

**NEWSLETTER**

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“Money is of no value, it cannot spend itself,  
All depends on the skill of the spender”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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# MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

## INTEGRAL PART OF WA-NIGP'S STRATEGY

**Mission.** To develop, support and promote public procurement in the State of Washington and preserve the public trust by providing expertise, direction, and leadership for Chapter members and other stakeholders.

**Vision.** To be the leader in public procurement in the State of Washington and the benchmark for excellence in our profession.

**Values.** We value our Chapter members, all public procurement professionals and their contributions to public service, professionalism, ethical behavior, customer service, diversity and its benefits, innovation, collaboration, and the synergy it provides, and excellence in leadership.

We hold to the enduring beliefs and ideals shared by public procurement and our stakeholders about what is and what is not good or appropriate in our actions. Values exert major influence on the behavior of an individual and serve as broad guidelines. We depend on values to construct the frameworks of our professional lives. Values influence how we make choices, what choices we make, and how we are to be judged on our actions by the stakeholders.

These values are:

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** Taking ownership and being responsible to all stakeholders for our actions. This value is essential to preserve the public trust and protect the public interest.

**IMPARTIALITY:** Unbiased decision making and actions. This value is essential to ensure fairness for the public good.

**ETHICS:** Doing the right thing. This value is essential to deserve the public's trust.

**PROFESSIONALISM:** Upholding high technical and ethical standards. This value is essential to balance diverse public interests.

**SERVICE:** Obligation to assist stakeholders. This value is essential to support the public good.

**TRANSPARENCY:** Easily accessible and understandable policies and processes. This value is essential to demonstrate responsible use of public funds.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What's on your plate today? I recently was reading a [Harvard Business Review](#) article about Beating Burnout: taking steps toward recovery and prevention. I'm sure you all can relate to feeling overwhelmed by current workloads and with the additional recovery funding heading our way, we also face challenges such as material and labor shortages, long lead times, and inflation higher than we've seen in 30+ years (yes, I know some of you weren't even born 30 years ago!).

The Harvard article recommends four strategies to avoiding burnout as well as recovery and prevention of burnout:

1. Prioritize Self-Care
2. Shift Your Perspective
3. Reduce Exposure to Stressors, and
4. Seek Out Connections.

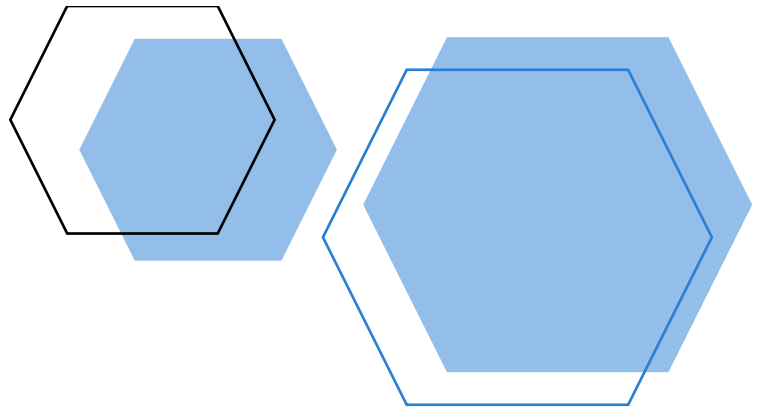
I encourage you all to join me and be intentional about beating burnout. Take time to evaluate your well-being and make a change today, small or large, to invest in your future! Be sure to incorporate strategies as a team too; it's amazing what the power of many can do!

In Chapter news, it was great to see so many of you at the Excellence in Procurement Summit on March 29th as we celebrated the procurement profession – we had 87 participants throughout the morning! It was good to connect in our group discussions and I found the two educational sessions, “Leading Change” and “Sowing Seeds of Success” timely. I hope you have several take-aways to implement soon! We've posted the slides at [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org) – click on Documents/Files, then 2022 Excellence in Procurement Summit.

2023 is the 20th anniversary of our chapter and we want to make it amazing. We are looking for volunteers to participate on a 20th Anniversary Celebration committee. If you are interested in helping plan celebration activities for 2023, please contact me at [majjal@portofeverett.com](mailto:majjal@portofeverett.com)!

Make it a great day!

