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**"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind –
every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder."**

– John Glenn

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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 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

Hello, my name is Ginny Justiniano, Lead Contract Specialist, CPPB with the King County International Airport in Seattle, WA. I cannot help but feel blessed and honored to have been chosen as your Chapter President for 2024. As I took oath for this office on January 18th at the Annual Business Meeting and Honors and Awards event, I was reminded that a little over 11 years ago, I was in the same spot being installed as your Vice-President. It was an honor then and it is still a big honor now for me to be here to serve alongside my other elected officers for the coming days and months.

As a public procurement professional for the past twenty years, I am grateful to have been given the opportunities for professional development within the agencies I've worked for, this local chapter and National NIGP. For those who I may not have met or know yet, I have been an active member of the chapter since 2006. I have witnessed this chapter evolve over the years and seen the growth within the members and volunteers. It was evident during our 20th Anniversary Celebration last November 2023 that getting together in person was super special and memorable for the charter members, emerging professionals, and seasoned veterans alike. Volunteers came together as a team and the program, venue, catering, photo booth and other logistics were successful. It took a village to make one of the biggest milestones in our chapter come together.

As I have mentioned in my nomination bio, I promise to do my best to help implement the Strategic Plan and updated By-Laws that will continue to propel this Chapter forward. I ask each member to consider giving back to the profession by volunteering in chapter events, participate in training opportunities and taking advantage of all the membership benefits that are offered. Your Board of Directors, appointed committee chairs and members are here to help you in your growth journey. Our newest Emerging Professionals Program that meets every second Thursday of every month could be a great start in networking with your fellow chapter members. We have over a dozen committees you can join and experience giving back to the profession while filling up your cup. Check us out at Committees – Washington State Chapter of NIGP (wanigp.org).

I believe this is one of the most challenging years to be in public procurement and serving in this capacity will be a big undertaking, but I am confident that I will have the support of you the members and my NIGP colleagues to be successful in this position. I hope you are sensing and feeling my passion for our profession so please join me in honoring our roots and growing our future.

Ginny Justiniano, CPPB

Washington State Chapter President



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 – December 2023-January 2024:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
Hertz	Jennifer	City of Camas	Accounting Assistant
Edwards	Shelli	City of Shoreline	Procurement Coordinator
Lester	Tanya	City of Spokane	Procurement Specialist
Olson	Anela	City of Tacoma	Buyer
Rowden II	Stanley	City of Tacoma	Senior Buyer
Friesen	Adrienne	Clark Public Utilities	Administrative Assistant
Kleiser	Melissa	Clark Public Utilities	Contract Administrator/Buyer
Smith	Shiree	Clark Public Utilities	
Abkemeier	Diana	Department of Enterprise Services	
Baghboudarian	Jason	Department of Enterprise Services	
Barehand	Shana	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Inclusion and Equity Program Manager
Berkhoudt	Katie	Department of Enterprise Services	
Boyle	Polina	Department of Enterprise Services	

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMPLOYER	TITLE
Brown	Kasey	Department of Enterprise Services	Enterprise Contracts and Procurement Specialist
Caliri	Donna	Department of Enterprise Services	
Choe	Grace	Department of Enterprise Services	
Cipolla	Brandon	Department of Enterprise Services	
Clark	Chelsea	Department of Enterprise Services	
Connor	Bernadette	Department of Enterprise Services	
Cooper	Terry	Department of Enterprise Services	
Dabney	Stuart	Department of Enterprise Services	
Foitzik	Tim	Department of Enterprise Services	Procurement Supervisor
George	Maree	Department of Enterprise Services	
Goff	Andrea	Department of Enterprise Services	
Hannah	Julie	Department of Enterprise Services	
Hunte Gardner	Anastassia	Department of Enterprise Services	Research & Outreach Program Specialist
Kirkland	Kim	Department of Enterprise Services	
Konecny	Leilani	Department of Enterprise Services	
Kulina	Luke	Department of Enterprise Services	
La Brayere	Alec	Department of Enterprise Services	
Lavinsky	Natalie	Department of Enterprise Services	
Lim	Lawrence	Department of Enterprise Services	
Manus	Jaimie	Department of Enterprise Services	
McGill	Savannah	Department of Enterprise Services	
McLane	Angie	Department of Enterprise Services	
Mesihovic	Nina	Department of Enterprise Services	
Naveed	Shapoor	Department of Enterprise Services	
Paterson	Kathy	Department of Enterprise Services	
Price	Marquita	Department of Enterprise Services	
Rohila	Rekha	Department of Enterprise Services	
Santoro	Sean	Department of Enterprise Services	
Sauer	Kim	Department of Enterprise Services	
Scotti	Victoria	Department of Enterprise Services	
Smith	Sarah	Department of Enterprise Services	
Toft	Katrina	Department of Enterprise Services	
Vang	Ricky	Department of Enterprise Services	
Wells	Kara	Department of Enterprise Services	Enterprise Contract Procurement Specialist II
Wight	Shantel	Department of Enterprise Services	
Dias	Tatiana	King County - DNRP	Contract Specialist II
Duppenthaler	Michele	King County - DNRP	Contract Specialist II
Gregg	Mari	King County - DNRP	Contract Specialist II
Roberson Jr.	Peter	King County - DNRP	Contract Specialist II
Demeke	Habtu	Seattle Housing Authority	Sr. Contract Administrator
Sharp	Veronica	Seattle Housing Authority	
Hackett	Kym	WA State Department of Commerce	
Woods	Norma	WA State Department of Commerce	Procurement Supply Specialist

