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"To begin with the end in mind, means to start with a clear understanding of your destination. It means to know where you are going, so you better understand where you are now, and so that the steps you take are in the right direction."

— Stephen Covey

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What's one word to describe your chapter?





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Spring! The days are getting longer, and I hope you are enjoying the longer evenings and the opportunity to get out and walk, bike, garden, or whatever activity that interests you!

We just wrapped up Procurement Month – the NIGP motto this year was “Celebrate what you do today and every day because no matter the circumstance, public procurement professionals... Procure On!” I was excited to see that the National Lieutenant Governor's Association passed a resolution recognizing public procurement as an “essential function of government” stating “state and local governments everywhere are supported by a highly qualified and dedicated procurement staff who demonstrate professionalism on all levels and understand the importance of the work they perform”. It is so validating to have another organization recognize the value of your profession!

Our Excellence in Procurement Summit was held hybrid this year – our second hybrid offering since the beginning of the pandemic. In addition to our strategic planning session, Marcheta Gillespie, MG Procurement Consulting & President of NIGP Code & Consulting, joined our chapter in person to present “Effective Endings: Creating Highly Effective Scopes of Work and Creating Value and Savings for Your Organization”. I think we all walked away with something to implement or tweak at our agency. And we got a shout out from Marcheta on social media for our efforts to create a hybrid experience!

A huge thanks to those who worked hard to be able to provide the Summit virtually! Online: Victor Leamer, Sam Miller, Linda Hodgson, Anna Vogel, Erin Hamilton, Rena Jackson, Connie Wahl and Regan Givens and in-person: Kristin Bruington, Stacy Hupp, Ginny Justiniano, and Barbara Browning. These events are like planning your event twice – one for the virtual experience, one for the in-person experience. It truly takes a village!

I challenge all of you, whether you attended Summit or not, to think about your organization and where you can bring value and find savings for your organization – think about hard costs (sourcing, contract administration, contract renewal, spend analysis, contractor contribution and sourcing alternatives), soft costs (process mapping, technology assessments, talent management), cost avoidance (policy, process, talent management, risk assessment) and revenue generating opportunities (cooperative contracts, p-card, surplus sales, outsourcing services, debt collection, etc.). In November we will be asking agencies to report out on the steps they are taking to bring value and drive savings! Get started by identifying and prioritizing your steps, collecting data, identifying roles and responsibilities, communicating, training, and providing customer service!

We are continuing to update and refine our website and working on our Chapter Performance Standards Seal Application (national award for chapter operations). Be on the lookout for some upcoming surveys – social activities (Mariner's Game, chapter dinner, etc.) and one for strategic planning (another article in this newsletter!). And our 20th

Anniversary Team is continuing to plan a celebration for October of this year. As soon as we have dates set, we'll get them on the chapter website calendar!

If you are a new or emerging professional, you'll want to check out the article about VCON (virtual conference) in June...this event will be geared towards our emerging professionals. NIGP will be providing some scholarship opportunities for reduced registration. This is a great way to gain knowledge and pick up some credits towards your certification!

Enjoy the hope that spring brings, the new life, time with family/friends and I hope to see you at one of our social events this spring/summer!!

Maija Lampinen, CPPB, NIGP-CPP

Washington State Chapter President





What are you known for by your friends, family, or coworkers? My family would probably say that I love my job too much 😊 My coworkers would probably say that I struggle to say 'no' to any projects or requests for help, and I was recently voted as somebody who is most likely to be late to my own wedding 😊

ELENA MCGREW

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

Title: Statewide Enterprise Procurement Manager

Organization: WA State Department of Enterprise Services (DES)

What year did you join the WA State Chapter? Unsure, but I believe I have been a member on and off since 2016.

Why did you join procurement? When I did my Master of Business Administration, I selected the Procurement and Supply Management track because I loved the planning, the strategy and the impact of this field. What business operations can thrive without solid procurement and supply chain activities? Not many 😊

If on a committee, which committees do you currently volunteer with?

