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**"We communicate because we want to connect.  
When we connect, we increase our influence."**

**– Anonymous**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe its December already! As I type this, the snow is flying outside my window, kicking off the holiday season with a blanket of white. As the busyness of year end and the holiday season are upon us, I'm looking back at our chapter's 2022 accomplishments – here are some highlights!

- Conducted three virtual general membership meetings in 2022 with approximately 80 to 90 participants each time!
- Participated in the Area 8 Conference in May – from Washington we had five virtual attendees and seven in-person attendees and one presenter!
- Awarded the 2021 Professional of the Year to Victor Leamer and the 2021 Manager of the Year to Stacy Hupp (also a national finalist)!
- Had record breaking attendance at the Boston Forum with 87 in person and virtual attendees! We had three of our very own members teach classes at forum.
- Provided six virtual classes: Evaluation Methods, Social Responsibility, Spend Analysis, Risk Analysis, Communications Strategies and Sourcing and Contracting.
- Awarded 11 scholarships! Four virtual and one in-person forum registrations as well as six to attend educational sessions!
- Held eight Lunch and Learn sessions: Fraud, Lessons Learned & Ways to Safeguard Your Agency, Picture Perfect Procurement, Professional Certification – Your Pathway to Recognition, Transitioning to a Virtual Supplier Environment, Enhance Your Virtual Presentation Skills, Forum Focus and Flashback, Legislative Happenings, and Tools to Navigate the Rules.
- Updated board member and committee job descriptions.
- Revived the bi-monthly newsletter – four publications this year!
- Received the Silver Seal Designation as well as 1st Place in Duel NIGP/WANIGP membership for a large chapter and 3rd place for membership growth!

Whew – so great things to celebrate! Each of you contribute to the success of the chapter by serving on the board or a committee, attending a class, lunch and learn or educational session, nominating others for professionals for awards, sharing your knowledge with others, or contributing in a myriad of other ways! Thank you for investing your time and energy – you truly bless others in our procurement and contracting community!

Our 2023 theme will be “Honoring our Roots, Growing our Future”. 2023 is our chapter's 20th anniversary and we will honor our roots throughout the year culminating in a larger celebration during the Fall conference.

Growing our future includes several activities such as we will be kicking off our strategic planning process in February, the new website should be up and running during the first quarter, and our emerging professional committee will be kicking off the first half of the year!

Save the date for our 2023 Annual Business Meeting – it will be held in person at the City of Seattle on January 18, 2023. In addition to our business meeting agenda, Tammy Rimes will be our guest speaker and will be presenting “Taking Contract Management to the Next Level” and “Government Talk – Speak Your Way to Success”. You don’t want to miss this event!

I wish you the very best this holiday season and am looking forward to what 2023 holds in store for each of us. I encourage you to engage with your peers, volunteer for committees or projects as they come up, and to share your talents and time to honor our chapter’s roots and grow our future!

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

**“The future is completely open, and we are writing it moment to moment.”**

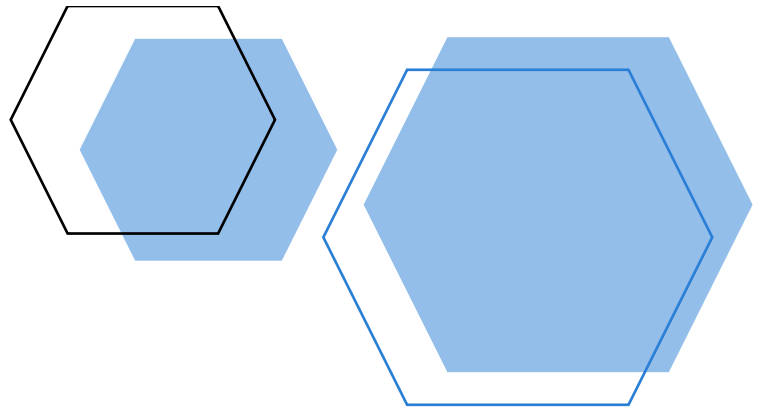
**– Pema Chödrön**

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**Share a little-known fact about yourself.** I'm a fairly quiet person of few words in most situations. My mother always said, "Ellen always flew under the parental radar as a young girl. She knew how to stay out of trouble!" Although I managed to get into my fair amount of mischief.