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSES & WEBINARS

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

- WA-NIGP: www.wanipg.org
 - March 6, 2024 – Lunch & Learn: Radio NIGP – [Register](#)
 - March 14, 2024 – Emerging Professional Roundtable Sessions – [Register](#)
 - April 3, 2024 – Lunch & Learn: Modern Market Research – [Register](#)
 - April 11, 2024 – Emerging Professional Roundtable Sessions – [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>
- Institute for Supply management: <https://www.ismwww.org/>
- Municipal Research and Services Center: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training.aspx>
 - February 23, 2024 – Small Works for Ports (Virtual or In-Person at Port of Vancouver) – [Register](#)
 - March 21, 2024 – Digging into Public Works Fundamentals (Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, WA) – [Register](#)
- American Public Works Association ([APWA](#))
- Washington Finance Officers Association ([WFOA](#))



2023 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL & MANAGER OF THE YEAR!

Procurement Professional of the Year Award Winner



Breann Aggers
Procurement Strategist
WA State Department of Enterprise Services

Breann leads high-risk, high-profile, complex state procurements for goods and services and always fearlessly steps up to take on the most challenging procurement projects for the state. She always brings positive energy and attitude, makes people feel heard, and takes the time to mentor less experienced procurement professionals in a way that helps them grasp even the toughest concepts.

Congratulations Breann on your selection as WA-NIGP's 2023 Procurement Professional of the Year!

Procurement Manager of the Year Award Winner



**Linda J. Hodgson, CPPB
Agency Contracts Training Manager
WA State Department of Social and Health Services**

Linda retired from DSHS in September of 2023 after 17 years working for the State of Washington. Her most recent role was in the Central Contracts and Legal Services serving as the Agency Contracts Training Manager. Linda's enthusiasm for the public procurement profession is contagious and she is always willing to assist her peers whenever she can. In her nomination, she is described as knowledgeable, positive, enthusiastic, loyal, reliable, and passionate about the procurement profession. She loves to learn, collaborate, mentor, and utilize her talents to contribute to her agency and the profession. Linda has provided statewide expert support and assistance to contract management and program staff, lead high level competitive procurements, and developed, implemented, and managed all the agency's contract and procurement related training courses. She facilitated over 45 instructor lead classes annually. She has served the chapter in various capacities – from chairing committees, to leading the By-Law review in 2015, Membership Secretary and most recently Vice President. To quote her nominator, "it takes leaders like her to keep our profession and chapter thriving".

Linda and Breann, thank you so much for your hard work, your valuable contribution to our profession, and to NIGP! Both recipients are also featured on NIGP's Local Chapter Awards page, here: <https://www.nigp.org/chapters/local-chapter-awards>.

