Thank you one and all for another fantastic year with the Utah Chapter of NIGP. We have accomplished many things, including winning the Outstanding Chapter Award for
Membership from NIGP, becoming a Platinum Chapter, offering several chapter sponsored courses and scholarships, conducting our first Fall Virtual Procurement Conference, and of course our Buyer and Manager of the Year, Julie Fisher and Michael Iwasaki respectively. We are excited to include for the first time this year the new Agency Award, Young Professional Award, Board Member Recognition Award and Distinguished Service award at our November meeting.

We are working behind the scenes to begin offering a procurement course through Southern Utah University that should be available next year, with plans to expand this program and help our members receive certificates or University credit towards a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree. We could not do this without your support and for the hard work of our Board Members- thank you to each one of you! Please take a look at our recap email listing the many accomplishments of our chapter this year.

We are excited to see what 2022 will bring. Please mark your calendars for May 19, 2022 for our next Reverse Trade Show. We have a fantastic committee that is working hard to create a memorable event for all of us and our vendor community. We are thrilled to see our first Procurement Course coming together. It will be offered through Southern Utah University next year, and will be taught by our own Zac Christensen! Watch for more chapter sponsored courses to come next year.

We also want to remind you of our holiday food drive for the Utah Food Bank. Please consider participating in this event with us. Any amount is appreciated, and the Food Bank is expert in stretching these donated dollars to feed the many in need around us. We are hoping to reach our $300 goal. Donations can be made through December 24, 2021. To donate, please click here.

It has been an honor serving with you in 2021. I strongly believe in the professional development opportunities this chapter and the National Institute provide as we all strive to improve and increase our skills, and network with our counterparts in agencies across the State. I truly value this chapter and cherish the many friends I have made as I have participated and served with you. We hope to bring valuable content and opportunities to all of us as we learn and grown in our career journeys. Please contact anyone on the Board if you have ideas on content and events we can bring to you.

My sincerest wishes to each of you and your loved ones for a very merry holiday season. Thank you again for your support of our chapter, we are grateful to have you a part of this wonderful group.

Sincerely,

Tonya Hodges, President

Future NIGP Meetings
January 20, 2022
Future Brown Bag Learning Series
December 16, 2021 - Cancelled.
February 17, 2022

Can't beat the value of being a NIGP member. Some excellent webinars coming up in the near future which are FREE to NIGP members. Every year, thousands of procurement professionals take part in the NIGP webinars. Click here to learn more.

NIGP volunteer leaders are essential to the ongoing success of the professional association. Volunteers bring diversity, perspective, talent, skill, and passion into the discussion as the Institute develops and implements its mission to serve the public procurement profession. As volunteers serve the Institute, the Institute serves the profession, and the profession serves society.

Through participation in NIGP Boards, Councils, Committees, and Task Forces, you will expand your awareness of NIGP and the profession, and ensure that NIGP continues to support the needs of the members and the profession through premier educational and research programs, professional support, and advocacy initiatives.

NIGP has several volunteer leadership opportunities available in the following boards and committees:

- Awards
- Diversity & Equity
- Mentorship
- Pipeline
- Scholarships

If you are interested in applying to be a volunteer for one of these committees you can fill out the NIGP Volunteer Leader Application here.

One of the goals of our chapter is to promote Advocacy and Outreach on social equity issues as they pertain to procurement. This is an example of Advocacy and Outreach happening in Utah.

On December 15, 2020, Governor Gary Herbert and community leaders across the state, gathered at the steps of the Utah Capitol to launch the Utah Compact on Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion..

The compact is founded on the principles that all people are created equal and that all Utahns must have a truly equal opportunity to prosper. It explicitly acknowledges racism as a system of
ideas, beliefs, practices, structures, and policies that give some people greater opportunity than others.

Signatories of the compact pledge to work toward priorities and laws that create equal opportunity and access, and to foster communities of respect.

All signatories committed themselves to acknowledge and fight racism, invest time and resources in creating greater opportunity for people of color, and to advance solutions to racial ills by listening and creating policies that provide equal opportunity and access to employment, housing and health care.

“This compact is a statement and promise of leadership, unity and commitment to end systemic racism and provide equal opportunity to all who live in and visit our great state. We need to do better at listening, learning, understanding, acting and advocating. I am grateful to all who are signing the compact. We are all in this together.” – Gail Miller, Owner and Chair of Larry H. Miller Group of Companies

The Utah Chapter of NIGP is pleased to announce a Holiday Food Drive for the Utah Food Bank. This is a virtual drive, and we encourage you to make a donation online to help those that are hungry this holiday season in our communities. To donate, please go to https://www.justgiving.com/team/utahchapterofnigp to participate. Our goal is $300, and hope you will consider participating with us. Any dollar amount is appreciated!
Are you doing something AWESOME in procurement or life in general? Let us know. Life is short, we would love to celebrate your success!

For newsletter submissions, recommendations, or comments, please email Cat Turner at Caturner@utah.gov.

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