Greetings Chapter Members:

The summer is here! Hope everyone has had an amazing year so far! This year Sulie Millan lead the Strategic Planning meeting for the Chapter and it was a success. Be on the lookout of the Chapter’s new strategic plan which will be shared on our website and briefly reviewed at the next chapter meeting. Don’t forget to sign up for our next chapter meetings being held on July 16th and September 24th which includes the Fall workshop. Officer elections applications were initially due on July 1st however, they have been extended to July 16th. During our September meeting we will be holding ELECTIONS for your new officer positions.

Wishing you a summer filled with love and joy. Thank you for your support of this Chapter. Let’s continue to work together towards promoting and supporting the professional development of this diverse Chapter!! Looking forward to seeing you at our July Chapter meeting.

Damaris Nazario, CPPB
CFC NIGP President
The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance. - Alan W. Watts

The Chapter will continue virtual events for the entire year. Your attendance and participation at our virtual events is appreciated. Our next Virtual Chapter meeting is on July 16th, 2021, 12 PM followed by guest speaker Stacy Gregg, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Manager, South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority presenting, "It was an Honest Mistake: Seasoned by the Hard Lessons". Participants in this session will discuss mistakes learned by professionals, who are better at what they do because they experience lapses in judgement in their past procurement lives. Participants may expect to: 1. Review case studies of honest mistakes made by newer and sometimes veteran Procurement Officers; 2. Discuss different approaches, which may have prevented the mistake; and also approaches to resolve them; 3. Learn the outcomes that the Procurement Officer took in each instance; and, 4. Take part in the discussion.

Remote login details will be emailed to registrants. Note: To get credit, you must log in as yourself or contact treasurer@cfcnigp.org if you log in as a group. See you online! Register for the meeting at www.cfcnigp.org.

The updated Scholarship Log is posted on our website. Your scholarship funds may be used for education events. The Scholarship Redemption Form is located on our website, Documents and Files, Scholarships.

Tabatha Freedman, MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
CFC NIGP Vice President

Vice President’s Message

“"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."” - Alan W. Watts

Hello all!

Happy summer. We are halfway through the year, and the time is flying. The chapter will continue all the events virtually this year, and we encourage you all to attend the upcoming chapter meetings.

Please do not forget to register for the Friday, July 16th Virtual Chapter meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Please email me the names of all the attendees at treasurer@cfcnigp.org if you plan to attend the meeting in a group.

Ramandeep Mann, MBA
CFC NIGP Treasurer

Secretary’s Message

Happy Summer!!

I am excited to share this newsletter with you! I would like to extend my congratulations to those members that received FORUM scholarships! I hope that you all have an amazing learning experience. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next virtual chapter meeting on July 16, 2021 as we discuss mistakes made by professionals and how they learned from them.

As always, the Board will continue to support our members and their families and entities. I encourage everyone to stay informed on all of the new virtual opportunities available through NIGP.

Continue to stay safe and healthy!!

Katrina Ponzini
CFC NIGP Secretary
2021 CHAPTER MEETING DATES

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OFFICER ELECTIONS

Are you ready for the next step in your career? Are you ready to lead? Are you ready to give back to your profession? Submit your Application today for the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP Board!

Schedule for Officer Nominations:

- July 16, 2021: Applications due
- July 19, 2021: Committee to discuss and schedule interviews.
- July 28, 2021 8-11 AM: 2nd Interviews with officer finalists (optional)
- Send slate of officers by e-mail blast or include in September newsletter.
- September 24, 2021: Presentation of officer nomination slate to membership

The application can be found by visiting the CFC NIGP website, Documents and Files, Chapter Document, CFC NIGP Officer Application 2021.
NIGP Virtual Forum 2021 offers a wholly new way for members to connect, engage, honor, and celebrate our collective accomplishments. We kick-off Forum with an all-virtual experience in August that’s open to everyone. The experience continues in September, for a smaller group of procurement thought leaders, with a socially distanced in-person gathering in sunny Anaheim for our first-ever Leadership Summit.

The NIGP Forum virtual experience is open to all public procurement practitioners, from those newly entering the profession to emerging leaders and those who are currently leading their entities and beyond.

