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**“Organizational Procurement is a tight balancing act between “cost and quality” on one side and “time and compliance” on the other side, yet a seasoned procurement specialist keeps it evenly balanced.”**

**– Victor Manan Nyambala**



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# ABOUT THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF NIGP

In 2003, Washington State formed its own affiliate chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and now has a membership representing public agencies from across the state including cities, counties, state agencies, higher educational institutions, public school districts, transit authorities, ports, and other special districts.

WA-NIGP is dedicated to advancing the professional goals of its members and other individuals who may be seeking a career in public procurement, thereby increasing their competency, enhancing their career opportunities, and improving the quality of their professional life.

We provide our members with education and training, professional networking, and preparation for certification through NIGP which is nationally and internationally recognized. Many classes are offered at a discounted rate for chapter members.

Even though you or your agency may already be a member of the national organization, chapter membership is separate from national membership. NIGP's network of affiliate chapters provides a gathering place for education, networking and problem solving at the local and regional levels.

Learn more about the Washington State Chapter of NIGP [here](#)!



# Explore WA-NIGP

Since 2003, WA-NIGP works with NIGP – the Institute for Public Procurement, to support, develop and promote public procurement, contracting, and supply chain professionals in Washington State.



Member benefits include:

## ● Annual Training and Networking Opportunities

Virtual and in-person options typically available

- Business & Awards Meeting: Kick off the year with training, networking with colleagues and recognizing our Chapter's Procurement Professional and Procurement Manager of the Year.
- Excellence in Procurement Summit: Held each March in conjunction with Procurement Professionals' Day.
- Fall Conference: Focus on networking and training. Often includes presentations from guest speakers and industry experts. \*S
- Philanthropically and Charity Events: At least one per year, as organized by our Community Involvement Committee.
- Social Gathering: Members are invited to at least one event per year, typically held during summer. \*S

## ● Ongoing Education and Scholarship Options

- Monthly Lunch and Learns.: These are no-cost, 45-minute educational sessions held during the lunch hour.
- Emerging Professionals program: This no-cost program is designed to help mentor and develop our newest procurement professionals.
- Sponsored Courses: We partner with NIGP and other chapters to provide additional, low-cost educational opportunities throughout the year. \*S
- No budget? No problem!: We offer financial assistance to help members further develop their knowledge & skills.

## ● Additional Resources and Connections

- Chapter Newsletter : Full of great information and updated every few months!
- Member Directory: Includes contact information for all current members.
- Google Group: Our current forum to ask questions, request copies of solicitations, share expertise and challenges, and get incredible advice from other procurement professionals.
- Committees & Workgroups: No experience or large time investment is required.
- More !

\*S - Additional charges may apply

Visit us at [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org) for more information and to join!







# 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

Can you believe it is August already? I hope you are taking time this summer to invest in yourself – enjoying the wonders our beautiful state has to offer, spending time with family and friends, and pursuing something that brings you joy – whatever that might be!

As summer reaches its peak, the world around us is abuzz with activity, and I'm excited to share some of the activities your fellow members have in the works! From NIGP Forum to our Fall Conference & 20th Anniversary Dinner, let's dive into the highlights that next few months have in store for us.

**NIGP Forum** – NIGP Forum is just around the corner, and it looks to be a great lineup of educational offerings, knowledge-sharing, trade show, networking, and inspiration! If you haven't registered yet, there is still time to sign up ([www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org)) for the virtual offering for just \$349 (that's just \$19/contact hour). Don't miss out on this opportunity to invest in your personal and professional life – it is a great platform to learn, connect and grow!

- There are two webinars to prepare for Forum – August 14th is the In Person Webinar and August 16th is the Virtual Forum – check the NIGP website under Events>Webinars.
- WA-NIGP is also holding a Pre-Forum Prep/Meetup session on August 16th at noon. See our calendar for more info.
- Download the Forum App (works for both virtual and In Person from your app store {NIGP 2023})
- And don't forget to donate to Dare to Care – the online charity for Forum 2023 to ensure the Washington Chapter stays as one of the team leaders of the Chapter Challenge (more details later in the newsletter and on the WA-NIGP website). As of August 1st, we were in 4th place!