Although I'm quiet, I'm always paying attention, absorb information, and do my research if I'm unsure of something. If I'm in the room, be careful what you say. 😊



# ELLEN FOLEY

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

**Title:** Contracts Specialist

**Organization:** Washington Health Benefit Exchange

**What year did you join the WA State Chapter?** 2022.

**What Chapter committees/workgroups are you currently involved in? If none, which are you most interested in and why?** I am unsure at this time. Once I have a little more experience under my belt, I will give it some consideration.

**How long have you worked in the procurement profession?** I joined our procurement team 4 months ago. I worked on the other side of contracts for several years managing, ensuring compliance and monitoring payments.

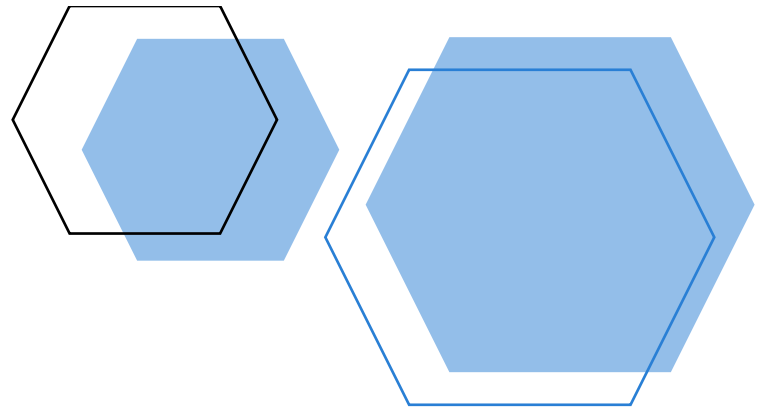
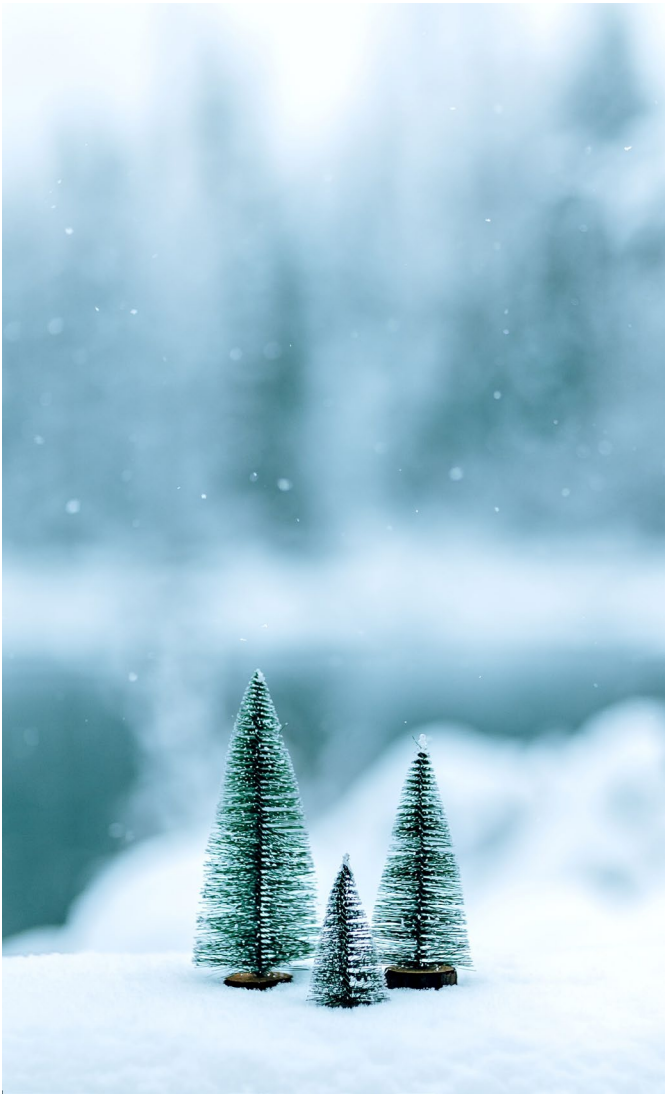
**What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchase in which you have been involved?** I will say my first, and only procurement to date with my new team. (I'm observing and learning) Interesting because it's something our organization hasn't done before and challenging because it has been a really tight time frame. We are venturing out across the state in search of undocumented immigrants who may soon be eligible for health care through our system. The procurement is for a statewide community organization who has ties to the desired communities and who can come up with a dynamic outreach plan to communicate with them.