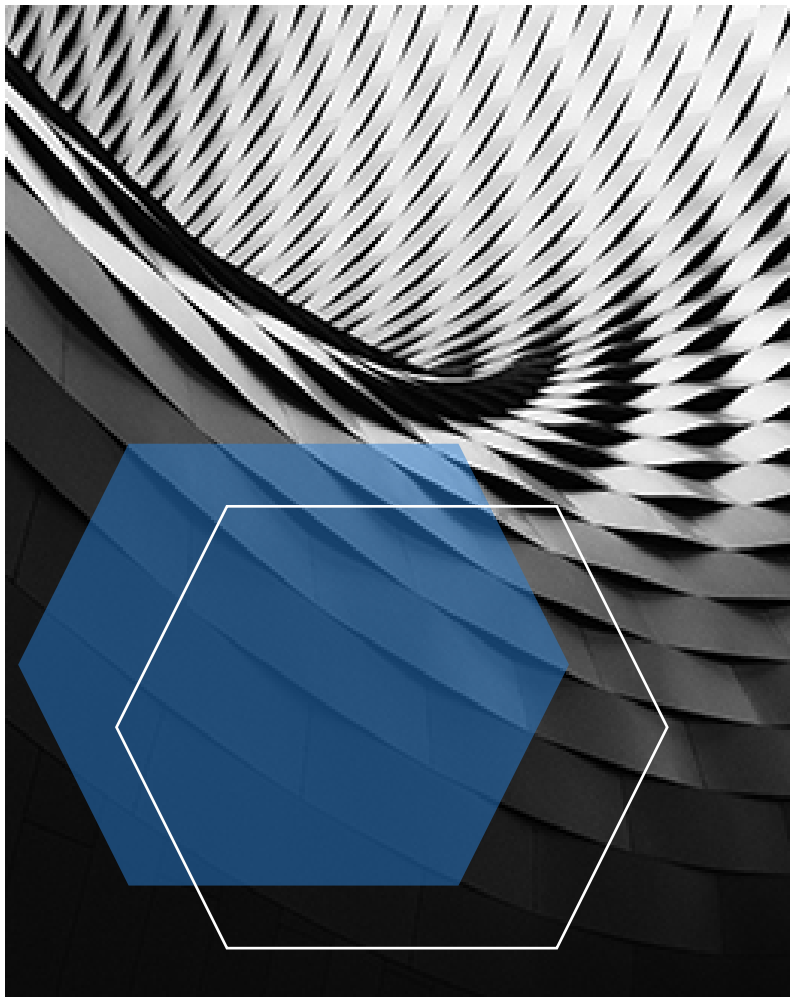
What do you enjoy most about volunteering? I'm currently not on any WA NIGP committees but often connect with other WA NIGP members to support or connect on any chapter activities where I can.

What is a highlight of your career to-date? There is not just one. There are so many. When you love what you do, every day is a highlight. Some of the most memorable projects that stand out are the ones where our team was faced with seemingly impossible challenge and no time to accomplish it, yet we created a concept, a plan, and methodically took steps to make it happen because we had the team members that had the right attitude, supported each other, and believed in our mission.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to enter public procurement? If you enjoy work that is never the same, enjoy learning a new commodity every day, enjoy strategic planning, and negotiations – this is a field for you, don't hesitate, join us 😊

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? Since it's March Madness time - I still hold a school record for University of California Davis Women's Basketball Free Throw Shooting Percentage 😊

What recent lesson learned are you implementing in your agency? During the public competitive solicitation process, most organizations hold a question and answer period for the bidders. It's meant to help address any ambiguities or issues that bidders see in the solicitation. The historical approach to these questions usually has been to be very surgical and to the point on how we respond, a lot of times just pointing back to the document. Lately we've been trying to take a more of a 'listening to understand' approach to the bidder questions and also consider what might be behind the question that could be hinting at a potential issue down the line, and where we can maybe provide additional context or intent information to help hopefully increase supplier diversity and inclusion, increase competition, and help bidders submit a successful bid.