*Maija Lampinen, CPPB, NIGP-CPP*  
Washington State Chapter President

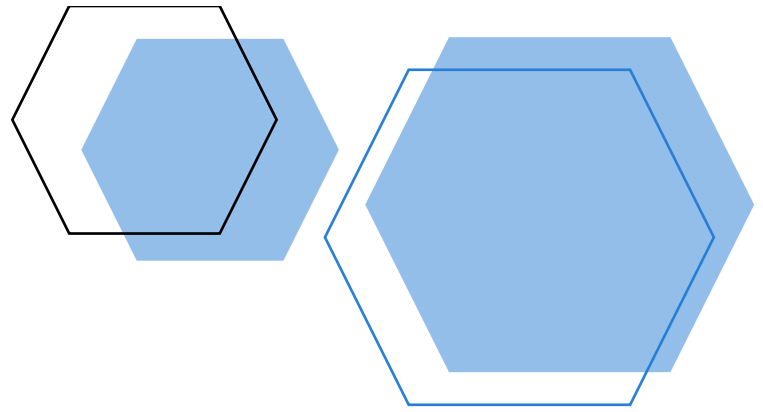


# CONGRATS!

## 2021 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER!

Victor Leamer, Spokane County

Victor is active at both the local and national level with NIGP and other procurement groups and is a tremendous asset to the procurement community. At his core, he loves to provide great customer service and gets excited encouraging others to learn and grow while having fun. He loves to learn, collaborate, mentor, and utilize his talents to contribute to his agency and the profession. When discussing Victor's many agency accomplishments over the years, his manager stated, "Victor has been a true procurement leader at the County". Victor demonstrates leadership (vertical and lateral), is a great collaborator, has a quirky sense of humor, is knowledgeable, positive, enthusiastic, innovative, and well loved and respected by his colleagues. As an advocate for lifelong learning, Victor sets an example by attending classes, sharing knowledge, articles, teaching classes and is a regular contributor to our chapters' listserv. At the national level, his contributions are lengthy – from serving on the Talent Council, to helping our NIGP instructors switch to a virtual world to being a founding member of Radio NIGP. We received glowing endorsements for his nomination from across the nation calling him an outstanding example of a community member and leader to the public procurement community.



# CONGRATS!

## 2021 PROCUREMENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER!

Stacy Hupp, Community Transit

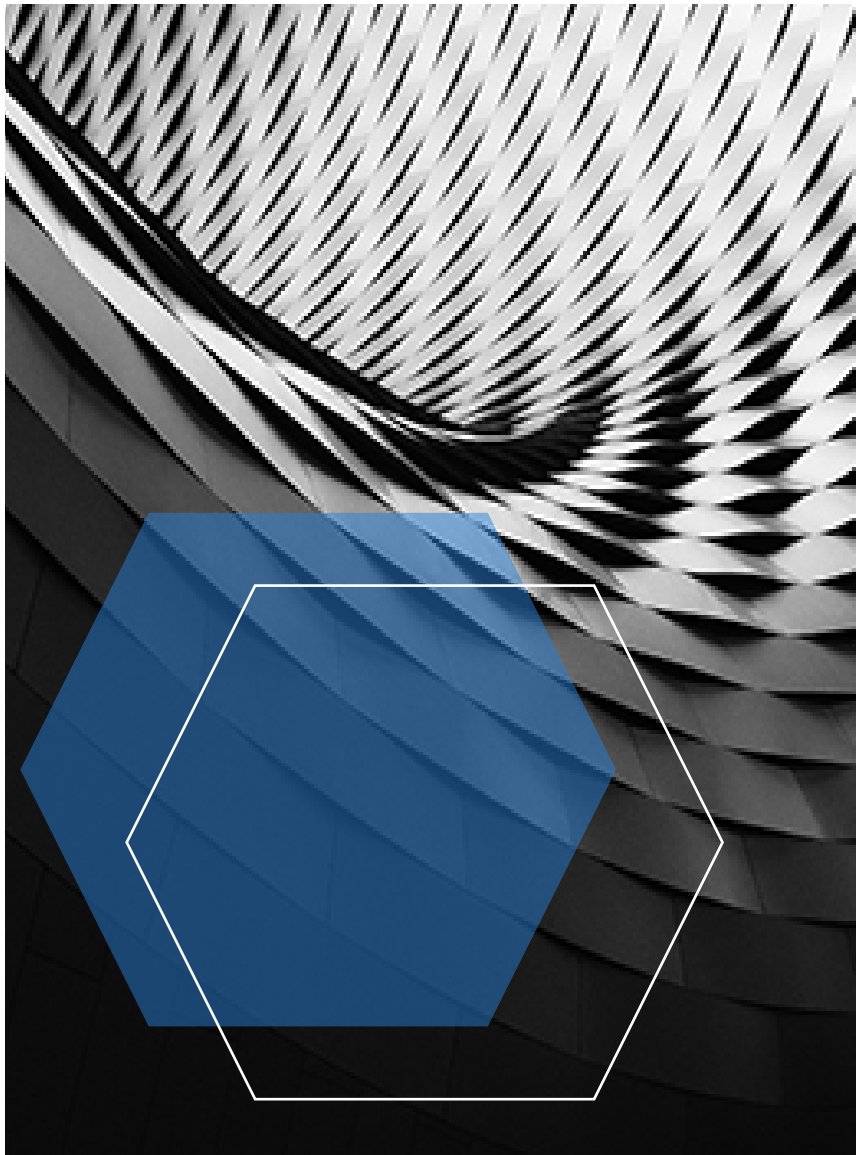
Stacy Hupp is a driving force within our chapter and her agency. Her procurement knowledge, professionalism, and effectiveness in her work is well-known. She exemplifies professionalism and works diligently each day to do what is right and efficient. Stacy is cognizant of emerging issues that could impact their staff and works hard to mentor her team. She is personable, funny, and caring with everyone she encounters; her enthusiasm for procurement is contagious. Over the years Stacy has served on numerous Chapter committees, regularly nominates others for awards, works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our Chapter brings value and remains relevant, manages two procurement list serves and a founding member of our chapter and our new Lunch and Learn Committee. What makes Stacy so special is her willingness to share her industry expertise with her employees, colleagues, and other agencies. She is responsible for her agency's high dollar and most visible procurements and her leadership and ability are immediately recognizable. One of her endorsers stated that she is the gold standard for procurement managers.