**What professional certifications do you hold?** I don't hold any yet.

**What is your number one goal (career or personal)?** My main goal at this point in time is to become/be an attribute to my team. I am working hard to get up to speed so I can assist with the workload. There is a lot to learn, but I'm enjoying it.

**What is your favorite hobby?** I'm an avid runner. Not everyone would consider it a hobby, but it's something that makes me happy, provides camaraderie amongst running partners, and keeps me healthy!





# RENEE PARKER

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

**Title:** Contracts Specialist

**Organization:** Department of Corrections

**What year did you join the WA State Chapter?** 2022.

**What Chapter committees/workgroups are you currently involved in? If none, which are you most interested in and why?** I would be interested in the Community Involvement Committee. I was involved in the WA State Combined Fund Drive during my time at the Liquor and Cannabis Board, and really enjoyed participating in charity events and raising money for organizations making a real difference in our communities.

**How long have you worked in the procurement profession?** 5 years.

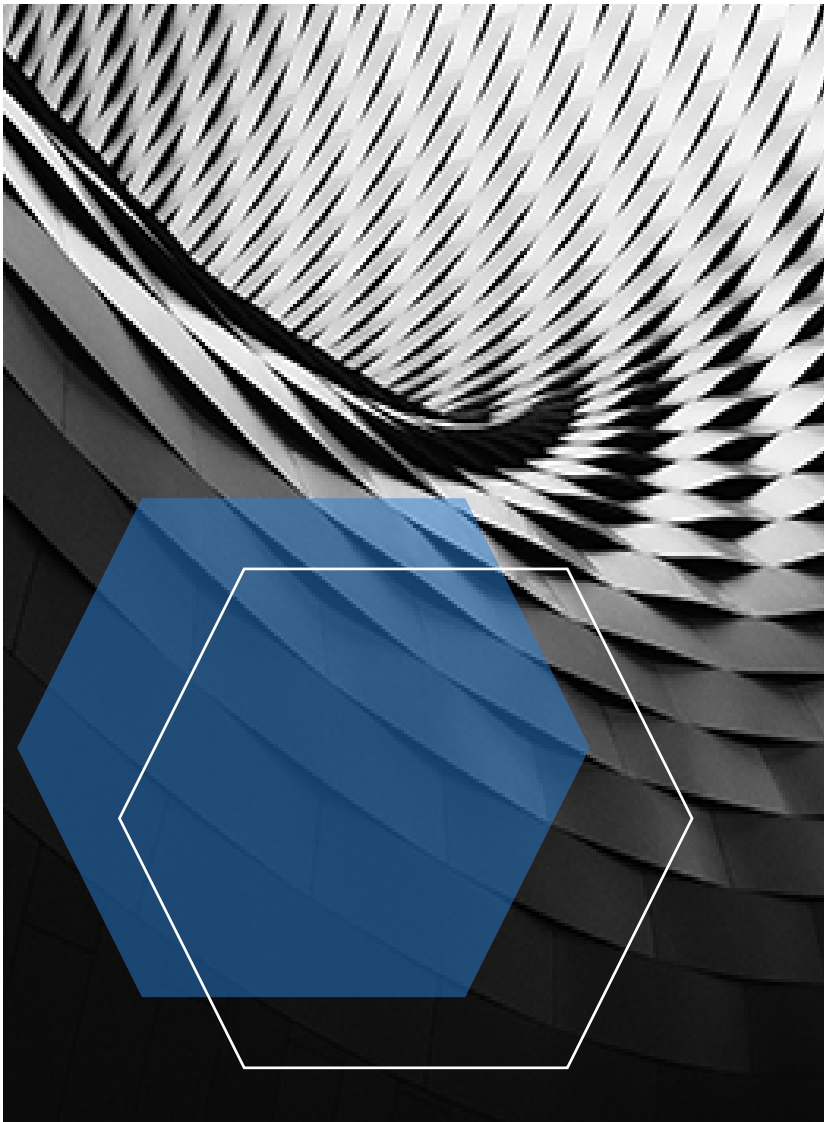
**What is the most interesting, unusual, or challenging purchase in which you have been involved?** When I was with the Liquor and Cannabis Board, we worked on a Systems Modernization project which involved more than one program within the Agency and was very complex. A lot of our contracts and purchasing folks at the time got to assist with the project and it was a great learning experience for me.