**WA-NIGP Night at the Ballpark** – Join us Sept 16th as we cheer on our Seattle Mariners! Registration deadline is August 10th so get your tickets now! Bring your family and friends and get the opportunity to mingle with your fellow procurement professionals and their families for a great night of baseball and Mariners dogs (chicken fried rice from Din Tai Fung for me!). Register on our website under events and reach out to Christopher Martinez if you have questions ([chmartinez@kincounty.gov](mailto:chmartinez@kincounty.gov)). I hope to see you there!

**20th Anniversary/Fall Conference** – Save the date! We are excited to bring you a combined 20th Anniversary Celebration and Fall Conference on November 2, 2023 at the Museum of Flight! We are thrilled to have Rick Grimm, NIGP Executive Director present “Developing Talent in a Post Covid World” and the Center for Procurement Excellence present “Practical Leadership Skills for Procurement Professionals”. We will finish the day with dinner commemorating 20 years of success, growth, and achievements! Join us as we reflect on the past two decades of hard work and dedication and look forward to the bright future ahead. This milestone celebration would not be complete without you so we sincerely hope you can join us on this special occasion! Buy your WA-



NIGP shirt or jacket (see article further in this newsletter) to wear at the conference (and beyond).

**Strategic Planning** – “If you do not know where you are going, every road will lead you nowhere” - Henry Kissinger. Thank you for participating in our strategic planning process! We have summarized the feedback and have included it further in this newsletter. The board is currently reviewing the feedback as well as the NIGP Chapter Seal Application and our current strategic plan to identify updates needed to the plan (goals, action items, and key performance indicators). We hope to have a draft plan for your review this fall so it can be adopted by the membership by or before the 2024 Annual Meeting.

**Elections** – We need you!! This Fall, our elections committee will be sending out requests for nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. I encourage you to review the job descriptions in our Document Library at [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org). You can find the Document Library once you’ve logged in under Procurement Resources. And remember, our board meetings are open to all members – just get the zoom link from Sam Miller ([secretary@wanigp.org](mailto:secretary@wanigp.org)). This is a great way to see which role may be a good fit for you!

In a few weeks we will bid farewell to summer and welcome the changing seasons; embrace the routine fall brings. Schedule time to connect with someone you haven’t seen in a while, learn a new skill, read a book, register for the fall conference, and keep growing!

Enjoy your day!

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

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# TRISHA ROTH

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

**Title:** Contract Specialist III-Lead

**Organization:** King County

**What year did you join the WA State Chapter?** 2013.

**Why did you join procurement?** Forced to consider a career change during an economic slowdown in the early 2000s, I wanted to have an “economy and technology” proof career. Contracts/procurements are needed in the public and private sectors, so it seemed to be a good choice.

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

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering?** Volunteered for the newsletter committee for a short period. Unfortunately, time is at a premium these days, and have not volunteered at NIGP for a couple years.

**What is a highlight of your career to-date?** Recently led a two-year effort to create policy, a procurement guide, boilerplate and procurement processes for Alternative Public Works for King County. This has been a massive effort which included collaboration from our client agencies, previous APW practitioners, Owner Advisors, and the Legal team. It was exciting, challenging, frustrating, and rewarding all at the same time.

**What advice would you give to someone who wants to enter public procurement?** Be open to different ways to approach contracting while still maintaining an eye on the big picture “begin with the end in mind”, and of course laws and regulations.

**What recent lesson learned are you implementing in your agency?** There are many ways to approach Alternative Public Works, be open to variable ideas and also share ideas with peer agencies.

**What are you known for by your friends, family, or coworkers?** Being courageous enough to speak up, ask “why” and challenge ideas.

**What’s something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?** I am certified as a Master Scuba Diver Trainer and a 200-hour Registered Yoga teacher. Taught scuba for 13 years in California and worked as a “galley girl” on a dive boat to save money for my first condo.



# JENNIFER HAEGELE

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

**Title:** Supplier Program Manager III

**Organization:** King County Procurement & Payables

**What year did you join the WA State Chapter?** 2023.

**Why did you join procurement?** Transferred into a Special Duty Assignment.

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

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering?** N/A.