Stacy and Victor – thank you so much for your professionalism, hard work and for your contribution to NIGP.

Stacy and Victor are also featured on NIGP's website at: <https://www.nigp.org/chapters/local-chapter-awards>.

**BREAKING NEWS!!**  
**NIGP News Release on June 21, 2022**

Stacy Hupp has been selected as one of three finalists for NIGP's 2022 Procurement Manager of the Year Award.



# ABOUT THE AWARDS

## PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR

The Procurement Professional and Procurement Manager of the Year designations are awarded to Washington State public procurement professionals who have excelled within their position and are members of both NIGP National and the Washington Chapter.

The Procurement Professional and Procurement Manager of the Year Award are the Institute's most respected awards and, as such, the Honors and Awards Committee's assessment for this Award is based on the nominee's involvement at the Community, Agency, Chapter/Regional/National and Institute (NIGP) level, to include the following criteria:

- Active **Promoter** in education and professional development.
- **Supporter** of public procurement organizations.
- Demonstrated **Passion** the public procurement profession and for the vision and mission of NIGP.
- Create and maintain high ethical and moral **Standards**, ethical and moral in accordance with **NIGP Code of Ethics**.
- **Active** in non-procurement community affairs.
- Public procurement **Certifications**.
- **Endorsement(s)** in support of the nominee.

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## NEW MEMBERS

### WELCOME!

Membership offers substantial benefits, both professional and personal. Our meetings, seminars and educational events can enhance your knowledge of our profession and promote the exchange of ideas and issues through networking opportunities with your colleagues.

Membership also brings opportunities to develop your personal leadership skills through volunteer efforts on committees, and as part of our governance team.