**What professional certifications do you hold?** Project Management.

**What is your number one goal (career or personal)?** Go back to school to become a Paralegal (associate in applied science).

**What is your favorite hobby?** Since having two little boys my favorite hobby recently has been building large Lego sculptures.

**Share a little-known fact about yourself.** We have converted our whole backyard and half of our front yard into a garden and in the summer months when the garden is in full bloom we eat only from our garden (minus meat) for almost 4 months.



# 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 – October-November 2022:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
Witt	Amanda	Centralia College	Director of Purchasing
Caulfield	Nina	City of Kelso	Project Compliance and Contract Specialist
Beinbrech	Fawn	City of Olympia	Procurement and Records Specialist
Lyman	Jen	City of Seattle	Buyer
Nechanicky	Jason	City of Spokane	Purchasing and Contracts Director
Gunter	Tracy	Department of Commerce	Commerce Specialist
Roberts	Tamara	Department of Commerce	Purchasing Supply Manager
Bang	Julie	Department of Enterprise Services, Contracts & Legal Division	Contract Specialist
Smith	Holly	King County	Contract Specialist
Ware	Aleicea	King County	Contracts Specialist I
Ataie	Ellen	Port of Bremerton	Contract Administrator
Browning	Barbara	Port of Everett	Contracts and Claims Specialist
Karlsson	Debbie	Port of Woodland	Office Manager
Force	Peyton	Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority	Buyer 1
Jones	Tiffany	Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority	Buyer 1
Kenworthy	Jennifer	Seattle Public Utilities	PFAC
Anderson	Jennifer	Spokane Transit Authority	Procurement Coordinator
Hayes-Horton	Jordan	Spokane Transit Authority	Procurement Coordinator

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# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## CONFERENCES

- **WA-NIGP Annual Business Meeting**

Location and Date: In-Person at City of Seattle on January 18, 2023

Tammy Rimes will be our guest speaker and will be presenting “Taking Contract Management to the Next Level” and “Government Talk – Speak Your Way to Success”.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

## CLASSES & WEBINARS

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

- WA-NIGP: [www.wanipg.org](http://www.wanipg.org)
  - January 11, 2023 – Lunch and Learn: Mentor & Mentee Program Information (Virtual)
- 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.ismww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>





# 2023 ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS!

WA-NIGP officers are an integral part of our Chapter who dedicate their time and knowledge of the procurement profession. We are pleased to announce the following elected Board members for 2023.

## PRESIDENT



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

Maija Lampinen is the current Procurement & Contracts Manager at the Port of Everett. In her role she oversees all aspects of procurement from construction, goods, and all types of services to policy, procedure, and process improvement. Prior to arriving at the Port of Everett in 2011, she was the Assistant Supervisor of Procurement at Snohomish Schools – having filled that position from 2004 through 2011. She has been a member of WA-NIGP since 2005, NIGP since 2011 and is grateful to so many procurement professionals for sharing their knowledge, experience, and friendship over the years.