- Plenary/Keynote Sessions
- Concurrent Sessions
- Agency-Based Networking Sessions
- Topic-Based Networking Sessions
- Daily Coffee Meetups
- Custom Conversations
- Expo Hall
- Social Events/Happy Hours

The Forum virtual event is a mix of live and pre-recorded sessions for you to hear inspiring speakers, attend thought-provoking educational sessions, engage in agency and topic-based networking, connect with suppliers, and of course to have some fun and celebrate.

20 Contact Hours

Standard (June 2 - August 28)
Member: $297
Non-Member: $397
NIGP Forum Leadership Summit
September 11 - 14 | Anaheim, CA

For more information, visit https://www.nigp.org/events/annual-forum-and-products-exposition.

34 Contact Hours
(Includes 20 hours from Forum virtual)

All Registrations include Forum virtual

Standard (June 2 - August 12)
Member: $850
Non-Member: $1,050

Late Registration (August 13 - September 12)
Member - $900
Non-Member - $1,100

Anaheim Marriott
The Anaheim Marriott is the contracted hotel for NIGP Forum Leadership Summit 2021.
700 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA 92802
1-877-622-3056

*Please Note:
Spaces for the in-person Leadership Summit are limited and offered on a first-come first-serve basis. As always, your health and safety are our primary concern. We are taking all steps to keep you safe and healthy based on the latest CDC guidelines. Given the fluid and changing nature of the guidelines, we are taking all steps to be as flexible as possible with registrations and refunds.
MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS IN THE WORK THEY DO

NIGP Scholarship Program

We are pleased to announce the following scholarships have been awarded for registrations to Forum 2021:

- 114 scholarships for registrations to the Forum Virtual experience August 23rd - 25th
- 9 scholarships for registrations and up to 4 nights hotel for the in-person Forum Leadership Summit on September 11th - 14th in Anaheim, California

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NIGP FORUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Registrations to the Forum virtual experience - August 23 - 26

John Duckworth, Volusia County
Melisa Vergara, Orange County
Jennifer Ditslear, Volusia County
Nick Canjar, City of Palm Bay
Rebeca Malave, Orange County
Fabio Henao, Orange County
Ana Villalona, Orange County

Registrations and up to 4 nights hotel at the host hotel (Anaheim Marriott) for the in-person Forum Leadership Summit - September 11 - 14 in Anaheim, California

Perry Davis, APP, CPM, Orange County

congratulations
PROGRAMMING MESSAGE

Programming Message

On Friday, May 14, 2021, we held our Virtual Chapter Membership Meeting attended by 51 members and guests. Our NIGP Area 5 Chapter Ambassadors Joe Benjamin and Karen Main presented new opportunities and incentives to participate, volunteer, and stay on your learning journey through Pathways. Things are changing fast, in a good way, and NIGP is continually looking to increase value to its membership. Our Ambassadors shared new initiatives that are in place and a few that are on the horizon, and provided information about NIGP that you may not be aware of.

Procurated, Genna Gold Director, Partner Engagement & Business Development, presented as well. genna@procurated.com

NIGP has partnered with Procurated, the supplier ratings and reviews site for the public sector, to create the NIGP Member Scholarship Program (nigp.org). Procurated is the ratings and reviews site for public procurement (think, Yelp for Government) with more than 20,000 supplier reviews submitted nationwide.

Procurated can assist you to find new suppliers from a directory of over 40,000 suppliers; evaluate suppliers with over 28,000 reviews from their peers in public sector procurement, and allow you to provide feedback about suppliers in the form of reviews - and earn donations to NIGP in the process. Through July 31st, Procurated is donating $5 to the NIGP Member Scholarship Program for every supplier review that is submitted on Procurated's site. The NIGP Member Scholarship Program is used to offset agency membership costs for NIGP, enabling more professionals to gain access to all of the amazing professional development that comes with being a NIGP member. For more information, go to https://ratings.procurated.com/nigp (ratings.procurated.com).
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Legislative Updates Posted for Members
Filed By: Juliet Misconi, MPA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
CFCNIGP Legislative Task Force Chair

The Governor has signed and approved four bills that the Legislative Task Force was tracking, and three more are pending action (waiting on presentation to Governor or waiting on his approval or veto). At the time of this writing (late June), the following bills have been approved:

- **HB 35 - Legal Notices** – This is a BIG ONE! It is effective January 1, 2022, and I encourage everyone to read the actual adopted bill and fully understand the ramifications. Our summary on the website may be outdated, as this bill had many amendments. In short, The bill:
  * Modifies the criteria that a newspaper must satisfy to publish legal notices.
  * Gives governmental agencies the option to publish legal notices on the website of a qualified newspaper and on the FPA’s repository website under specified conditions.
  * Authorizes a newspaper publishing legal notices online to charge for such publication up to the amount it would charge to publish the notices in its print edition.
  * Requires the FPA to seek to ensure that minority populations throughout the state have equitable access to legal notices posted on the FPA’s repository website and requires the FPA to publish a report containing specified information.