## New members since January 1, 2022:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
Scheffer	Austin	Bellingham School District	Procurement Specialist
Jackson	LaJerald	City of Bellevue	Contract Specialist
Syverson	Ronda	City of Camas	Procurement Specialist
Quandt	Sandra	City of Kennewick	Contracts/ Office Administrator
Davis	Mary	City of Lynnwood	Deputy City Clerk
Krier	Sean	City of Olympia	City Clerk
McCanse	Samantha	City of Pasco	Procurement Specialist
Matuzova	Katia	City of Redmond	Purchasing Agent
Irwin	Melissa	City of Ridgefield	Procurement Coordinator
Engehardt	Angie	City of Seattle	Contract & Procurement Administrator
Kilts	Brooke	City of Shelton	Administrative Manager
Brandl	Lisa	City of Vancouver	Deputy City Manager
Francis	Joshua	City of Vancouver	Procurement Specialist
Kouretchian	Chista	City of Woodinville	Procurement/Contract Manager
ODonnell	Michelle	Community Transit	Procurement SBE/DBE Specialist
Aalberg	Julie	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Aggers	Breann	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Strategist
Andrews Overstreet	April	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 2
Bach	Marcus	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist
Bacon	Jaime	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 2
Dahlhoff	Leatta	Department of Enterprise Services	Environmental Technical Analyst
Delgado	Sundae	Department of Enterprise Services	
Dombrowsky	Mike	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Strategist
Edwards	Leslie	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Ferguson	Sean	Department of Enterprise Services	Management Analyst 5
Hill	Carmen	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Assistant
Ioanna	Nick	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Supervisor
Kenesson	Alexander	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Supervisor
Linville	Rebecca	Department of Enterprise Services	
Long	Clayton	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Mgebroff	David	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Supervisor
Rensel	Ryan	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 2
Simukonda	Gideon	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Stringfellow	Brad	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Tolbert	Greg	Department of Enterprise Services	Legal Services Manager
Wasmundt	Stacia	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Wynne	Antoinette	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Haney	Jolene	Everett Community College	
Miller	Shona	Everett Public Schools	Procurement Technician
Murray	Jake	Island Transit	Procurement Specialist
Wong	Stephanie	King County	Contract Specialist 1
Melendrez	Albaro	Link Transit	Parts Person
Miller	Samantha	Link Transit	Contract/Procurement Specialist
Martinez	Christopher	Port of Olympia	Contract & Grant Administrator
Walker	Michelle	Port of Tacoma	Contract Analyst
Wynne	Jo-Ann	Skagit Transit	
Hayes	Donna	Spokane County	Staff Assistant
Anguelov	Lachezar	The Evergreen State College	Member of the faculty
Bajwa	Jyoti	Western Washington University	Contracts Specialist
Gilleland	Shawna	Western Washington University	Technology Buyer
Guevara	Dioceline	Western Washington University	Contracts Assistant



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
McKinnon	Karen	Western Washington University	Contracts Specialist
Parsons	Sally	Western Washington University	Program Manager
Rosebrook	Janette	Western Washington University	Contracts Specialist

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## CLASSES & WEBINARS

Looking for additional educational opportunities? Explore the websites below for upcoming classes!

- WANIGP: [www.wanipg.org](http://www.wanipg.org)
  - October 13, 2022 – Competency Module: Communications Strategies (Virtual)
  - November 15, 2022 – Competency Module: Sourcing & Contracting Methods
- NIGP: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses>
- NIGP: Webinars: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses/webinars>
- Columbia Chapter of NIGP: <http://columbiachapternigp.org/pro-d/>
- Oregon Public Purchasing Association: <https://www.oppaweb.org/index.cfm>
- Idaho Public Purchasing Association: <https://nigp-idaho.org/content.php?page=Training>
- Institute for Supply management: <https://www.ismwww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>
- Starting in September, the WANIGP Lunch and Learn sessions will resume!

## CONFERENCES

- **NIGP Forum:** Discover a network of colleagues, explore bold ideas, and gain new experiences that accelerate your long-term professional goals! Join NIGP's national conference, better known as NIGP Forum, in person in Boston August 20 – 24, 2022 or virtually August 22 – 24. All attendees receive 20.5 contact hours! Register at <https://www.nigp.org/events/annual-forum-and-products-exposition/forum-register2022>

**Need to sell Forum to your manager?** See the Forum Value Toolkit on the next page!

- **WANIGP Fall Conference:** Location and date TBD. We are in the planning stages of a one-day fall WANIGP conference and are trying to hold a hybrid event. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more details!

Imagine new possibilities.

# In person or virtual. All in real time.

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## NIGP Forum Value Toolkit: Why Attend in 2022

### Influence your manager and organizational leadership to **SUPPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT NIGP FORUM 2022**

We know it may be a challenge to get funding from your organization to attend NIGP Forum. In times of tightening budgets, this may especially be the case. We developed these tools and message talking points to make the conversation a little easier. Whether you're trying to influence your direct manager or your department head, we hope this will help you best position the value you and your organization will get out of attending.

