP
And Finally…

“To Take The Shot or Not Take the Shot… That Is The Question.”

Many have been struggling over this question and basically the choice is yours! It is okay if you still have questions, because most of us do! You might be curious about the differences of the three vaccines, whether it’s safe, or you could be wondering how you’ll feel after the shot. Here are some of the basis differences:

**Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine**

- Two doses, 21 days apart
- mRNA vaccine
- 95% effective at preventing COVID-19
- More than 89% effective at preventing people with health conditions, such as diabetes or obesity, from developing COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives

**Moderna vaccine**

- Two doses, 28 days apart
- mRNA vaccine
- 94.5% effective at preventing COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- More than 90% effective at preventing people with health conditions, such as diabetes or obesity, from developing COVID-19
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives

**Johnson & Johnson vaccine**

- One dose
- Viral vector vaccine, but not live virus
- 66% effective at preventing COVID-19
- 85% effective at preventing severe COVID-19
- 100% effective at reducing risk of hospitalization and death
- Contains no eggs, latex, or preservatives

*Whatever you decide, please take care of yourself and be safe!*