- **SB 694 - Displacement of Private Waste Companies** - The bill requires a local government that displaces a solid waste collection service to provide a three-year notice period and pay the displaced company an amount equal to the company’s preceding 18 months’ gross receipts at the end of the notice period.

- **SB 378 - Payment for Construction Services** - Enhances the statutory interest rate for public and private parties that fail to make required payments for certain construction labor, services, and material. The bill increases, by one percent per month, the remedial interest rate applied to payments wrongfully withheld for construction services for public and private construction projects. For public sector construction projects, the bill increases the interest rate from one percent to two percent per month.

- **HB 7017 - Foreign Influence** - Requires state agencies or political subdivisions to disclose certain gifts or grants from foreign sources.

The Task Force is also still tracking the following pending bills:

- **HB 1079 – Agency Contracts for Commodities and Contractual Services** (refers only to STATE contracts); pending Governor signature
- **HB 1055 – Public Records/Trade Secrets**
- **SB 1194 – Transportation**
- **HB 53 - Public Works Projects**

Watch the website in mid-May for an updated, final list of which bills, if any, became law, their effective dates, and a summary of the impact.
ONBOARDING TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT INDUSTRY

Public Procurement Associate Designation

Hit the ground running and show everyone how invested you are in your career with the NIGP Public Procurement Associate Designation. You build the foundational competencies and get actionable learning to make more effective decisions in your day to day. It’s a great way for newly entering professionals to map out your professional development in a structured way but with the options and flexibility to suit any schedule.

3 ways to earn this designation:

- NEW - Intensive
- Bundle
- Pay-As-You-Go
Hands-On Workshops
An educational series that provides learners with best practice guidance on a variety of technical and hard skills needed for public procurement success.

Registration is first come, first serve and space is limited to 45 participants to ensure a focused one-on-one social learning experience.

Price: $79 Member | $179 Non-Member

Register today.

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LATEST TRENDS AND INFORMATION IMPACTING THE PROFESSION

Webinars

Our webinars keep members and procurement professionals updated on important topics and the latest trends and information impacting the profession. Topics range from policy and regulation changes to deep dives on a new trend in procurement to sharing best practices, or managing a crisis.

**Every year, thousands of procurement professionals take part in NIGP webinars.**

NIGP also offers webinars for chapter officers. These webinars are designed to help chapter officers lead their chapters effectively with topics such as leadership development, marketing, event planning, navigating tax and legal issues, and more.

NIGP is proud to offer webinar sessions in partnership with ASPA and the Public Spend Forum. They are free for members to attend and last 90 minutes (60-70 minutes of presentation with time for Q&A). Attendees receive one (1) contact hour per completed webinar that they attend.

**Webinars are...**

- **$0** Complimentary to MEMBERS
- **$190** Non-Members (Includes a one-year complimentary NIGP membership for eligible individuals)
- **90** Minutes (60-70 minutes of presentation with time for Q&A)
- **1** Attendees receive one (1) contact hour per completed webinar they attend.

Questions

General: Contact customercare@nigp.org.
Registration: Contact registrationinfo@nigp.org.
NIGP BLOG

Welcome to the NIGP Blog

Love, Sweat & No Tears.
What do you love most about procurement? What keeps you up at night? Why is procurement the best career choice you can make?
Because your colleagues want to know.

Past topics have included:

- Emergency Procurement in Multi-Event Scenarios
- Procurement Transformation: Transporting Your Entity from Point A to Point B
- Infrastructure Matters: Building for Tomorrow
- Risk-Based Procurement in the Age of COVID-19
- Purchasing Execs Share Their Experiences extending ERP with an e-Procurement Marketplace
- How COVID-19 Elevated Procurement’s Profile in the Public Sector
- Using the NIGP Code for Reaching Diversity Goals
- Reflections of Resiliency: Celebrating Procurement Month & Women’s History Month
- The Data Classification Journey
- Reimagining & Building a Public Procurement Contract Sharing Community
- Sustainable Procurement: A Big Picture Perspective

Check it out at https://www.nigp.org/events/nigp-blog.