**What is a highlight of your career to-date?** Being able to highlight pain points of suppliers during standard work sub-group in standardization of the processes within Procurement & Payables section at King County.

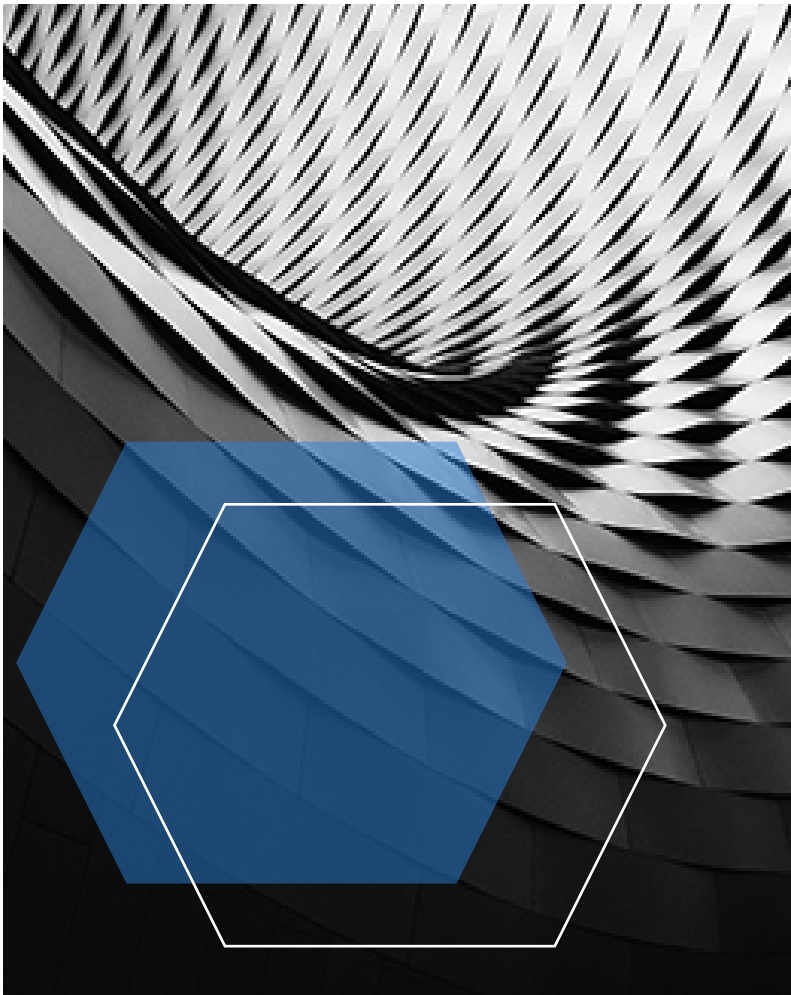
**What advice would you give to someone who wants to enter public procurement?** Definitely worth it, I knew nothing about public procurement 2 years ago and it is a very rewarding career.

**What recent lesson learned are you implementing in your agency?** With the standardization of processes how bringing three independent groups to align so consistency helps all stakeholders be on the same page.

**What are you known for by your friends, family, or coworkers?** Best crafter as I like being creative and this also overflows into my work as I like to solve things.

**What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?** I collect almost anything flip flop related. When someone comes to my house the first time it may look like a rustic country décor in the living room, kitchen, etc. but when they go to use the main restroom it is covered with flip flop or beach items.





# 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 – June-July 2023:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
White	Kristine	City of Yakima	Purchasing Manager
Mann	Lisa	Ben Franklin Transit	Procurement Specialist II
Diaz	Gladys	Ben Franklin Transit	Procurement Specialist II
Orvis	Rob	Ben Franklin Transit	Procurement Specialist II
Sealy	Johnabeth	Ben Franklin Transit	Procurement Specialist II
Kiura	Faith	Washington Health Benefit Exchange	Procurement and Contracts Specialist
Shayder	Laura	Washington Health Benefit Exchange	Senior Contracts Specialist
Hashimi	Samim	City of Bellevue	Buyer
Miller	Jessica	City of Bellevue	Contract Administrator
Tran	Priscilla	City of Bellevue	Buyer

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# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## CONFERENCES