## General Tips



### 1. Focus on the return on investment (ROI) to sell the value of attending.

*NIGP Forum offers tremendous value to every public procurement professional, here's how:*

#### In-Person Experience

- NIGP Forum is the ultimate networking experience in the industry
- It provides a one-of-a-kind annual event where you get to meet and work with procurement colleagues who may be facing many of the same challenges and successes you or your entity are facing
- Choose from 70+ live learning sessions on relevant procurement topics that offer practical advice and expertise you can bring back to your entity
- Meet 300+ exhibitors face-to-face at the Products Expo featuring the latest products and services available to the government market

#### Virtual experience

- You'll get incredible value from this learning and networking experience- there's no travel expense to worry about
- Choose from 24 live learning sessions on impactful procurement-related topics
- Access 24 recorded sessions with live presenter Q&A via text chat
- Connect with colleagues in virtual networking rooms

#### Whether you attend in-person or virtually, you'll receive:

- 20.5 Contact Hours
- On Demand Access to all virtual content
- 12 Entity Networking Sessions
- Access to virtual platform to connect with participants
- Access to the Virtual Supplier Resource Center



### 2. Show how your attendance can help benefit others within your team/department or entity.

- Offer to deliver a post-event presentation or write-up that you can share with others in your organization so everyone benefits from the experience.
- Explain that session handouts will be posted online so everyone in your office will have access to most of the content.
- Write about your experience and share in your organization's newsletter or website to highlight your individual or department's focus on professional development efforts.
- Share learnings you get from the sessions and make an actionable plan of how you can implement new initiatives within your department or at your agency.



### 3. Ease the burden of planning for your time away from your normal routines.

- Create a plan for how your work will get done while you're participating at Forum.



### 4. Show the value of increasing your network with public procurement peers and suppliers alike.

No matter the industry or profession, who you know is critical to your success, in the short-term and in the long run.

- Showcase how Forum will help you broaden your network so you can more easily find mentors and collaborators to help you with your every-day challenges.
- If you're a more seasoned professional, talk up how Forum allows you to give back to the profession by providing mentorship and guidance to more junior professionals.
- In addition to expanding your peer network, Forum allows you the chance to establish critical connections or deepen relationships with suppliers who may be offering a product or service you're in need of.



**Washington State In-Person Attendees: Left to Right –  
Sam Miller, Stacy Hupp, Chris Martinez, Maija Lampinen, Victor Leamer, Magan Waltari, Shaylynn Bryant**

## REGION 8 CONFERENCE RECAP

“Due to supply chain issues, your order of snow for February was just delivered; we apologize for any inconvenience.” Yes – it snowed May 11th and 12th in Sunriver, Oregon during the Region 8 Conference but that didn’t chill the excitement we all had over being in a beautiful location among our friends and peers! Region 8 is made up of NIGP members from the following chapters: Alaska-Hawaii, Assiniboia (Saskatchewan), Canada West (Alberta), Cascadia (British Columbia), Columbia (SW Washington & Northern Oregon), Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

This year over 75 people attended in-person; joined by about 15 virtual attendees! From Washington State, seven (7) members were able to attend in person, with five (5) members in the virtual format! In between nine great education sessions (one taught by our very own Victor Leamer) and the trade show, there were some great networking opportunities, delicious food, upbeat music, and a comedy show.

It was so refreshing to catch up with those we know and meet new NIGP members! One of our newer members, Shaylynn Bryant from Spokane County said, “It was so great to meet other people in our region. I could not be more excited to be part of such an incredible and supportive work community. I am really looking forward to learning all that I can about the procurement world and continue to get to know all the amazing people.”

We were also given the opportunity to recognize our WANIGP 2021 award recipients: Victor Leamer, Procurement Professional of the Year and Stacy Hupp, Procurement Manager of the Year in person at the Thursday night dinner!





**Victor, Maija & Stacy after the awards ceremony!**

Throughout the week, the conference attendees raised over \$5,000 for the Oregon School for the Deaf – setting a record for the OPPA Community Involvement committee! Activities included a charity golf tournament, bingo and a basket raffle.

A special thank you to Jeff Peterson, our Immediate Past President, for representing WANIGP on the Region 8 Conference planning Committee and to the Region 8 Conference Planning Committee and OPPA for planning this fantastic event!

This event is held every two years, so plan ahead to budget for this not-to-miss event in 2024 to connect with your peers, earn continuing education credits and explore the beautiful region we call home.

*Maija Lampinen, CPPB, NIGP-CPP*  
Chapter President



# LUNCH AND LEARNS

## JOIN FOR FREE!

Join us the first Wednesday of each month for a FREE Lunch and Learn! Our newly formed Lunch and Learn team's goal is to bring together WA-NIGP members (and future members) or interested professionals from across the state or nation in an informal virtual atmosphere to collaborate and learn. Bonus – you earn contact hours towards certification or recertification on most of these sessions!