NIGP RADIO

We are incredibly excited to introduce RADIO NIGP. A talented team of procurement colleagues created our first-ever radio program. Radio NIGP gives a new vibe and a new twist to the world of procurement. Get ready to listen, learn and be entertained!

What’s Ahead
Radio NIGP will be produced monthly with segments that include "Legally Speaking", "Word of the Day", "Tech Tip" as well as guest commentaries, interviews and compelling news that will keep you connected and engaged with NIGP and the procurement community. Look for more enhancements as we grow this innovative radio program.

Check it out at https://www.nigp.org/events/radio-nigp.

Send Us Your Comments & Questions
radio@nigp.org
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Certification

Upcoming Examination dates. For those that are looking to test, some important dates are mentioned below in the table that might be useful. For more details on certification, visit the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) website at https://uppcc.org/.

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Hosting a Seminar

Interested in hosting a virtual class? Contact Lisa Kesecker at (407)870-4622 with any further questions or to begin the seminar scheduling process. With a variety of classes to choose from, visit the NIGP website for course information at: NIGP.ORG

Do you want to start earning your Pathway’s badges and certificates? Go to the NIGP’s website and lookup the various classes so you can start earning your badges!

Looking for CFCNIGP Sponsored Classes?

Check out our Website CFCNIGP.ORG

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2021 Spring CPPB and CPPO Exam Prep Course

Registration for the Spring 2021 prep courses is now closed. Check back later for registration to open for Fall 2021! These courses are designed as a self-study tool intended to assist any public procurement professional that is preparing to take the certification exams.

These web-based, instructor-led courses can be accessed through the Procurement U Learning Management System (LMS) and are offered each spring and fall.

Contact: Lisa Kesecker, CPPB - Pro-D Chair lisa.kesecker@osceolaschools.net
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FREE SELF-PACED COURSES

The core of Procurement U is comprised of our online courses available on our Learning Management System (LMS). As a part of this new Give Back Program, we are making all Foundational Procurement courses available for free until December 31st, 2021. This includes 25 contact hours of online course instruction, completely free.
Hello friends! Our CPPB study group is over 30 members from across the nation and we are studying hard for the May window. We have moved to Microsoft Teams and the prospective testers are nothing short of amazing! We will be taking the practice exam this weekend as we have test dates as early as the beginning of May. Good luck to those of you preparing to test; we are rooting for you!

Feel free to reach out if you’d like to join us; we meet every Sunday at 9:00 for an hour. And feel free to share my contact information if you hear of anyone that is looking for a study group. Chris.coghill@groveland-fl.gov.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

New Exams for October 2021

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC), the recognized leader in universal public procurement certification, announced new examinations for both the Certified Public Procurement Officer® (CPPO®) and Certified Professional Public Buyer® (CPPB®) effective with the October 18 – 30, 2021, examination window.

The change to the examinations comes after the completion of the most recent universal Job Analysis in June 2020. The examinations are based on the competencies that underpin the profession of public procurement.

The CPPO exam focuses on all competencies needed to demonstrate leadership in the six domain areas, while the CPPB exam focuses on the practice-level knowledge required to be proficient in this important work.

The six new major domain headings and associated weightings for each examination are provided in the UPPCC Body of Knowledge & Competency (BoK-C) summary table below.

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If you are interested in pursuing the NIGP-CPP but have questions, please feel free to contact me at chris.coghill@groveland-fl.gov.

Log on here for more information: https://www.nigp.org/certification/nigp-cpp-and-cppo-cppb
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

INVEST IN YOUR LONG-TERM CAREER GROWTH

NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP)

FOCUS AREAS:
Strategy  Policy & Legislation  Planning & Analysis  Contract Administration
Sourcing & Solicitation  Leadership  Business Principles

The NIGP-CPP is quickly becoming the certification to get if you’re a mid to executive level leader in public procurement. Since launching this program in March of 2020, we’ve already had hundreds of people apply and take the exam. Join them and invest in the growth and longevity of your career.

INVEST IN YOUR LONG-TERM CAREER GROWTH

NIGP-CPP and the CPPO and CPPB

NIGP-CPP Complements the CPPO and CPPB

The differences that distinguish the NIGP-CPP from the current CPPO and CPPB programs should guide potential candidates as they consider their pathway to attaining the NIGP certification. Understand the differences in exam content and learn more about the UPPCC Body of Knowledge Alignment.