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 – February-March 2023:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
Luther	Cynthia	Auburn School District	Purchasing Technician
Anderson	Jennifer	City of Richland	Buyer
Jackson	Stacy	City of Richland	Contracts Administrator
Kirschman	Brian	City of Richland	Buyer
Pullia	Cameron	City of Seattle	Construction Contracts Specialist Assistant
Krienke	Richelle	City of Tacoma	Budget, Contract, Admin Srv Manager
Alexander	Austin	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Assistant
Johnson	Samantha	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 3
Paterson	Kathy	Department of Enterprise Services	Contracts Specialist 1
Gustafson	Kim	Department of Social and Health Services	Procurement and Supply Specialist 3
Champaco-Diggs	Colleen	King County	Contract Specialist II
Haegele	Jennifer	King County	Project/Program Manager III
Jordan	Melissa	King County	Contract Specialist III
McClurkin	Mark	King County	Contract Specialist II
Ames	Kimberly	Liquor and Cannabis Board	Contracts, Procurement & Risk Manager
McGill	William	Liquor and Cannabis Board	Contracts Specialist
Smallwood	Kimberly	Liquor and Cannabis Board	Contracts Specialist
Hastings	Sarah	Port of Skagit County	Grants/Contracts Administrator
Bishop	Patrick	Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County	Supply Chain Supervisor
Morgan	Jesse	Snohomish County	Buyer I
Folsom	Debra	Tacoma School District	Buyer
Rodger	Andrea	Western Washington University	Chief Procurement Officer
Laratta	Miranda	Whatcom Transportation Authority	Procurement and Contracts Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCES

- **NIGP Virtual Conference (VCON)** – <https://www.nigp.org/events/virtual-conferences>
June 7 – 8, 2023
12:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST

CLASSES & WEBINARS

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

- **WA-NIGP:** www.wanipg.org
 - May 3, 2023 – Lunch & Learn: IT Contract Red Flags – [Register](#)
 - May 10, 2023 – Emerging Professionals Program Event #1 – [Register](#)
 - June 7, 2023 – Lunch & Learn: Environmental Preferred Purchasing – [Register](#)
- **NIGP:** <https://www.nigp.org/learning/all-courses>
 - April 17-19, 2023 – Specialization Certificate: Technology Procurement (Virtual) – [Register](#)
 - RFP Learning Lab Series – \$159 Members per Lab; \$259 Non-Members per Lab:
 - April 13, 2023 – Lab 2 – Engaging with Suppliers and the Importance of Flexibility & Organization – [Register](#)
 - April 20, 2023 – Lab 3 – Responsiveness, Compliance and Responsibility and Evaluation Criteria – [Register](#)
 - April 27, 2023 – Lab 4 – Treasure Map for Suppliers and the Scope of Work – [Register](#)
 - May 4, 2023 – Lab 5 – Evaluation Committee and Process – [Register](#)
 - May 11, 2023 – Lab 6 – Post Evaluation Steps and RFP Misfits – [Register](#)
- **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>
- **American Public Works Association (APWA):**
https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Education_and_Events/Calendar.aspx



2023 NCPP ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNERS

During the month of March (National Procurement Month) the National Cooperative Procurement Partners (NCPP) hosts the Above & Beyond Awards to recognize those public procurement professionals who not only perform their role well, but often go "above & beyond" in their efforts to support their organization and served communities. NCPP awarded to fifteen procurement professionals (3 per week) throughout March. Two WA-NIGP members were awarded the Above & Beyond award!