- **SAVE THE DATE!**  
**WA-NIGP Fall Conference/20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (In-Person, All Day Event)**  
Date: November 2, 2023  
Location: The Museum of Flight  
9404 East Marginal Way S.  
Seattle, WA 98108

## CLASSES & WEBINARS

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

- WA-NIGP: [www.wanipg.org](http://www.wanipg.org)
  - August 9, 2023 – Emerging Professionals Roundtable – [Register](#)
  - September 6, 2023 – Lunch & Learn: Disaster Recovery – [Register](#)
  - September 13, 2023 – Emerging Professionals Roundtable – [Register](#)
  - October 4, 2023 – Lunch & Learn: Then to Now: The Transformation of Procurement – [Register](#)
  - October 11, 2023 – Emerging Professionals Roundtable – [Register](#)
- 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>
  - August 16, 2023 – Specialization Certificate: Cloud Procurement – [Register](#)
- Institute for Supply management: <https://www.ismwww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>
- American Public Works Association ([APWA](#))
  - October 3-5, 2023 – Fall Conference – [Register](#)
- Washington Finance Officers Association ([WFOA](#))
  - September 19-21, 2023 – 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (in-person) – [Register](#)





Official Chapter **NIGP** The Institute for  
Public Procurement

# 20th anniversary

## Save the Date

## November 2, 2023

Join NIGP CEO Rick Grimm &  
The Center for Procurement Excellence  
at this fun & educational celebration!  
Training day provided, with dinner to follow



We have partnered with local  
certified Woman-Owned Business  
ASAP to create an online store for  
members to purchase WA Chapter  
logo wear! The store is only open  
until *August 15th* to create items  
in time for this event. Order NOW!

<https://www.asappromotions.com/stores/WA-NIGP>



*The Museum of Flight*  
**9404 East Marginal Way S.  
Seattle, WA 98108**



Hours, cost & registration link coming soon...

[www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org)



# WA-NIGP CHAPTER LOGO ATTIRE

NEW – ONLINE SHOP AVAILABLE NOW!

New WA-NIGP Chapter logo wear online shop available now!

<https://www.asap-promotions.com/stores/WA-NIGP>

Ever wish you had a cool WA- NIGP Chapter shirt or jacket to wear to events, meetings, or to show our WA spirit together at the national NIGP Forum? In honor of our Chapter's 20th anniversary, we have partnered with local, certified Woman-Owned Business ASAP to create an online store for members to purchase WA Chapter logo wear!

To order, please go to: <https://www.asap-promotions.com/stores/WA-NIGP> - click on a category field in the left-hand column and choose your style, color and size. Available in 3 Chapter colors: black, navy & ranges of peacock.

The store is only open until **August 15th**, to give ASAP time to collect everyone's orders, produce the items, and ship directly to members in time for our 20th anniversary event happening November 2nd. There is also a 10-order minimum per item, so we need everyone to order!

Please go to the shop above and make your purchase today! We look forward to seeing everyone sporting their WA Chapter logo wear together, will make for a great group picture.

**Again, all orders MUST be received no later than August 15, 2023!**

If you have any questions, please contact [Cheral Manke](#).

We appreciate you being a member of the WA NIGP Chapter!

## ASAP/Ad Specialties and Promotions



19655 1st Avenue S, Suite 209, Normandy Park, WA 98148

t. [206-878-8880](tel:206-878-8880) [asap@asap-promotions.com](mailto:asap@asap-promotions.com)



# Meeting

## BOARD MEETINGS

OPEN FOR ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND!

*Are you passionate about your career and would like to help the Chapter grow and thrive?* Consider joining or chairing a committee, or perhaps running for Office **(FYI, call for elections will be in November)**. To have a better understanding of the volunteer efforts going on behind the scenes, all active WA-NIGP members are welcome to attend the Board of Director's monthly meetings. These meetings typically take place every third Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and are virtual.

If you are interested, please contact Sam Miller at [secretary@wanigp.org](mailto:secretary@wanigp.org).

Can't join a Board of Director's monthly meeting, but want to keep up with the activities? View the meeting minutes [here](#) (Chapter Documents > Meeting Minutes)!