NIGP launched a brand new procurement certification in 2020, NIGP-CPP. Several of our members have achieved this and, with March being Procurement Month, we celebrate their achievement! If you are interested in the NIGP-CPP, please send me an email at chris.o'gill@cagov.org. I’ll be glad to answer questions and try to help plan your NIGP-CPP certification route.

Log on here for more information: https://www.nigp.org/certification/nigp-cpp-and-cppo-cppb
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Eligibility Requirements

Choose your path...

* Pathway A *
- Graduate degree related to public administration, public policy, supply chain, procurement, or economics
- 2 years (24 months) relevant work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

* Pathway B *
- Bachelors or higher degree (any discipline) and a graduate level certificate in public administration, public policy, supply chain, or procurement
- 3 years (36 months) relevant work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

* Pathway C *
- Bachelors or higher degree (any discipline)
- 4 years (48 months) relevant work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

* Pathway D *
- Two-year post-secondary diploma (or associate degree (any discipline) (or) a NIGP “Public Procurement Associate” Designation
- 6 years (72 months) relevant work experience involved with procurement (public or private. Purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

* Pathway E *
- No Post Secondary Diploma
- 8 years (96 months) relevant work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

* Pathway F *
- Current CPPO or CPPB or lapsed within one year of expiration date of certification
- Proof of formal education or relevant work experience is not required

NIGP’s “Public Procurement Associate” Designation is achieved by obtaining the following Core Certificates:

- Foundations of Strategy & Policy
- Foundations of Planning & Analysis
- Foundations of Sourcing & Contracting

NIGP’s Certification Program is comprised of four (4) components: Three (3) Tiers and NIGP’s Certification

Tier 1—Competency Badges
There are 33 competency modules that are laser focused on a specific topic.

Tier 2—Core Certificates
Specific badges when bundled together will earn you a Core Certificate.

Tier 3—Designations
The First Designation available is the “Public Procurement Associate” which consists of three (3) Core Certificates.

NIGP’s “CPP” Certified Procurement Professional Certification

Interested in scheduling a Virtual class so you can start earning your Badges? Contact Lisa Kesecker, Pro-D Chair for more information by phone at (407) 870-4622 or by email at lisa.kesecker@osceolaschools.net

Issue 5, Volume 27, July 2021 Newsletter
As the creator and operator of the Question of the Day online study assistance for public procurement certification exams, I had intended to add a session for the new NIGP-CPP certification in January. However, I now have a list of appropriate questions and a separate list for those sitting for the exam this November and through August of next year. If anyone fits that time frame and wishes to join, please go to qoftheday.net and submit a contact form. I would appreciate the widest dissemination of this message by my procurement colleagues out there. Thank you.
MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the Benefits:

⇒ Guidance to the Mentee.
⇒ Share knowledge and experience
⇒ Customize plan to meet Mentee’s goals.
⇒ Assist Mentee thru certification process
⇒ Scholarship points
⇒ Mentee Learns the NIGP nuances
⇒ Mentor gives feedback for progress and assessment
⇒ Mentor feels sense of achievement by “giving back”

Mentors needed.

Contact Info: Kristine Rodriguez, Director
Rodriguez.Kristine@Brevardschools.org

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Hello Chapter Members,

The current Scholarship Log is posted on our website. Chapter members that have current scholarship funds are welcome to use them this year. All redemption requests must be submitted by December 1st annually. The Scholarship Redemption Form is located on our website, Documents and Files, Scholarships.

Scholarship Use: Scholarships may be used for any procurement related function (including travel costs), educational material or recertification. Functions may include classes, tests, conferences, seminars, educational materials, tradeshows, etc. Travel costs may include hotel, mileage, airfare, rental car, per diem, etc. Reimbursement for travel items such as mileage and per diem shall be determined by the current Federal rate schedule. This schedule is available at www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287. Rates will be based on location of the event.

Scholarship Redemption Procedures: 1) Members shall complete a Scholarship Redemption Request and submit it to the Vice President in order to redeem scholarship funds. 2) Supporting documentation must be attached and may include course curriculum, registration form, travel request from member's entity, etc. 3) The completed a Scholarship Redemption Request must be submitted by December 1st of the current year.