Maija currently serves as the Chapter President and has continuing to progress the work done over the past years and ensure we meet our strategic planning efforts. She is a charter member of the WA-NIGP Lunch & Learn and Emerging Professional Committees. At the national level, she serves on the NIGP Scholarship Committee and regularly volunteers at the annual Forum. In 2018, Maija was honored to receive the Purchasing Professional of the Year for the Washington Chapter of NIGP.

Maija is passionate about professional development as well as giving back to the procurement community that has influenced her career. Current events continue to shape the way procurement and professional development is conducted and as a board member, Maija will help WA-NIGP will pivot to meet those changing needs. As President, she will support the WA-NIGP members and WA-NIGP board by performing the duties of President with integrity, honesty, and creativity to ensure WA-NIGP continues to remain a preeminent resource for education, networking, and collaboration. Thank you for your support!

## **VICE PRESIDENT**



**Linda Hodgson, CPPB**

Linda Hodgson is an active member of both the Washington Chapter and NIGP. She is currently serving as Vice President and would like to continue in this role assisting the President with our Chapter's objectives and other priorities throughout 2023.

Linda holds the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) designation, and recently served as a Mentor in the Institute's new Mentorship Program.

While Chair of the Scholarship and the Honors and Awards Committees this year Linda led the efforts to update both the Scholarship Program, as well as the nomination process for the Chapter's Procurement Professional of the Year and Procurement Manager of the Year awards, making it easier for our members to apply and nominate.

Last year Linda served as Membership Secretary and lead the Membership Committee. At this year's Forum, the Institute congratulated our Chapter and the Committee's hard work in 2021 as WA-NIGP earned 3rd place (out of 77 chapters) for increasing membership by 20% and received 1st place (among large chapters) for dual membership – 84% of the Chapter members are also NIGP members as well!

Linda is employed by the Department of Social & Health Services. Her role is to develop, maintain and provide the agency's 500+ contracts staff training on procurement laws, policies and best practices. Linda often leads high-profile solicitations and is called upon to consult her team members as well as program staff in their contracting needs.

If re-elected Vice President, Linda will continue to bring enthusiasm, dedication and leadership to our Chapter and will work to ensure WA-NIGP stays strong, viable and relevant to you, our members.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**



**Erin Hamilton, NIGP-CPP, CPPB**

I'm the Procurement Manager for Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) – our state's health insurance marketplace, administer of the *Washington Healthplanfinder* enrollment site, and the only organization classified in statute as a "public-private partnership". I'm also the mom of two great kids (17 and 19 years) and a proud graduate of Washington State University!

I worked as a manager and General manager for Red Lobster restaurants for nearly 10 years before starting my procurement journey in 2007 as a Purchasing and Supply Chain Consultant for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). I then transitioned to Procurement Coordinator for Intercity Transit and Contracts and Supply Chain Manager for DSHS' Consolidated Institutional Business Services (CIBS) before joining the Exchange in 2016.

I have been a member of WA-NIGP since 2011 and was honored to be named Manager of the Year in 2020. I began serving as the chapter's Membership Secretary in 2022 and, if elected, would be honored to continue supporting the WA-NIGP Board and our members in 2023.

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**



**Sam Miller**

Hello fellow WA-NIGP members. I am newer to procurement and interested in learning, networking, and engaging in our procurement community. I would love the opportunity to help our chapter by filling this position. I live in Wenatchee, Washington, cat mom to one and a new dog mom as of late this summer. I enjoy discussing interests and passions with others. Please feel free to reach out via email for any greetings or questions you may have.

## **TREASURER**



### **Regan Givens, CPPB**

Regan is the Senior Contracts Specialist for Washington Health Benefit Exchange, our State's insurance marketplace and administer of the Washington Healthplanfinder website. Regan was hired in 2017 as the first and only Contracts Specialist for the Exchange and in 2021 was promoted to Senior Contracts Specialist. Her duties include all aspects of the procurement and contracts lifecycle, including performing contract administration, negotiating, and preparing complex contracts to obtain goods or services for the Exchange, and she guides and mentors lower-level Contracts Specialists.