**“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.”**

**-ELIZABETH ANDREW**



# NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!

As hard-working professionals, we are entitled to some good ole fashion rest and relaxation from time to time. WA-NIGP wants to help facilitate that relaxation time and have you join us **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, at T-Mobile Park in Seattle, to watch the Mariners take on the Los Angeles Dodgers at 6:40pm. Bring your family and friends and get the opportunity to mingle with your fellow procurement professionals and their families for a great night of baseball and Mariners dogs. Tickets are being reserved for the main level and cost approximately \$60/ea. Tickets will be available through **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**, and can be purchased [here](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Christopher Martinez at [chmartinez@kingcounty.gov](mailto:chmartinez@kingcounty.gov) and he will be happy to assist you.







# WA-NIGP STRATEGIC PLANNING

## SOAR ANALYSIS SUMMARY!

Date: June 2023

Source: Feedback from the March 2023 Summit and a survey sent to all members in May 2023.

## Membership Feedback

### STRENGTHS

New Website (more info)	Volunteers!	Emerging Professionals
Networking Opportunities	Good budget/revenue	Lunch and Learn
Virtual and Hybrid Events	Free training	Relevant training
Knowledgeable & passionate members	Google Group: Answers & Samples	Communications (emails & newsletter)
Flexible and Adaptable	Community Involvement	
Partnering with other entities	Number of offerings	

### OPPORTUNITIES

Develop Study Groups	Attend high school & college career fairs	Engage members (volunteer and attendance)
Offer Mentoring Opportunities	Develop an onboarding process for new members	Outreach: executive branches of government – promote profession
Develop a chapter operation manual	Offer training specific to agency types, construction, best practices	Develop a list of volunteer opportunities
Create awareness with agency contracting and procurement staff (and those who supervise)	Partner with MRSC for RVT and Supplier Outreach/Training	Create networking group by agency type or area of interest

Create promotional and outreach collateral	Develop supplier training	Continue to improve the hybrid model
Get management support for volunteers	Recognize volunteers	Provide more support on legislative items and advocacy
Identify subject matter experts	Promote internship path to public entities	Partner with colleges to teach procurement classes
Partner with other entities like WFOA, UW, MRSC, APWA, Public Owners Group	Continue to improve chapter communications	Succession planning for all volunteer positions
Hold centrally located mtgs.	Develop a list of requested trainings	Include national and local cooperatives on website
Facilitate networking, joint mtgs with other agencies and site tours	Create a justification for membership document	Research what agencies have professional certification requirements
Celebrate wins publicly and close in time to when they occur		

## ASPIRATIONS

Demonstrate value (education and support)	Share stories of major accomplishments, hurdles we've faced and how we achieved our goals	Collaboration with other non-procurement entities
Supportive community that builds each other's skills and knowledge base	Forging strong connections that we can use to better our entity and profession	Deeply care about the local procurement community
WANIGP becomes a leader among NIGP chapters	Create a healthy pool of volunteers	Self service module for training
Develop a Washington State training path to support WA professionals	Continue to evolve with the fast-changing market	Mentor and grow the next generation

## RESULTS

Chapter attends trade shows	Number of certified members	Increased attendance at events
Marketing materials developed	How do we track success, so it is meaningful?	Track attendance at events
Retaining membership	Increased number of candidates running for office	Growing membership

## What are the themes repeated throughout the SOAR analysis?

- Increased membership engagement (volunteers, attendance at events, etc)
- Develop marketing materials (membership recruitment, procurement profession, value of WANIGP for executive branch/agency leaders, etc.)
- Develop study groups and mentoring opportunities
- Improve hybrid options for training/events
- Recognize and utilize local subject matter experts (resources and training)
- Improve legislative awareness and advocacy



# NIGP FORUM CHAPTER CHALLENGE

[DARE TO CARE FOOD DRIVE!](#)

**Calling All Chapters to Participate in the NIGP Forum Chapter Challenge!**

**A Virtual Food Drive for [DARE TO CARE](#)**

We encourage you to participate in this virtual food drive by visiting the [NIGP FORUM CHAPTER CHALLENGE](#) page to donate. The top 3 Chapters receive bragging rights along with prizes benefiting their chapters.