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the public procurement, contracting and materials management professions play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, through their combined purchasing power, public procurement professionals spend billions of dollars every year and have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout Washington state; and

WHEREAS, public procurement, contracting and materials management professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar and continue to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March, the Washington State Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and other professional procurement associations engage in special efforts to inform the public of the important role of the public procurement profession in business, industry and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

Public Procurement Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15th day of January, 2024


Governor Jay Inslee



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the acquisition of goods and services, Procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS public procurement professionals that are members of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) and in other public and private organizations have great influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Chapter of NIGP through its members is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports, and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP: as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the public, business, and corporate leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Governing Board of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP do hereby proclaim the second Wednesday in March, **March 13, 2024** as

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY

and urge all members to join the Washington State Chapter of NIGP in recognizing the role of the purchasing, contracting, and materials management profession within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on behalf of the 2024 WA-NIGP Board this 7th day of February 2024.



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

Ginny Justiniano

Ginny Justiniano, CPPB
President

2024 Washington State Chapter Board

Vice President: Matt Versdahl, MBA, PMP, CSSBB, CPSM, CSCP, CPCU

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Education & Research Chair: Theresa Bauccio, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

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NIGP-CPP

246 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LEADERS EARNED THEIR NIGP CERTIFIED PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION IN 2023

***1,243 NIGP-CPPs Have Been Awarded Since August 2020
Including 36 State of Washington Leaders***

January 8, 2024

As we welcome a New Year in 2024, we also celebrate the **246 leaders** who earned their NIGP Certified Procurement Professional designation (NIGP-CPP) in 2023. This leadership-focused professional certification continues to gain respectability across North America as the professional procurement certification of choice – with 44% growth in approved applications and 18% growth in new certificants in the past six months. Today, there are NIGP-CPP leaders throughout 46 states and 5 Canadian provinces.

The State of Washington is home to 36 awarded NIGP-CPPs since the program launched in August 2020 including six professionals from the Evergreen State who earned their NIGP-CPP In 2023. We have the privilege to honor them here:

- Lionel Boisvert – *Seattle*
- Niconia Butler – *Ephrata*
- Alexander Clark – *Tacoma (WA-NIGP MEMBER)*
- Clark Langstraat – *Everett (WA-NIGP MEMBER)*
- Christopher Martinez – *Olympia (WA-NIGP MEMBER)*
- LeAnna Sandy – *Olympia (WA-NIGP MEMBER)*

If you are considering professional certification, the unique focus of the NIGP-CPP...***targeted specifically for procurement leaders***...truly sets it apart. The NIGP-CPP is the only certification offering anchored in the [Public Procurement Competency Framework](#) that was developed from a research study funded by the [Volcker Alliance](#). It offers the flexibility demanded by fast-paced professionals... no training prerequisites, four testing windows annually, a two-year period to pass the individually-scored modular exams, and six eligibility pathways that reflect a mix of educational achievements and relevant work experience. Equally unique, the NIGP-CPP is integrated into the [NIGP Pathways](#) portfolio of learning and credentialing that grows with your career in public procurement. For those professionals new to public procurement, professional certification is likely not the first step in your journey, but Pathways intentionally offers something for everyone so you can begin to be recognized for your learning well before you are eligible for certification.

As a reminder, the opportunity to ‘bridge’ to the NIGP-CPP from a current CPPO or CPPB designation administered by the UPPCC is quickly coming to a close. The bridge provides an opportunity for an eligible candidate to take and pass only Module B of the two-part NIGP-CPP exam. The final testing window is May 2024 and the registration period to schedule a May exam will close on March 31, 2024. After May 2024, current CPPO or CPPB holders can continue to apply for their NIGP-CPP under Pathway F which provides an abbreviated application process but will be required to successfully pass both exam modules.

To learn more about the value of the NIGP-CPP program, visit the NIGP Website by clicking [here](#) or join us for one of our monthly informative webinars on the NIGP-CPP and Pathways program.

NIGP FORUM 2024

NIGP FORUM CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

[EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITY: PRESENT AT FORUM 2024!](#)

Take an active part in the most diverse and comprehensive event attended by public procurement professionals in North America. NIGP invites you to submit your presentation for [NIGP Forum 2024](#) offered in-person and virtually from August 25-28, 2024.

SHOWCASE YOUR EXPERTISE:

Whether you're a novice or a seasoned public speaker, NIGP encourages submissions from professionals at all levels in public procurement. Presenting at NIGP Forum 2024 offers a fantastic opportunity to enhance your leadership skills and expand your professional network by engaging in lifelong learning alongside your industry peers. If this will be your first time presenting at NIGP Forum, NIGP has you covered. Dedicated NIGP staff will be there to support you every step of the way to ensure a successful session and an enriching experience for you and all attendees.