Prior to joining the Exchange, Regan worked for Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for 2.5 years as a Contracts Specialist. At State Parks, Regan's duties primarily focused on contracting for Public Works and Architecture and Engineering services. She also provided support to the Purchasing department which encompassed one of the State's largest P-Card programs.

Regan graduated from Western Governors University where she completed her Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She enjoys learning and challenging herself and others. Being a part of a team/committee fuels Regan's passion for driving change and providing innovative ideas to enhance the team/committee's purpose and outreach.

Regan has been a member of WA-NIGP and National NIGP since 2017. She was an active member of the Finance Committee from February 2020-January 2022. In February 2022, Regan was elected as the Chapter Treasurer and succeeded into the Finance Committee Chair position. In 2022 she also became the Chair for the Newsletter and Website Replacement Committees and a member of the Emerging Professionals Committee. Regan would be delighted to continue serving you as the Treasurer of WA-NIGP.

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# PROCUREMENT U

## NASPO EDUCATION PLATFORM!

Need additional UPPCC exam prep resources? Visit NASPO's [Procurement U](#) for free CPPB/CPPO study courses and practice exams.

Looking to refresh your knowledge on a specific procurement concept? Are you a manager and looking to provide your new hire(s) with resources? Visit NASPO's [Procurement U](#) for free resources.

Procurement U is a multi-faceted education platform provided to members of the National Association of State Procurement Officials and other government procurement professionals. Procurement U provides professional development opportunities, training, resources, publications and more that are specifically tailored to meet the needs of public procurement officials and staff.

Procurement U courses are designed to provide instruction to learners at all levels of state government procurement, although other public procurement professionals (including federal, city and county government employees) may also benefit from courses.

Our very own, Sam Miller from Link Transit, has equipped herself with this resource to gain the necessary knowledge needed to succeed as a new procurement professional. If you have any questions about this helpful resource for yourself or your organization, please reach out to Sam Miller at [smiller@linktransit.com](mailto:smiller@linktransit.com).

**“For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them”.**

**– Aristotle**



# NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

I would like to welcome Sam Miller from Link Transit to the Newsletter Committee!

To date, the Newsletter Committee consists of two members only.

Are you interested in assisting with collecting articles, preparing, editing, and publishing the Chapter's newsletter? If so, please email me!

Newsletters are published in the following months:

- ✓ February
- ✓ April
- ✓ June
- ✓ August
- ✓ October
- ✓ December

Have something you want in a future newsletter? Be sure to send it to Regan Givens at [regan.givens@wahbexchange.org](mailto:regan.givens@wahbexchange.org) or Sam Miller at [smiller@linktransit.com](mailto:smiller@linktransit.com).

*Regan Givens, CPPB*  
Newsletter Committee Chair  
Chapter Treasurer





# LUNCH AND LEARN

BITE SIZE – EDUCATIONAL – NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES – AND FREE!

After a December break, we have a great lunch and learn planned for January! To avoid busy holiday schedules, we moved this session to January 11, so please mark your calendar. We will learn about the NIGP Mentoring program and whether you are interested in becoming a Mentor, Mentee, have someone in mind, or just want to learn more about the program, there will be valuable information shared. In addition to learning, the lunch and learn events offer opportunities to network with procurement professionals from all types of agencies across the state to help you build a strong support group.

Hour-long sessions during the lunch hour are our way to make it easy for everyone to take a **bite** of time to connect, grow, and thrive -pun intended! The committee is also planning awesome new sessions so keep an eye out for future lunch and learn advertisements. There are so many things to learn!

## **Bonus!**

You earn contact hours towards certification or recertification on these sessions!

## **Double Bonus!!**

The Scholarship Committee has created a raffle for the 2023 Forum. Each time you register and attend a WA-NIGP Lunch and Learn, from September 2022, through March 2023, you will be entered to win up to \$1,000 towards your 2023 Forum Registration (virtual or in-person). Thank you, Stacy!