**Drum roll please...the chapters in the lead as of August 3<sup>rd</sup> include:**

- Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP
- Washington State Chapter of NIGP

*What are you waiting for? Now accepting donations online through August 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## **ABOUT DARE TO CARE**

Our Mission: To lead our community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need.

On Thanksgiving Eve in 1969, nine-year-old Bobby Ellis died of malnutrition in his Louisville home. Our stunned Kentuckiana community took action and created Dare to Care Food Bank, to ensure that no one in our community lacks enough food to live an active, healthy life.

Dare to Care partners with local social service agencies, such as food pantries, shelters and emergency kitchens to distribute food to our community. In the past year, Dare to Care and our partners provided 19.6 million meals to our community.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



# Where more happens...

## Value of NIGP Forum Why Attend in 2023

Influence your manager and organizational leadership to

## SUPPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT NIGP FORUM 2023

We know it can be challenging to get funding from your organization to attend NIGP Forum. We developed these talking points to make the conversation a little easier with the person who holds the purse strings. Whether you're trying to influence your HR manager, your direct manager, or your department head, we hope this sheet helps you best position the value you will get out of attending.

### General Tips



**1. NIGP Forum is the largest conference exclusively for public procurement professionals in North America, and provides the best value for your money, here's how:**

#### In-Person Experience | 18.5 Contact Hours

- NIGP Forum provides innovative educational content and practical advice from subject matter experts to stay on top of the latest trends and best practices within the profession.
- Participate in 4 keynote plenary sessions, choose from 60+ live learning sessions, 6 interactive workshops, and 8 networking sessions.
- Meet with 200+ exhibitors face-to-face at the Products Expo—featuring the latest products and services available to the government market.
- Use of the NIGP mobile app for listing of all sessions, events, and real-time updates throughout the conference.

#### Virtual experience | 16.5 Contact Hours

- The virtual experience provides many of the benefits of NIGP Forum, but it's designed for those with smaller professional development budgets. The lower cost per person ensures more members are able to participate, plus the added savings and convenience of not having to travel.
- This year, attendees of the virtual experience can choose from 4 keynote plenary sessions, 28+ live learning sessions, and 5 networking sessions—all focused on the most critical and timely public procurement topics.

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

- Access to our new virtual platform to connect with participants throughout the conference.
- On-demand access to all the Forum virtual content for 30 days post event.
- 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 a write-up with key takeaways from the most important sessions you attend and share with others within your organization.

- Share session handouts with others within your team or entity so everyone within your entity can have access to 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.
- Develop actionable plans to implement new initiatives within your department or at your agency that were spurred on by your learnings at NIGP Forum.



**3. Make it easier for your manager to give you the go-ahead and ease the burden on everyone by effectively planning for your time away from your normal routines.**

- Properly communicate with your team and cross-functional partners the dates you'll be away from work, and if possible, finish up major projects ahead of time.
- Be sure to develop plans for how your work will get done while you're participating at NIGP Forum, and share those plans with your manager and team ahead of time.



**4. NIGP Forum is the ultimate networking experience, and it provides opportunities to develop and nurture relationships with fellow procurement colleagues and other important stakeholders.**

#### No matter the industry, who you know is critical to your professional success.

- Showcase to your manager and others the importance of developing and maintaining strong networks so you can more easily find mentors and collaborators for help with your everyday challenges.
- If you're a more tenured professional, emphasize the importance of giving back to the profession by serving as a mentor and providing guidance to more junior professionals.
- In addition to expanding your peer network, explain how NIGP Forum helps you establish critical new connections or the chance to deepen relationships with suppliers who may be offering a product or service you're in need of.



# PROCUREMENT EXCELLENCE NETWORK

A COMMUNITY FOR PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS!

## About PEN:

At the Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL), we know that state and local procurement leaders play a vital role in acquiring the services and products governments need to deliver results for residents.

The GPL's Procurement Excellence Network (PEN) is a free online hub to support public sector leaders as they drive reforms to make their procurement practices more efficient, fair, results-driven, and equitable, and to sustain strategic transformations over time.