Examples of ABOVE & BEYOND recognition:

- Special success story in addressing the COVID-19 and social distancing challenges
- Taking on additional tasks and leadership responsibilities for a special project
- Volunteering in events or activities to serve their community
- Serving in the military or guard to help with emergencies
- Solving a difficult problem with an out-of-the-box solution
- Serving in unpaid role for a procurement association
- Sharing knowledge and volunteering for industry training sessions and conferences
- Leadership and mentoring to create a welcoming team environment that allows individuals to grow and succeed



NCPD Announcement:

Erin is the Procurement Manager for Washington Health Benefit Exchange (WAHBE), joining in February 2016, as the only Contracts and Procurement professional within the organization. During the first two years, WAHBE was considered a start-up organization and Erin had to establish all the protocols and procedures to set up a procurement organization. These activities included:

- Completed multiple procurements, contracts, amendments, and work orders;
- Developed and implemented contract and acquisition policies and procedures;
- Developed and implemented necessary changes to financial and contracting policies required by state or federal changes;
- Created and/or updated standard boilerplates;
- Created a contract acquisition timeline;
- Audited WAHBE's executed contracts to ensure they were current, and terms and conditions were in accordance with applicable law; and audited WAHBE's system of record to ensure it was current.

In 2022, Erin led WAHBE's Contracts and Procurement department to qualify and apply for the Quality Public Procurement Departments (QPPD) accreditation. In addition to Erin's Procurement Manager duties, she also volunteers for: WAHBE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Member; Member of the Shoreline Community College Advisory Board for the Purchasing and Supply Chain Management program; and Washington State Chapter of NIGP Board Members and Membership Engagement Committee Chair; and the following Committees: 20th Chapter Anniversary Planning, Community Involvement, Emerging Professionals, and Special Events.



NCPP Announcement:

Theresa began at the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in 2007. As a professional purchasing supervisor with almost 15 years of experience in the procurement field working her way up the ranks at the WSP, Theresa continues to be a humble, dedicated, reliable, and a persistent asset to the WSP. She has taken on additional duties and her responsibilities are more inline as an Assistant Manager of the Supply Section. Despite a recent software upgrade of the purchasing system (which has not been a smooth transition), high-volume, complexity of assignments, and backlog that her unit is experiencing, Theresa consistently finds ways to help her staff, co-workers and other sections of the WSP. Her willingness to improve processes, work unit team development, create team back-ups, and her commitment to educating WSP employees is unequalled. She researches to find solutions and address issues and challenges encountered.

In our current environment we often hear how about supply chain issues and the customer's needs are Rush, Really Rush, and Really, Really Rush. A current project that has had its share of challenges is the Vehicle Wrap RFP for the Commercial Vehicle Bureau (CVEB). Theresa works in Supply and they normally order commodities, however she was tasked with conducting an RFP for a service (Services are completed by another Division at the WSP), to wrap CVEB vehicles. This was an important RFP to the Chief of the WSP and the Captains of CVEB. She saw this through until the service contract was fully executed.

Congratulations!

FORUM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

FORUM 2023!

NIGP Forum is where the public procurement community comes together to prepare for what's next!

Lunch and Learn Forum Registration Scholarship Raffle Winner:

Sheila Sigmond
Buyer
City of Kirkland

In-Person Forum Scholarship Winners:

Registration, Hotel, and Airline:
Amel Alsalman
Procurement Contracts Manager
Department of Social and Health Services

Registration:
Jessica Buckingham
Assistant Buyer
Tacoma Public Schools

Virtual Forum Registration Drawing Winner (from Excellence in Procurement Summit):

Paul Price
Contract Specialist II
King County Metro Transit/Rail Division



STRATEGIC PLANNING

GROWING OUR FUTURE!

It is Strategic Planning time again! Our current strategic plan is effective through the end of this year, so we are kicking off our strategic plan update with a SOAR analysis. So much has changed since we put our first strategic plan in place in 2014 – each subsequent strategic plan has made us a better chapter and it is time for us to plan for 2024-2029.

We are living in a different world than when our current strategic plan was implemented in 2019. That plan has guided us well and now, as we emerge from a worldwide pandemic, we have opportunities that were not available before, we have a workforce that looks different, and we have challenges we have not faced before.

At the Procurement Summit, those in attendance spent time discussing our Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results. We will be sending out a survey to capture the ideas we did not have time to identify as well as collect feedback from those not in attendance.