THEME - "DRIVING PROCUREMENT FORWARD":

This year's theme for NIGP Forum is "Driving Procurement Forward". NIGP is thrilled to announce, for the first time ever, all content will be live-streamed and recorded for On-Demand viewing. NIGP welcomes submissions that spark critical and creative thinking, that advances public procurement, and engages audiences both in person and virtually. Take a moment to review the suggested topics (based on feedback from NIGP members) and FAQs provided [here](#).



Please note, all speakers will be required to attend a short presenter training focused on presentation and facilitation best practices and effective presentation for in-person and virtual audiences. NIGP will be overseeing the sessions in a support role to ensure they are successful addressing both the in-person and virtual audience.



PROCUREMENT PARTNER CORNER

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER OF WASHINGTON (MRSC)

Small Works Rosters Are Changing: Are You Ready?

The Washington State Legislature passed [Second Substitute House Bill 5268](#) in 2023, modifying small works contracting requirements for state agencies and local government (i.e., all agencies and political subdivisions of the state with public works contracting authority). These changes were discussed in [Part 1](#) of my blog series focused on 2023 procurement legislation.

With the start of the new year, this is the six months mark before these changes occur (July 1, 2024). This blog will provide agencies with information to help them successfully prepare.

To learn more about the upcoming changes, read MRSC's newest blog [here](#).

Questions? Contact:

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Phone: (206) 625-1300 ext. 143

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR TRAINING BUDGET!

Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarship committee is offering many scholarship opportunities in the next few months. See below and the website for additional information.

- One – In-person NIGP Forum Scholarship
- Six – Virtual NIGP Forum Scholarships
- One – Mike Purdy Scholarship

Apply today: login to www.wanigp.org, go to “Member Benefits” tab, select “Scholarships”, complete form and submit. Applicants must be both NIGP and WA-NIGP members.

2024 NIGP Forum Scholarships – Applications Due by March 1st at 5:00 pm

ONE In-person Forum scholarship for attendance in **Charlotte, North Carolina**, between August 25-28, 2024, valued at \$3,000 (registration of \$925, plus up to \$2,075 toward related travel expenses). *There may be additional costs not covered by this scholarship.*

SIX Virtual Forum scholarships will also be awarded for up to **\$300 each** for registration.

Scholarships

If you are interested in training and do not have the training budget, our Chapter has funding available for scholarships. 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!** *Reminder: only one scholarship within a twelve (12) month period can be awarded to a member.*

Stacy Hupp, CPPB

Scholarship Committee Chair
scholarship@wanigp.org



Mike Purdy Scholarship – Applications Due by April 24th at 5:00 pm

The 2024, Mike Purdy Scholarship is for one of the following NIGP Construction classes <https://www.nigp.org/learning/calendar-views/construction>

- Specialization Certificate: Construction (up to \$500 in value) or
- Specialization Certificate: Job Order Contracting (up to a \$260 in value).

Mike Purdy Scholarship Background: This scholarship was created and announced on April 5, 2023, at the Potpourri with Mike Purdy Lunch and Learn. Unfortunately, Mike only saw us give this scholarship once before passing away on August 2, 2023, and he was extremely honored. Mike was a long time WA-NIGP/NIGP supporter with more than 36 years of public contracting experience. Many WA-NIGP members learned a lot about Public Works Bidding and Contracting taking his classes over the years.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

FIRST YEAR IS A WRAP!

The new Emerging Professionals (“EP”) program has officially wrapped up its first year with happy successes. We accomplished a lot and are excited for the year to come, continuing to bring new procurement professionals together with veteran experts to help answer questions and share guidance. It's not easy starting out in this profession, but knowledge sharing from those who have been in the trenches is a great way to pass along what we've learned while creating bonds across our chapter. Join us at a monthly round table in 2024!

Here's what we achieved in 2023 –

- ✓ First EP Planning Meeting 1/23
- ✓ Officially launched monthly EP Roundtable Meetings 2/23
- ✓ Procurement topics presented monthly, in a safe space where all questions are welcome

Exciting Things to Come in 2024 –

- ✓ EP Roundtable Meetings continue monthly
- ✓ Join us! **Every 2nd Thursday virtually, from 2 to 3 pm**
- ✓ Bring your questions and receive expert guidance, or bring your advice to help others grow and learn

Thank you to our EP Committee for all their hard work getting this off the ground and keeping it going strong, and to our members who have joined in our round tables to learn or guide. Together, you make this work!