[Sign up](#) for free access to:

- A member directory
- An online discussion board
- Virtual peer roundtables
- A growing resource library
- Interactive trainings
- Office hours with GPL experts

## Why the Procurement Excellence Network?

Over the past decade, the GPL has completed more than 200 projects in 35 states. Through these projects, we've seen how elevating procurement as a strategic function can help governments unlock new value, generate savings, progress on equity, and improve resident outcomes.

We all started our work in government with a passion to improve the lives of our residents, but all too often we get bogged down in the day-to-day frustrations of making effective change. This community is a space you can come to **rekindle that passion** and **inspire yourself**, your colleagues, and even your suppliers to achieve the impact you know is possible.

## The Procurement Excellence Network will:

- Gather stories from your peers across the network, elevating common challenges, and suggesting promising approaches for you to try.
- Guide and coach you to foresee and overcome barriers to implementing those solutions.
- Connect you directly with experts and your peers who have faced these problems before to facilitate real conversations that lead to effective change.
- Support you along your journey toward procurement excellence.



# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

[SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!](#)

## Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

Watch [www.wanigp.com](http://www.wanigp.com) for travel and training scholarship opportunities regarding the WA-NIGP 20th Anniversary Event scheduled for November 2nd.

## Scholarship Recipient News – Construction Class Review

Stacey Sappington, the Mike Purdy Scholarship recipient, had the following to report regarding the Construction class she attended last month.

“I recently took the **Construction Procurement Certificate** class and really enjoyed it. This was an intensive class that covered everything from types of Project Delivery Methods, Terms and Conditions, Mitigating Risk, Independent Cost Estimates, Budgets, Alternatives, and so much more. The class was very interactive, and we heard from students from all over the U.S. We had three very knowledgeable ladies from ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) that contributed many resources and templates. **Theresa Bauccio was our instructor.** Theresa was a trooper, those of us on the west coast began class at 5 a.m. and trudged on through every day of class. She was fun and knowledgeable and delivered the material in a way that really set in and helped us to talk things through, so we were all on the same page. I really feel that this class gave me a better understanding of Construction Procurement from A-Z and many things that will help with other procurement projects. I would highly recommend this class to anyone at any stage of your procurement career to learn the entire process and to hear about some things you might not have known were possible.”

*Stacy Hupp, CPPB*

Scholarship Committee Chair  
[scholarship@wanigp.org](mailto:scholarship@wanigp.org)

## 2023 Scholarships are still available!

If you are interested in more training but already used up your agency training budget for the year, our Chapter still has funding available for additional scholarships in 2023. The Scholarship Committee accepts applications year-round for continuing education, professional certification fees and courses. **Check out the Scholarship Program on the website and SUBMIT your [application](#) soon!**





# EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

## PET-TICIPATE!

Our next Emerging Professionals Roundtable Session is scheduled for August 9th at 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom, facilitated by Jessica Buckingham!

We have a fun session icebreaker in store for you – match the pet to its owner!

Pet-ticipate in the icebreaker by emailing a photo of your pet to Jessica Buckingham at [jbuckin@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:jbuckin@tacoma.k12.wa.us)

We need to hear from all levels, so we welcome new and seasoned procurement professionals. Bring your questions or share your expertise, while getting to know your Washington Chapter peers across our great local public procurement community.

Reminder that these sessions take place the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Join us!

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

Emerging Professionals Program Co-Chairs  
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# EVENTS COMMITTEE

## PLANNING EVENTS!

- ✓ Don't have a lot of time to commit to Chapter activities but you'd still like to help?
- ✓ Do you enjoy welcoming people to events?
- ✓ Do you like to purchase coffee, snacks, and catering that everyone will enjoy?
- ✓ Don't mind putting the event room back in the shape we found it afterwards?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then the Events Committee is the perfect Chapter workgroup for you!

We certainly can use your help, in any capacity, to pull off the next WA-NIGP events, like at the Chapter's in-person Fall Conference and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and our future events!

If you might be interested to join as well, please contact me for more details.

*Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB*

Chapter Vice President | Events Committee Chair  
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# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## WHAT'S IN OUR PIGGY BANK?!

Year to date (through June), the Chapter has \$8,133 in revenue:

- \$6,904 for new member registrations and member renewals.
- \$1,229 for NIGP rebate for hosting national classes.