### What have we covered so far?

- September 2021: Surviving COVID: Maintaining Momentum & Implementing Changes from the Pandemic
- November 2021: COVID Vaccine Mandate for Contractors
- December 2021: With Resources Like These, What's Stopping You? (Visit from Chapter Ambassadors)
- February 2022: Fraud: Lessons Learned and Ways to Safeguard Your Agency
- March 2022: Picture Perfect Procurement with Rick Grimm
- April 2022: Professional Certification – Your Pathway to Recognition
- May 2022: Transitioning to a Virtual Supplier Environment
- June 2022: Enhance Your Presentation Skills

### What's up next?

The next Lunch and Learn will be September 7<sup>th</sup>- mark your calendars! This summer we are working to plan the fall and winter sessions; more details of those sessions will be released in the next few months!

Got ideas for future Lunch and Learn topics? Are you interested in presenting at a lunch and learn or sitting on a panel? Reach out to one of the Lunch and Learn team members!

Connie Wahl (Committee Chair) -

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*Maija Lampinen, CPPB, NIGP-CPP*  
Chapter President



# FINANCE COMMITTEE

**HAVE NO FEAR, THE TREASURER IS HERE!**

Year to date (through April), the Chapter has \$4,855 in revenue:

- \$4,816 for new member registrations and member renewals.
- \$39 for non-member registration for procurement summit.

Year to date, the Chapter has \$4,228 in expenditures:

- \$300 for professional speaker/trainer fees for procurement summit.
- \$297 for 2021 forum scholarships (delayed reimbursement).
- \$158 for procurement professional & manager of the year award scholarships (reimbursement for trainings).
- \$205 for awards for procurement professional & manager of the year.
- \$336 for NIGP Chapter assessments (dues owed to National NIGP).
- \$182 for 13-month reservation of a PO Box with USPS.
- \$2,601 for website maintenance – Chapter Manager.
- \$149 for software/programs – Zoom.

Interested in numbers, budget, reviewing monthly reports? The Finance Committee is interested in recruiting you! No prior experience required, just your two *CENTS*! The estimated time commitment is 1 hour per month.

**To learn more about the Finance Committee:**  
<https://www.wanigp.org/insidepages/committees/>

**To review the 2022 Budget and monthly Treasurer's Report:**

1. Visit:  
<https://www.wanigp.org/insidepages/filearchive/>
2. Select 'Chapter Documents'
3. Select 'Budget and Treasurer's Reports'

*Regan Givens, CPPB*  
Chapter Treasurer



# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

## ACCESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION!

The Washington State Chapter of NIGP values the contributions, efforts, and professionalism of its members. The Chapter recognizes that members may need assistance for professional development and continuing education. The Scholarship Program assists individual members who are interested in furthering the development of their procurement skills and professionalism that may otherwise be unable to do so.

**New!** To better support our membership, the Scholarship Committee/Workgroup recently improved the [Program](#) so educational opportunities are more accessible and the application process simpler. The Committee hopes that more members will take advantage of the available opportunities to support their professional development.

Also, the Committee would like to extend our congratulations to the recipients of the Chapter sponsored National 2022 Forum scholarships!

In appreciation of her dedication to the profession and Chapter volunteerism, Anna Vogel from City of Vancouver will be attending Forum in-person in Boston, MA this August!

Winners of the virtual Forum Raffle are:

- Kristen Bruington from Community Transit
- Shawna Gilleland from Western Washington University
- Michelle O'Donnell from Community Transit
- Chris Martinez from Port of Olympia

The Chapter looks forward to hearing about all the scholarship recipients' Forum experience this Fall.

Please note that the Scholarship Committee/Workgroup is always accepting applications for scholarships – please check out the details on the updated [Scholarship Program](#) website.

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Scholarship Committee Chair and Chapter Vice President





# SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

LET'S COORDINATE AN EVENT!

The NIGP Washington State Chapter's Special Events Committee consists of a fine group of folks who develop a plan, then execute the set-up, sign in, coffee (so VERY important), catering and snacks, as well as clean up after the Chapter's in-person events.

Obviously, our Committee has been a little dormant since March of 2020 but we look forward to seeing everyone in-person soon!

If you're interested to join this 'special' workgroup, we can always use more hands-on-deck! Please contact the Special Events Committee Chair, Linda Hodgson at [linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov), for additional information.

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Chapter Vice President



# MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## RECRUITING AND RETAINING MEMBERS!

The Membership Engagement Committee focuses on recruiting new chapter members as well as helping support and retain existing members. We strive to develop programs and create opportunities for potential and new members to learn about WA-NIGP, take advantage of opportunities, and get connected.