## **Calling all potential volunteers**

Please consider joining our Lunch and Learn Committee to collaborate on future events. We need help! We are a dynamic group from diverse agencies, and you will have fun while working hard to bring relevant topics to our organization. We also welcome any ideas for future sessions and volunteers to present or serve as a subject matter expert panelist. Contact me [cwahl@spokanecity.org](mailto:cwahl@spokanecity.org)!

*Connie Wahl, C.P.M., CPPB*  
Lunch and Learn Committee Chair



# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

## WA-NIGP Scholarships Awarded in November!

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that three **SCHOLARSHIPS** for the On-Demand NIGP Designation Bundle were awarded for a grand total of \$2,760.

- Amanda Witt, Director of Purchasing, Centralia College
- Carly Fowler, Buyer, City of Tacoma
- Ellen Foley, Contracts Specialist, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

## Current Promotion!

**ATTEND WA-NIGP LUNCH & LEARNS TO WIN FORUM REGISTRATION!**



Each time you register and attend a WA-NIGP Lunch and Learn, from September 2022, through March 2023, you will be entered to win up to \$1,000 towards your 2023 Forum Registration (virtual or in-person).

The raffle winner must be a Washington and National NIGP member, see additional Scholarship Qualification requirements – [WANIGP Scholarship Program](#).

## 2023 Scholarships!

Scholarships can still be applied for at any time by submitting an [application](#) to [scholarship@wanigp.org](mailto:scholarship@wanigp.org). The Scholarship Committee will continue to prompt quarterly opportunities each year – **KEEP WATCHING FOR THE NEXT OFFER!**

*Stacy Hupp, CPPB*  
Scholarship Committee Acting Chair

[Stacy.Hupp@commtrans.org](mailto:Stacy.Hupp@commtrans.org)



# SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING!

**The Annual Meeting is just around the corner!** (January 18<sup>th</sup> in-person at the City of Seattle)

**Would you like to help make this event more enjoyable for our members?**

**Well, the Events Committee could use your help!**

The Committee is looking for volunteers to *assist with* the following tasks on January 18<sup>th</sup> -

Before the meeting (8:00-8:30):

- Set up the room (tables, chairs, podium, etc.)
- Lay out the breakfast refreshments

Before the meeting (8:30-9:00): Welcome members, ask them to sign in

After the meeting (approx. from 2:30-3:30, or less): Put the room back the way we found it

If you're interested, please reach out to me asap.

Thanks so much!

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Special Events Committee Chair  
Chapter Vice President

[linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov)

(360) 664-6073



# HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

## PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL AND PROCUREMENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Know a Procurement Professional and/or Manager who has knocked it out of the park? Now's the time to recognize them!

Want a great way to show your appreciation for those that deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to our profession? Then please nominate them for the Chapter's Procurement Professional of the Year and/or Procurement Manager of the Year awards. Besides receiving recognition at the upcoming WA-NIGP Annual Meeting in January, the award recipients receive a \$650 scholarship and may apply for the national awards as well (NIGP's *Procurement Specialist* and *Procurement Manager of the Year*).

The Honors and Awards Committee recently revised the nomination forms to make them easier to complete. ***The new process also encourages you to collaborate with your deserving nominee to complete the nomination form.*** Awards shall be based on the nominees' procurement experience, promoter, leadership, supporter, passion, ethics, community and civic involvement over the last two years.

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Honors & Awards Committee Chair  
Chapter Vice President

### **Procurement Professional of the Year Award** (formally known as the Buyer of the Year Award)

This award is presented to a public procurement professional, who has no supervisory or management responsibilities, and has excelled within their position, to include but are not limited to purchasing, contracting, and supply chain. Please see the nomination form for a list of position responsibilities here: [procprofnomination11-22.docx](#).

### **Procurement Manager of the Year Award**

This award goes to a public procurement managers, supervisors, or program managers who demonstrate outstanding professionalism and have made significant contributions to the advancement of procurement, their entity, their Chapter, and NIGP. Please see the nomination form for a list of position responsibilities here: [managernomination11-22.docx](#).