Year to date (through June), the Chapter has \$20,375 in expenditures:

- \$2,220 for sending Board members to NIGP chapter academy & leadership summit.
- \$3,653 for professional speaker/trainer fees.
- \$625 for WA-NIGP training scholarships.
- \$3,002 for forum scholarships.
- \$1,752 for procurement professional & manager of the year award rollover (from 2022).
- \$61 for special member(s) recognition.
- \$2,071 for the annual meeting & training (refreshments/supplies, catering, awards).
- \$1,130 for the procurement summit (catering).
- \$2,160 for membership engagement event(s) (pass through) – Mariners tickets hold.
- \$648 for NIGP chapter assessment.
- \$220 for office supplies.
- \$55 for website maintenance.
- \$1,088 for software/programs.
- \$169 for promotional items.
- \$87 for giveaways (gift cards, etc.).
- \$1,432 for board expenses (travel, training, etc.).

### To learn more about the Finance Committee:

1. Visit [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org)
2. About > Committees > Finance Committee

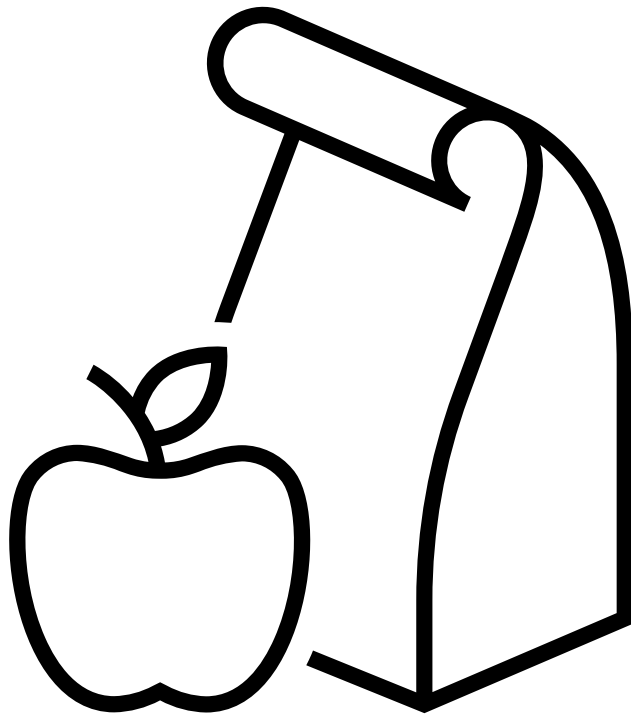
### To review the 2023 Budget and monthly Treasurer's Report:

1. Visit [www.wanigp.org](http://www.wanigp.org)
2. Member Benefits > Document Library > Chapter Documents > Annual Budget & Budget Reports

*Regan Givens, CPPB*

Chapter Treasurer | Finance Committee Chair  
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# LUNCH & LEARN COMMITTEE

JOIN US!

## Lunch & Learn: Disaster Recovery

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 12:00 -1:00 PM**

Presented by NIGP's Business Council – speakers Kim Abrego and Shelley Vineyard. Reframing Possible: The Critical Role Procurement plays in re-building resilient communities with the use of Federal funding.

In the current era of generous federal funding, many public entities find themselves in the role of 'recipient' and therefore set the procurement compliance standards for eligible 'subrecipients' who are often not familiar with or accustomed to public procurement rules and regulations. Add period of performance requirements, and a whole new layer of procurement challenges have to be managed.

Join us as we discuss the need for innovative procurement strategies to achieve successful outcomes for resilient communities.

## LUNCH & LEARN: Then to Now: The Transformation of Procurement

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

This will be a panel roundtable with purchasing professionals with over 20 years of experience and purchasing professionals with under 7 years of experience discussing the transformation of procurement.

*Connie Wahl, C.P.M., CPPB*

Lunch and Learn Committee Chair

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# BOARD MEMBERS

CONNECT WITH YOUR BOARD MEMBERS – WE ARE HERE  
TO SERVE YOU!

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.
- Hear and decide on appeals regarding the Honors and Awards Committee's decisions on award of scholarships.

Interested in attending a Board meeting? Contact  
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