We are currently working on several initiatives including:

- Developing member engagement, expectation, and exit surveys to understand how the chapter can best serve
- Updating chapter marketing materials (flyers, banners, video)
- Establishing a new member meet & greet/orientation
- Developing relationships with community colleges and promoting WA-NIGP student membership and involvement
- Promoting WA-NIGP at a K-12 or higher education job fair
- Much, much more.

Committee meetings are held via phone/video conference one Wednesday per month from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, and 12/21). Members earn contact hours that can be used toward certification. The average/expected time commitment is 1-2 hours per month. Come check us out! No involvement is too big or too small.

*Erin Hamilton, CPPB, NIGP-CPP*  
Chapter Membership Secretary



# NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

## FACILITATING ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTIONS!

The Nominations and Elections Committee helps facilitate our Chapter's annual officer elections. We solicit nominations, compile candidate profiles, create and distribute electronic ballots, and tally and report the results to the board. This workgroup is a short-term commitment, with activities taking place late-October through December of each year. Members earn contact hours that can be used toward certification.

Currently, this is a committee of one (Erin Hamilton). As the Chapter's new membership secretary, I can no longer serve in this role (conflict of interest). If interested and willing to help, please contact [erin.hamilton@wahbexchange.org](mailto:erin.hamilton@wahbexchange.org).

*Erin Hamilton, CPPB, NIGP-CPP*  
Chapter Membership Secretary



# HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

## NOMINATIONS!

Annually the Honors and Awards Committee\* is called into action to promote, accept, and evaluate nominations for the Chapter's Procurement Professional (aka Buyer) and the Procurement Manager of the Year Awards. That was no different earlier this year when the Committee was presented with strong candidates for both of the 2021 awards.

\*Consisting of the Chapter Vice President, Chair of the Education and Membership Committees, and a Chapter Member at Large.

Congratulations to our Chapter's Procurement Professional of the Year, Victor Leamer from Spokane County, and the Procurement Manager of the Year, Stacy Hupp from Community Transit! In addition to all the well-deserved attention at this year's Excellence in Procurement Summit and the recent Region 8 Conference, both received a \$650 education scholarship, they are featured on the WA-NIGP and NIGP national websites and have bragging rights to a very cool award! Thanks again Victor and Stacy for your hard work and dedication to the Chapter and our profession.

Congratulations also go out to the other nominees for this year's awards – Theresa Jensen (for Manager) and Regan Givens, Antoinette Wynne, and Julie Hannah (for Procurement Professional) as all are outstanding representatives of the procurement profession. Thank you!

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Chapter Vice President

# NIGP NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE

## CELEBRATING STATE OF WASHINGTON PROCUREMENT LEADERS WHO HAVE EARNED THEIR NIGP CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

NIGP's Certification Commission is honored to recognize the 25 public procurement leaders from the Evergreen State who have attained their NIGP Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) since the first certification announcements in August 2020:

- Lori Adams NIGP-CPP – Tacoma
- Connie Allen NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPCM, C.P.M. – Bellingham
- Shannon Barker NIGP-CPP – Everett
- Heather Barnhart NIGP-CPP – Spokane
- Tina Basil NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Tacoma
- Theresa Bauccio-Teschlog NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Everett
- Patricia Bride NIGP-CPP – Washougal
- Julie Denton NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Vancouver
- Lori Englehart-Jewell NIGP-CPP – Ephrata
- Cheri Estrada NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Tacoma
- Kristin Fleisher, NIGP – Grant County
- Erin Hamilton NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Olympia
- Kevin Kelly NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Seattle
- Josh Klika NIGP-CPP – Olympia
- Susan Knotts NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB – Yakima
- Maija Lampinen NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Marysville
- Hope Linder NIGP-CPP, CPPB, CAPM, MBAITM – Everett
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To date, there are 788 NIGP-CPP leaders across North America, representing 41 U.S. states and 5 Canadian provinces.

The NIGP-CPP is one of several credentialing options professionals can consider in their pursuit to be publicly recognized for achieving learned competencies. These options provide public procurement practitioners choice based on relevancy to their current positions as well as career aspirations.

Choice and flexibility are the hallmarks of the Pathways program – and the primary reasons why the NIGP Governing Board was intentional in building a credentialing program that integrates learning with recognition.

