Dear Utah Chapter of NIGP Members,

I can’t believe that 2021 is winding down and we will soon be celebrating a new year. We hope you have many opportunities to spend time and make memories with friends and family.

We are excited to see many of you at our November 18th chapter meeting. We are thrilled to begin in person meetings with you again, but will have the virtual option still available for those that can’t make it. This will be our election
meeting, and appreciate your votes and support for those that are running.

Our candidates this year are:

- Vice President: Solomon Kingston- State Purchasing
- Board Member: David Bundy- Davis School District
- Secretary: Camille Clarke- Utah State Board of Education

A huge “Thank You” to these individuals for their willingness to serve on the Board. Every position is critical to our success as a chapter. We plan to conduct the voting virtually, similar to last year, to make it easier to count your votes since we have a hybrid meeting. Voting will be open during the meeting, so please be prepared to vote on your electronic device or we will try to have a few devices set up for voting. We will have Bill Munch, our chapter ambassador from the National Institute join us and telling us about updates to the Pathways program. Alisa Bown will also be speaking to us on Crucial Conversations. We have several awards that will be presented as well as lunch for those attending in person. If you plan to attend in person, please go to the chapter website at https://nigputah.org/ and register by Monday, November 8th with your lunch selection so that we can order the food. Those attending virtually can register until the day of the meeting.

We will also have sign up sheets at the chapter meeting for anyone that is interested in participating on a committee. We are also looking for volunteers to help us on the day of the Reverse Trade Show on May 19, 2022. If you would be willing to help us for a portion of the day, please let me know. We would love to have you join us on a chapter committee or for one of our events!

As we approach the holidays, we hope you will help us help those in our community in need. We will be sending information on how to donate to the Utah Food Bank in this newsletter. Please consider giving a donation to help those around us have a happy holiday season.

We hope to see many of you on the 18th, and will miss seeing our friends attending virtually, however we are grateful to have the opportunity to have a hybrid format. Have a great month!

With Gratitude,
Tonya Hodges, President
There will also be cake.

To register:
Login to: www.nigputah.org
Click on: "Event Calendar" in the banner
Click on: November NIGP Utah Chapter Meeting
Click on: "Register Now" on the right hand side.
Click on "Next" on the bottom right hand side.
Click on: "Complete Registration".

Also please make sure to take the survey below before the Chapter Meeting:
NIGP Utah Crucial Conversations Training Survey

Future NIGP Meetings
January 20, 2022
Future Brown Bag Learning Series
December 16, 2021
To be determined.
February 17, 2022
The Utah Chapter NIGP needs your sweet support! We’re selling yummy See’s Candies from October 1st through November 21st! Money collected during this fundraiser will be used to provide scholarships to members interested in applying for the NIGP-CPP, CPPB, or CPPO tests. This is a great way to buy some yummy treats for your family and friends AND support our Utah Chapter NIGP members. We are highlighting the following three items but the whole winter catalog is available!

- Merry Gnomes Box (3.5 oz) for $10.00
- Christmas Delivery Box (3.5 oz) for $10.00
- $25.00 Gift Card

Please visit our shop to pick and choose your favorites and buy your candy online. It's that easy!
Happy shopping, and thanks for your support!

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.

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**Green Purchasing**

Not all of our procurements can be green, but when they can, we have the power to make a positive impact on the environment. To learn more about ways to purchase green or just learn more, please click here.

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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!

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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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