**Don't wait - the nomination deadline is coming soon** – December 26<sup>th</sup>! See above nomination forms for additional details. And, remember it's perfectly fine to nominate someone from an entity other than your own, or to self-nominate. Nominations must be submitted no later than December 26, 2022 to Linda Hodgson, Honors & Award Committee Chair, via email: [linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:linda.hodgson@dshs.wa.gov).





# WEBSITE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS ARE IN!

WA-NIGP is transitioning to a new website by early 2023. With this transition, we are gaining several new and exciting features.

Our home page will hold up to four (4) images in a slider format. In November, we reached out to the WA-NIGP members to help us create an amazing page by participating in our member photo contest!

The Committee received photo submissions from six (6) WA-NIGP members for a total of eleven (11) photos!

The Committee conducted a vote and in no particular order, the photos that will be displayed on the WA-NIGP website home page were taken by:

- ✓ Chris Martinez, Port of Olympia
- ✓ Kristin Fleisher, Sound Transit
- ✓ Nina Caulfield, City of Kelso
- ✓ Regan Givens, WA Health Benefit Exchange

Congratulations and thank you to all that participated!

Did you miss the deadline to submit your photo(s)? Don't worry, WA-NIGP anticipates conducting a photo contest once per year to keep the photos new and exciting!

*Regan Givens, CPPB*

Website Transition Committee Chair  
Chapter Treasurer



# CPPO AND CPPB SPRING EXAMS

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) is an independent entity formed to govern and administer the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification programs.

The CPPO and CPPB programs are the most highly regarded and well-respected certifications among procurement professionals and their employers in the public sector. To date, the UPPCC has certified well over 14,000 professionals primarily within the US and Canada, but in other nations around the globe.

## Spring Exams: May 1-13, 2023

Exam App Window Opens	Apply By	Apply w/Late Fee By	Schedule Exam By*
Nov 1	Feb 28	March 14	Apr 11

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 detailed UPPCC Body of Knowledge & Competency (BoK-C) for each exam is available via the links below:

- ✓ [UPPCC BoK-C: CPPO](#)
- ✓ [UPPCC BoK-C: CPPB](#)

**UPPCC Approved Study Groups:** Sessions will cover the six domains of the exam and the competency statements in the UPPCC Bodies of Knowledge & Competency (BoK-C) which are the basis for the exam. The limit per group will be 20 and they will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. This is only for CPPO & CPPB candidates who have scheduled to sit for the Spring 2023 exam. UPPCC will be using **LinkedIn Groups** to facilitate the sign-up process again. **The sign-up notice will go out the end of January 2023.**





# PROCUREMENT PARTNER CORNER

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER OF WASHINGTON (MRSC)

## **New Law Requires Compost Procurement Ordinances by January 1**

Interested in the new state law requirements for compost procurement ordinances? MRSC is pleased to provide a blog which summarizes and provides examples of ordinances from local agencies: [MRSC - New Law Requires Compost Procurement Ordinances by January 1](#)

To view other MRSC blogs visit: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight.aspx>

### **Questions? Contact:**

Josh Klika, Procurement & Contracting Consultant

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Phone: (206) 625-1300 ext. 143



# THE PROCUREMENT OFFICE (TPO)

SETTING THE STANDARD IN PUBLIC-SECTOR PROCUREMENT

[The Procurement Office](#) (TPO) specializes in public sector procurement, providing procurement professionals and purchasing institutions with comprehensive advisory, training and technology solutions, and legal services.

## Advisory

We offer a broad range of procurement advisory services to public purchasing entities.

## Training

Give your staff the support they need to navigate the perilous waters of public procurement.

## Technology

Accelerating your organization's tendering cycle with our automated RFX drafting system.

## Law

Whether it's a rapid response to an escalating crisis or in-depth analysis, we've got you covered.

Since TPO is a UPPCC Strategic Partner, MyUPPCC account holders receive discounts on applicable training offerings from TPO and attendees of TPO courses receive discounts on UPPCC application and recertification fees. [Click here to check out TPO's course offerings.](#)