Since the Pathways program was launched in August 2019:

- 19 State of Washington professionals have also earned one of five NIGP core certificates
- 33 State of Washington professionals have also earned one of three NIGP specializations

Make 2022 your year for demonstrating your competencies as a public procurement leader by earning a certificate, a specialization or your NIGP-CPP. Join NIGP for monthly informative webinars on the NIGP-CPP program or learn more by clicking [here](#).

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# PATHWAYS

INNOVATIVE LEARNING, INSTANT RECOGNITION

## GET TO KNOW PATHWAYS

Careers no longer follow linear paths. Instead, they are fluid and full of new opportunities and challenges at every turn. Navigating this can be challenging, but it can be made easier with the right development plans and learning opportunities to guide you.

That's why NIGP created Pathways, a professional development and credentialing program designed to help procurement professionals advance in your careers at every stage of your career journey. Whether you're just entering the profession, at the mid-point or you're an emerging leader, NIGP Pathways can help accelerate your career.

Pathways provides personalized learning paths customized for every stage of your career with instant recognition through the use of digital badges and served on a platform for “always-on” learning. It's designed to give you the skills and build your capabilities for a long and successful career in public procurement.

“The new Designated Public Procurement Associate designation NIGP offers really helps people new to the profession by expanding their understanding of Procurement. The Core Certificates that make up the designation uses modern teaching techniques like group activities, engaging coursework and sharing experiences while giving students a good foundation for future certifications.” - Caitlyn Tracy, Procurement Specialist, Loudoun County Schools

Learn more: <https://www.nigp.org/learning/what-is-pathways>



### Test Preparation

- Certified Public Procurement Officer
- Certified Professional Public Buyer



### Experience

David Nash brings a wealth of knowledge to this endeavor from his many years of experience in the procurement field and as an instructor of many public procurement disciplines.



### Guidance

The road to certification can be long and sometimes frustrating so participants are free to ask questions one on one with the facilitator.

# QUESTION OF THE DAY

## CERTIFICATION PREP

The goal is simple: To assist public procurement professionals in preparing for the CPPO, CPPB and NIGP-CPP exams, one question at a time.

Since the creation of the online Question of the day in 2007, more than five thousand public procurement professionals from across the United States and Canada have participated in this endeavor by responding to questions sent to them via daily emails. Participants may also pose questions that they encounter during their independent or group studies.

Facilitator: David E. Nash, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP-CPP: NIGP certified instructor with over 45 years of experience in logistics and public procurement.

### How the Question of the Day Works:

- Questions are sent to participants daily.
- Replies should only be made to the facilitator so that everyone has a chance to answer.
- No one's answers will be shared with anyone else.
- About 50% of the questions are multiple choice. The other 50% are essay-type questions. (Note: there are no essay questions on the CPPB, CPPO or NIGP-CPP exams.)
- Participants may respond off the top of their heads or use other source materials, including the Internet, to search for answers.
- Incorrect responses will generate an offer to try again.
- Participants may be challenged to explain their answers.
- Participants must respond at least once a week or be removed from the list.
- There is no fee for this service.

**Please Note:** this service is designed for people who are one year or less from sitting for their certification exam. It presupposes that participants meet the minimum qualifications for the desired certifications. It is not a teaching or new buyer learning service, nor is it intended for current certificate holders.

If you wish to participate in the question of the day and have not previously registered, visit: <http://www.qoftheday.net/contact-us.html>

For more information about the CPPO and CPPB certifications, visit: <https://uppcc.org/>

For more information about the NIGP-CPP certification, visit: <https://www.nigp.org/certification/nigp-cpp>



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# BOARD MEMBERS

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The Board of Directors shall:

- Attend the regularly scheduled teleconferences and other meetings of the Board of Directors, and Chapter events.
- Control and manage the affairs and finances of the Chapter.
- Shall have authority to take such actions as will serve the best interests of the Chapter and its Members under an annual plan of activities and budget to be adopted by the membership at the annual meeting of the membership.
- Have no authority to expend or commit funds to an amount over the cash resources of the Chapter, or otherwise cause indebtedness of the Chapter, unless such expenditure, commitment, or indebtedness is approved in the annual budget, or in advance by 2/3 affirmative vote of the voting members at a regular or special business meeting. Such approval may be by electronic mail or other concurrence.
- Review the recommendation of the Membership Committee and by a majority votes shall accept or reject the applications for membership to the Chapter. The vote of the Board of Directors shall be final. An applicant whose application has been rejected, however, may appeal as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, or may resubmit an application to the Membership Committee no sooner than one (1) year after rejection by the Board of Directors.
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