The Board of Directors appreciate all our Chapter members and welcome you to actively participate in the Central Florida Chapter of NIGP!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tabatha Freedman

Tabatha Freedman, MBA, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
CFC NIGP Vice President
Vicepresident@cfcnigp.org
386-848-7262 Cell
MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

NIGP (National) is starting a recruitment effort for the next round of Mentor recruiting.

The application is currently available for interested candidates at the following link: https://www.nigp.org/events/mentorship [nigp.org].

NIGP had a great response from potential Mentees, which was greater than the number of available Mentors, so this new round of recruitment provides an exciting opportunity to grow the potential list of Mentors available to work with those Mentees. NIGP is approaching potential Mentors first because of the need to accommodate the Mentees who were not able to be matched in the first round. One required qualification for Mentors is that they are members of NIGP (National). Becoming an NIGP Mentor allows you to:

- Create strong professional networks by encouraging Mentees to get involved with the profession, NIGP and NIGP Chapters
- Help Mentees develop leadership skills which in turn will contribute to the sustainability of the Public Procurement Profession
- Share Best Practices with newer Public Procurement Professionals to establish a more professional environment
- Promote diversity of thought and critical thinking skills
- Provide coaching experience and tools
- Provide supplemental learning channels
- Share lessons learned from your years of experience in the Public Procurement Profession
- Promote an environment where the learner feels empowered, confident, and equipped to perform
- Give back to the organization that has helped all of us to succeed in the profession

If you have any questions, please contact Keith. K. Glatz, CPPO, Purchasing and Contracts Manager, City of Tamarac Purchasing & Contracts Division, Tel: 954-597-3567, E-mail: keith.glatz@tamarac.org.
CFC-NIGP Internship/Externship Committee News!

In some instances, maybe it’s more about the presence and the willingness to help than it is about anything else. Following an email blast to members in early May, three volunteers from our Chapter offered to assist with UCF Career Services Department’s “Career Readiness – Summer 2021 Session” for resume critique and mock interview sessions to aid students preparing to enter the workforce. This was the first time UCF offered these services during a summer semester and sessions were again held using a virtual platform. It is an opportunity for Chapter members not only to informally recruit for future internships, job shadowing, or potential full-time job candidates in the public procurement and contracting field, but it also is a great way of sharing our experiences in this industry and ‘giving back’ to the youth of today.

The Summer Sessions were held on June 4th and June 8th, with the gracious help from Diane Reed, Tiquanna McMinns and John Schmidt. While only four students ended up attending, this collective effort and organizational exposure of our Chapter through the career services department of one of the largest universities in the country should not be slighted. It is events precisely such as this, as hosted through the University of Central Florida’s Career Readiness Department, that our vibrant Chapter retains its presence and demonstrates a continued effort to assist and inspire students to consider a career path in the public purchasing and contracting industry.

Lastly, a brief heads-up to announce UCF’s Fall 2021 Career Readiness Resume and Interview sessions are scheduled for September 9th, 16th and 17th (likely to again be in a virtual format), so for those interested in volunteering, be on the lookout for announcements in the next month or so.

Respectfully submitted,
John Schmidt
Chair, Internship/Externship Committee
The Chapter is always looking for innovative ways to give back to the community. If anyone has a suggestion for a worthwhile charity, let me know.

Remember to include a Community Donation form in order to receive credit for your donation to Chapter sponsored community service events. Thank you for your continue support to our Central Florida families and community.

Any questions, contact Chris Coghill at chris.coghill@groveland-fl.gov.

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Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2021

Start: 12:05 PM  Ended: 12:33 PM

Welcome – Damaris Nazario, President
- Introductions and Recognition of Guests
  - Alex DiCairano, UCF Student
- Recognition of New Members
  - Wonkiasha Washington, Orange County BOCC
  - Rebeca Malave, Orange County BOCC
  - Michelle Cherry, Brevard County Public Schools

Old Business
- Secretary’s Report and Approval of Previous Minutes – Katrina Ponzini
  - Motion to approve by Mildred Maldonado, Seconded by John Schmidt
  - No Discussion
  - Motion Passed

- Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Ramandeep Nijjer
  Reconciled Statements for February and March 2021
  - Motion to approve by Tabatha Freedman, Seconded by Mildred Maldonado
  - No Discussion
  - Motion Passed