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

Emerging Professionals Program Co-Chairs
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Emerging Professionals Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ginny Justiniano, Co-Chair
- Cheral Manke, Co-Chair
- Jessica Buckingham
- Regan Givens
- Maija Lampinen
- Samantha Miller



PURPOSE

- Committee focuses on the future by supporting the growth and success of current, new, and future public procurement, contracting, and supply chain professionals.





EVENTS COMMITTEE

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

Have you attended one of our amazing events?

Want to be part of the action and continue to make our chapter amazing?

Limited on time?

The Events Committee is the place to be. We cannot do it without you.

Activities we coordinate:

- ✓ Procure snacks, coffee, and catering for the in-person events.
- ✓ Set up the venue.
- ✓ Help the facilitators with the virtual events.

If you are ready to have fun and make a difference, please contact me for more details!

Matt Versdahl

Chapter Vice President | Events Committee Chair

vp@wanigp.org



LUNCH & LEARN COMMITTEE

JOIN US!

Bite Size – Educational – Networking Opportunities – And Free!

The Lunch & Learn Committee has been hard at work, and we have some great sessions coming your way so please mark your calendar. Hour-long sessions during the lunch hour make it easier to take a **bite** of time to learn and connect! Listed below are some of the sessions with more coming in the future so keep an eye out for future Lunch & Learn advertisements.

What an awesome Committee!

Calling all potential volunteers

Please consider joining our Lunch & 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.

Lunch and Learn Committee 2023 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Connie Wahl, Chair
- Cara Brocx
- Stacy Hupp
- Rena Jackson
- Maija Lampinen
- Victor Leamer
- Magan Waltari
- Cheri Estrada



PURPOSE

- Offers growth opportunities to public procurement professionals in a virtual setting.



MARCH 6, 2024

Procurement Month! NIGP Radio Session

Hiring/Retaining Employees (with tips on justifying the request for additional staff)

APRIL 3, 2024

Modern Market Research: *Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How*

Emergencies, supply chain issues, inflation, advances in technology. So many factors impact our market research strategies. This session focuses on an exploration of the importance of solid market research (Why?), and the use of practical and effective market research techniques.

MAY 1, 2024

Everywhere Ergonomics: More information coming soon!

Connie Wahl, C.P.M., CPPB

Lunch and Learn Committee Chair

lunchlearn@wanigp.org

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
Jessica Buckingham at secretary@wanigp.org

Chapter President

Ginny Justiniano, CPPB

Email: president@wanigp.org

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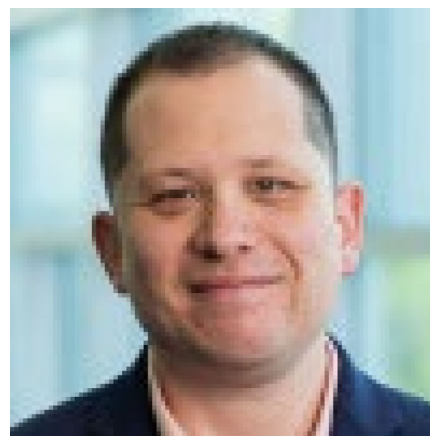


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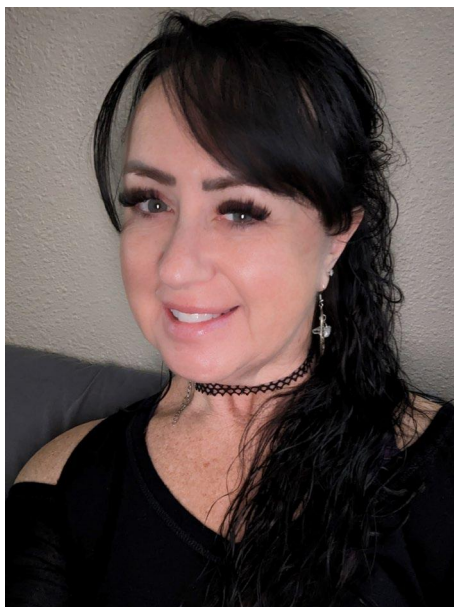
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