We want to look at five areas – the first four of these areas are identified by NIGP as ways to measure successful chapters, and the last one is to allow us to think outside the box and grow our future! This is your opportunity to help guide the chapter as we navigate the next five years!

The areas we are considering are:

- **Membership** – communications, resources, value-received, networking, honors and awards, engagement, retention strategies, etc.

- **Professional Development** – study groups, courses, education offerings for all levels of profession and suppliers, developing instructors, relevant content, etc.
- **Advocacy & Outreach** – collaboration with other non-procurement entities or universities, tradeshow and career fairs, publications to promote the profession, legislative, etc.
- **Chapter Operations** - budget/revenue, volunteer opportunities, leadership opportunities, structure, etc.
- **Grow the Future!** what other constructive feedback and ideas do you have for the chapter to help us grow, change and, remain relevant! We want to reinforce what we are doing right and grow in areas we can improve upon!

Thinking about those areas, please take some time to identify:

- **Strengths** – what can we build on? What do we do well? What are we most proud of as an organization? How do we use our strengths to get results? What resources or assets can we draw on? Other?
- **Opportunities** – What are members asking for? What are non-members (aka our bosses, communities) asking for? What are some opportunities we should focus on? What are possible new programs, offerings, services, or processes? How can we reframe challenges as exciting opportunities? What skills do we need to move forward? Who are possible new member agencies/partners?
- **Aspirations** - What do we care deeply about? When we look at our values and aspirations, what are we deeply passionate about? Who are we? Who should we become? Where should we go?

And then, considering the Strengths, Opportunities and Aspirations you identified:

- **Results** – How do we know we are succeeding? What meaningful measures would indicate that we are on track to achieving our goals? What resources are needed to implement vital projects?

For example – we have several agencies who are working towards achieving their QPPD certification – if you are one of those agencies, or interested in what QPPD is, would a support group/collaboration group be of interest? (opportunity/aspiration) – then what would the results/resources be? E.g., results – more agencies achieving QPPD because they had the support of other agencies to navigate the process and implement the best practices. Resources – agencies interested in facilitating the discussion and engaging.

We will attach our current strategic plan to the end of the newsletter to use as reference of what our current plan looks like. That document also lists our mission, vision, and values – areas to keep in mind as we work through this.

Once we collect the feedback, the board will review and develop the next steps in the process. Keep your eyes peeled for the survey to provide your feedback! We appreciate your engagement as we grow the future!

Discover Your Potential

The ultimate learning opportunity for new procurement professionals, or those who need a little refresher.

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DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL!

June 7 – 8, 2023
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Just getting started in public procurement? Or perhaps you've been in the profession for a while, but you need a refresher on the fundamentals. No matter where you are, NIGP VCON has something to offer you.

Join us and access expertly curated content taught by industry leading practitioners who will share the foundations to kick-start your career. You will get the essential knowledge, tools, and resources to discover your potential in public procurement.

- ✓ Attendees will have a total of eight educational sessions to choose from in total throughout the conference.
- ✓ Each day begins with a brief welcome, followed by two concurrent sessions in the early slot, and two concurrent sessions in the later slot, and then a brief wrap-up.
- ✓ Attendees can select a total of four live sessions, (2 per day). However, your registration includes on-demand access to all the sessions post-conference.

REGISTRATION

Member Appreciation Special – Save 50% (Use coupon code Sourcewell50)
Savings available to the first 250 members who register!

Regular Member Price:
\$149

Non-Member Price:
\$249

To learn more, visit: <https://www.nigp.org/events/virtual-conferences>



MEMBER COUNCIL ELECTIONS

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

It's time for active members of NIGP to exercise their right to elect candidates to the NIGP Member Council. Over 16,000 members are eligible to cast electronic ballots for this election. ***Eligible members received an email on Monday, April 3 informing them of the upcoming election.***

Active Members can cast their votes for up to 2 candidates they feel are best suited to represent the membership. After careful deliberation, the Talent Council is privileged to offer the following [SLATE OF CANDIDATES](#) for the NIGP Member Council seats effective July 1, 2023.