- Vice President’s Report – Tabatha Freedman
  Programming Updates
    1. Virtual for 2021
    2. July 16, 2021 Chapter Meeting
       Improving the Bid: Understanding Qualifications, Responsiveness, and Responsibility, Presented by Stacy Gregg, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Manager, South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority
    3. September 24, 2021 Workshop
       Spectacular Specifications: The Art of Getting What We Want? Presented by David Nash, worth 4 Non-Accredited Contact Hours
    4. December 10, 2021 Chapter Meeting
       State of the Chapter and Community Service Presentation

  Scholarship Updates
    1. Scholarship Uses
       - Any procurement related function (including travel costs), educational material or recertification.
       - Functions may include classes, tests, conferences, seminars, educational materials, trade shows, etc.
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- Travel costs may include hotel, mileage, airfare, rental car, per diem, etc. Reimbursement for travel items such as mileage and per diem shall be determined by the current Federal GSA rate schedule. Rates will be based on location of the event.

- President’s Report – Damaris Nazario
  - RTS Updates
    1. Survey has been finalized and will be sent out the week of May 17, 2021.
  
  - Chapter Check-Ins
    1. Email will be sent out the week of May 17, 2021 with next event information

  - Strategic Planning Update
    1. Meeting to be held on May 27, 2021
    2. The strategic plan will center around core themes of innovation, resilience, and succession and leadership.
    3. If you are interested in participating, please contact Damaris Nazario.

  - By-Laws
    1. Revisions to Article IX – Procedures to allow for electronic voting.
    3. Motion to approve by Carrie Mathes, Seconded by Tabatha Freedman
      - No Discussion
      - Motion Passed

  - Unsung Heroes
    1. Congratulations to Kristy Rodriguez and Dawn Richer from Brevard County Public Schools, nominated by Candy Cottle
    2. Congratulations to Kisha Williams from GOAA, nominated by Tabatha Freedman and Annmarie Wise

  - Elections
    1. Nominations will be accepted through July 1, 2021
    2. If you are interested in running, please contact Damaris Nazario

New Business
- Committee/Task Force(s) – Updates from Chairs

- Legislative
  - See May 2021 Newsletter, page 16
• Pro-D
  ➢ There are a variety of NIGP sponsored coursework, webinars (FREE to members), and learning labs (member cost is $79.00) available.
  ➢ Survey will be sent to poll interest
  ➢ Virtual class platforms available to host, contact Lisa Kesecker for more information

• Study Groups
  ➢ 2021 study group is held virtually on Sundays at 9:00 AM
  ➢ Facebook page has been created, please hit the “Like” button

• Internship/Externship
  ➢ Three UCF students were selected to participate in a one-day Job Shadow opportunity at the Orange County Convention Center.
  ➢ UCF’s Career Readiness, Summer 2021 Session will be held between June 2 and Jun 9, 2021. Employer resume critiques held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and employer mock interviews held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. John Schmidt and Diane Reed will attend.
  ➢ If interested in the internship/externship program, please reach out to John Schmidt

• Mentoring
  ➢ If interested in the mentorship program, please reach out to Kristy Rodriguez

• Community Services
  ➢ See poll in the May 2021 Newsletter, page 33
  ➢ If interested in the Community services program or if you have ideas/suggestions for charitable organizations, please reach out to Chris Coghill

• Recognition of New Certifications
  ➢ Paul Callaway, NIGP-CPP, Osceola County BOCC
  ➢ Andrew Kokitus, NIGP-CPP, County of Volusia
  ➢ Ron Falanga, NIGP-CPP, Lake County

• Job Postings
  ➢ Procurement Specialist, City of Winter Haven
  ➢ Senior Buyer, City of Leesburg
  ➢ Specialist (Buyer 1), Orange County Public Schools
  ➢ Buyer, Village Center Community Development District
  ➢ Procurement and Contracting Support Manager, Lake County Schools
  ➢ Senior Purchasing Agent – Goods and Services, GOAA
  ➢ Contracting Agent, Orange County Government

Chapter Meeting is Adjourned, 12:33 PM
  ➢ Motion to approve by Tabatha Freedman, Seconded by Mildred Maldonado
Membership Meeting Agenda
July 16, 2021

12:00 PM, Chapter Business Meeting
12:30 PM, Guest Speaker, Stacy Gregg, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Manager, South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority presenting,"It was an Honest Mistake: Seasoned by the Hard Lessons".

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Other New Business

Chapter Meeting Is Adjourned

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