Utah Chapter of NIGP October Newsletter
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ANOTHER MONTH HAS COME AND GONE AND WE’RE CLOSING OUT SEPTEMBER WITH A MAJOR HURRICANE IN FLORIDA THAT HAS ME THINKING ABOUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES. EVEN IF WE CREATED THE PERFECT PROCUREMENT SYSTEM TWO THINGS INEVITABLY STAND OUT:
1) THE POWER OF EXISTENTIAL THREATS THAT IMPACT OUR PROCESSES AND
2) THE STRENGTH OF COLLABORATION AS PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS TO SOLVE COMPLEX AGENCY PROBLEMS.
THAT IS WHY I LOVE BEING A MEMBER OF THE UTAH CHAPTER OF NIGP AND THE NATIONAL NIGP ORGANIZATION.

WHILE A CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE WILL NEVER DIRECTLY HIT UTAH, UTAH DOES HAVE ITS LIST OF HAZARDS THAT COULD DISRUPT OUR ECOSYSTEM (FLOODING, EARTHQUAKES, WILDFIRES, SEVERE WEATHER STORMS, AND DROUGHT). I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE ONLINE ASPA MAGAZINE THAT ASKS THE QUESTION, “WHAT SOCIAL EQUITY DRIVERS ARE YOU PRACTICING IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT”. ANTHONY BULLER RECOMMENDS TAKING A LOOK AT CULTURE, COMMUNITY, LEGAL COMPLIANCE, STAKEHOLDERS, EQUITY CHAMPIONS, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, AND BEST PRACTICES AS TOOLS TO ASSESS HOW VULNERABLE YOUR ORGANIZATION IS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY. THIS MONTH I CHALLENGE YOU TO ASSESS AT LEAST TWO OF THE SEVEN TOOLS MENTIONED ABOVE TO SEE HOW YOUR AGENCY IS DOING BEFORE AN EMERGENCY HAPPENS.

SECOND, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I HAVE REALIZED THAT THERE IS NO “NEW NORMAL.” RATHER I BELIEVE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS IN A NEW WAY. THE FUTURE IS NOT AN UPGRADE ON THE PRESENT, IT’S AN INVITATION FOR ALL OF US TO CREATE SOMETHING BETTER. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THIS IS A MOMENT OF REVOLUTION THAT WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY BOOKS AS WE BEGIN TO SEE PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS AND SUPPLY CHAIN PROCESSES CHANGE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE PAST GLOBALIZED WORLD, ORGANIZATIONS AND VENDORS WERE DESIGNED FOR “SPEED” AND “COST”. NOW, I THINK WE ARE SEEING A SHIFT TO “GREATER RESILIENCE” AND “SUSTAINABILITY”. THIS REVOLUTION EXCITES ME, AND JUST LIKE THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARY THINKERS FROM OUR PAST (GALILEO, DA VINCI, TESLA, FORD), I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES, THINK BIG, AND MAKE A SHIFT TO CREATE SOMETHING BETTER.

Brooke Smith
2022 Chapter President
September 2022
**Utah Chapter Updates**

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2022. Please join us.

**Utah Chapter Updates**

**NIGP National:**

Have you thought of becoming a national NIGP member? NIGP is a network of over 16,000 professionals working in the field of public procurement. Some of the many membership benefits are:

- Tools to support your day-to-day activities.
- Online document library containing thousands of RFPs.
- Members discounts on all educational programs and classes.
- Various procurement resources.
- 18 free webinars on relevant, real-world trending procurement topics.
- Study tools to help you prepare for your certification or recertification.
- Discounts to attend NIGP national forums and much more...
- Find more information about NIGP membership here: https://www.nigp.org/membership/join

**Area 9 PowerPoint**

The Area 9 powerpoints are now available online at https://www.nigputah.org/

- Click, Member Login™ in the upper right-hand corner.
- Click, Member Resources.
- Click, Documents.
- Click, Past Conferences Media.
- Click, Area 9 Conference 2022.

**Applications Needed**

Finally, a call for help! The chapter has started to accept applications for multiple board and committee positions. We need you to help us maintain our momentum. Please consider applying. Contact Tonya Hodges for more details (tonya.hodges@jordandistrict.org)

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**PEP Seminar**
October 18, 2022
8 AM - 4 PM
Register for in person attendance by October 12th here.
Register for a webinar link here.
Register for a watch party here.

**EdPAC**
November 18, 2022
8 AM - 4 PM

**Next Hybrid Chapter Meeting**
December 1, 2022*

Elections, Awards, and a Luncheon will be available for anyone who attends in person.

Elections are coming up!!!
There are four (4) open board positions for the 2023 year:

- **Vice President** - One Year Term. The Vice President becomes the President the year following his or her term and Past President the following year.
- **Board Member** - Three Year Term.
- **Secretary** - One Year Term.
- **Treasurer** - Two Year Term.

*We still need candidates for the Board Member and Vice President positions!*

The vote will take place during the December chapter meeting held in person on December 1, 2022.

Board and committee members play an integral role in developing the vision and direction of the chapter. If you are interested in taking on a more active role in the chapter, building your resume, and developing leadership skills, please take a moment to review the open positions. Please see the attachment below to view the responsibilities of each position in our chapter bylaws.

If you are interested in running for one of the offices, please send Tonya Hodges (Tonya.Hodges@jordandistrict.org) a headshot, brief biography, and the position you are interested by the end of the day **October 15, 2022**.

Submit a nomination for the 2022 Board of Directors Agency Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Chapter & Profession.

**Purpose:** This award is presented to procurement agencies in Utah who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and contributed significantly to the advancement of the public procurement profession and professional development during the past calendar year.

**Format:** All nominations must be completed on the official application form (attached below). Attach additional sheets as needed.
Announcement: Scholarships Available!!

Are you interested in taking the NIGP CPP Exam in 2022 or taking NIGP related procurement courses / training? Good news, we have scholarship opportunities for our Chapter Members in these areas.

- We have 1 scholarship available to take the NIGP CPP Exam (up to $350). Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the scholarship has been awarded.
- We have 2 scholarships available to take NIGP procurement related courses (up to $250 per scholarship). Applications will be accepted and reviewed until both scholarships have been awarded.

See the attached application documents for further details. Stay tuned as additional scholarship opportunities are expected to become available.

If you have questions about the available scholarship opportunities please contact our Chapter Vice President - Hamer Reiser (hreiser@purchasing.utah.edu).

- 2022 NIGP Training Scholarship Application
- 2022 CPP Exam Scholarship Application
- 2022 Scholarship Activity Log

Are you doing something AWESOME in procurement or life in general? Let us know. Life is short, we would love to celebrate your success!

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