A special thank you to Kristin Hutto who is completing her service on the Member Council at the end of June. The Institute is grateful for her dedication, commitment, and unselfish service to the Member Council.

All eligible members will receive an email on April 17 with instructions to access the voting platform.



CPPB & CPPO PRACTICE TESTS

NOW AVAILABLE!

Now that the application deadline has passed, UPPCC is happy to announce the launch of new practice tests for both the CPPB & CPPO exams. This is another new resource UPPCC is rolling out during Procurement Month to help candidates prepare for the May 2023 exams!

What you need to know:

- Each practice test is 60 questions. There are questions for all six domains based on the % allocation for each exam.
- All questions on both practice tests were developed by the current UPPCC Board of Examiners based on the current [Bodies of Knowledge & Competency \(BoK-C\)](#) for the [CPPB](#) & [CPPO](#). They follow the style and format of the real exam questions to give you a better understanding of how questions are written.
- All questions align to specific competencies in the applicable BoK-C. These competencies are referenced with each question.
- Each domain is timed to simulate the actual exam.
- You get up to two attempts per Domain to get a "Proficient" score.

To celebrate Procurement Month, UPPCC is offering each practice test for an introductory rate of \$49. This rate is available through April 30, 2023.

Get Started Today!

1. [Sign up for an Account](#)
2. Register for the [CPPB Practice Test](#) or the [CPPO Practice Test](#).

Contact UPPCC at certification@uppcc.org if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY TRANSIT RECEIVES QPPD ACCREDITATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

Community Transit received its fourth Quality Public Procurement Departments (QPPD, formerly OA4) accreditation in February 2023. They first received this accreditation in 2014. The award recognizes public procurement departments that strive for excellence in procurement operations. Procurement Departments meeting the minimum requirements are QPPD-accredited for three years.

To learn more about the QPPD process or to view the list of current QPPD Accredited Procurement Departments, go to <https://www.nigp.org/accreditation#qppd>.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Michael E. Purdy was a dedicated City of Seattle employee from 1979-2000 and administered the City's construction and consultant contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mike shaped public procurement at the City while serving as Assistant Executive Director of the Board of Public Works, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Public Works, Assistant Contracting Manager of the Department of Administrative Services and Contracting Manager of the Executive Services Department; and

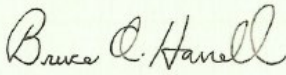
WHEREAS, Mike's accomplishments at the City include overseeing the utilization of women- and minority-owned businesses, monitoring prevailing wages, managing centralized construction and consultant contract administration, and developing a program for the use of apprentices on public works construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing is naming a scholarship in honor of Mike Purdy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle deeply acknowledges and commends Mike's devotion, contributions and achievements to not only public procurement but to our greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 5, 2023 TO BE

MICHAEL E. PURDY DAY



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle



To apply for the scholarship, log into www.WANIGP.org, Member Benefits, Scholarships, and submit application by April 24th.

Note: You must be a member of both WA-NIGP & NIGP to be eligible for the scholarship.

You can learn more about Mike at <https://www.mpurdy.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROMOTION!

We have a new scholarship named in honor of Mike Purdy!

Mike has impacted so many WA-NIGP members through his passion for teaching, coaching, and analyzing legislation and their impacts/implementation. In addition to his agency work, Mike taught several classes, either through [MRSC/APWA](#), WA-NIGP or direct with various agencies, developed a public contracting consulting business, a public contracting blog (still used by many to this day) and recently worked with [MRSC](#) to update their public works contracting resources.

This year our Chapter is celebrating our 20th anniversary and our theme is Honoring our Past, Growing our Future. It seems very fitting that one way we can do this is to honor someone who was a long-term WA-NIGP member, has nurtured and educated so many of us, and whose vision is to invest in procurement professionals. Therefore, we would like to announce the Mike Purdy Scholarship – a scholarship that will be awarded annually to professionals seeking to expand their skills and advance their careers.

The 2023 Mike Purdy Scholarship is for one of the following [NIGP Construction classes](#):

- [Specialization Certificate: Construction Procurement](#) (up to \$655 in value).
- [Specialization Certificate: Job Order Contracting](#) (up to a \$325 in value).

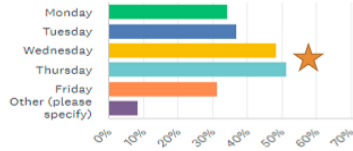
Stacy Hupp, CPPB

Scholarship Committee Chair
scholarship@wanigp.org

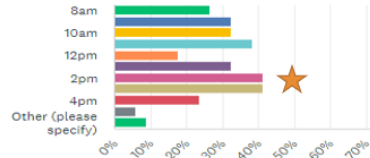
WA-NIGP Emerging Professionals

Sessions Launching Soon!
We heard from you...

What day(s) typically work best for you
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



What time(s) typically work best for you
Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



EMERGING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

SAVE THE DATE!

The Emerging Professional Committee heard from you and our first session is scheduled for **May 10 at 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom**. Our event is scheduled for 2nd Wednesday of every month. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

We welcome both Emerging and Seasoned Professionals. We need to hear from all levels of public procurement professionals. Bring your questions or share your expertise and experience to this group.

Our theme for the month of May is:

“Explore the Possibilities – Procurement Related Questions/Process that’s Relevant to you Today!”

To sign up for the program:

- ✓ Login to www.wanigp.org, select the “About” drop-down menu, “Committees”, “Emerging Professionals Program”, and select the “Sign Me Up” button.

To sign up for the events:

- ✓ Visit the Upcoming Events calendar at www.wanigp.org.
- ✓ Watch for event emails.

*Cheral Manke, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPPB
& Ginny Justiniano, CPPB*

Emerging Professionals Program Co-Chairs
emerging@wanigp.org



PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

SOCIAL MEDIA!

The PR and Marketing team is hard at work!

We've got the Chapter [LinkedIn](#) page up and running, so if you have a chance, follow us. Other work includes refining other social media platforms like [Facebook](#) and some potential for a YouTube/Vimeo channel, so stay tuned!

*Magan Waltari, CPPB, CPSM, NIGP-
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Public Relations and Marketing Committee Chair

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BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME FOR AN UPDATE!

It's time to review our bylaws to ensure they accurately describe the current policies, practices, and purpose of WA-NIGP. The world and the way we operate has changed since the last update in 2015 and it's time to revisit our chapter's basic policies and structure. The current bylaws cover membership, officers, nominations, dues, meetings, financial policies, and committees. You can find current bylaws on our website under Procurement Resources, Document Library, Chapter Documents.

Are you interested in working with a team to suggest improvements and updates to the Board and membership? This is your chance to influence changes and ensure we continue to run smoothly, efficiently, and effectively! You'll be in good hands with our co-chairs, Stacy Hupp and Cathy Robinson! To join this great team, log into the WA-NIGP website, select About, Committees, select the ByLaw Review Committee and click **Sign Me Up!** Once the updates have been approved by the membership, your work will be done! Please reach out to us with your questions!

*Stacy Hupp, CPPB &
Cathy Robinson, CPPO, CPPB*
Bylaw Review Committee Co-Chairs
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PROCUREMENT PARTNER CORNER

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER OF WASHINGTON (MRSC)

Do you have a public works project you're proud of and want to share it with your peers? Well, now's your chance!

MRSC's [Sample Document Library](#) has examples of local government resolutions, ordinances, policies, and more! The library is an invaluable resource for local governments seeking proven best practices from peer agencies. Right now, we are looking for outstanding examples of public works contracts projects that have been bid and awarded by local governments in Washington State in the last three years.

Some of the examples we are looking for are:

- Small works bid documents & contracts
- Unit price contracts
- Traditional Design Bid Build
- Alternative delivery

If you have a public works policy, procedure, or project you would be willing to share with your peers, please send your example to Josh Klika at jklika@mrsc.org. You can also contact Josh if you have any questions before submitting.

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