

THE PURCHASING EXCHANGE

July to September 2025



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**36TH ANNUAL REGIONAL
CONFERENCE & VENDOR EXPO**

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THURSDAY
10/16/2025

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Registration
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Message From Our Chapter President



NIGP Chapter
President's Luncheon
Forum 2025

**Bill Munch, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, CPPO
AZNIGP President**

Forum 2025 brought recognition and accolades. For the third consecutive year we have been recognized as a Platinum Chapter and were honored at the President's Luncheon for the success of our Reverse Vendor Trade Show (RVTS). Our peers were impressed by our RVTS Committee and their accomplishments. Special shout out to Chair, Lisa Goodman and the rest of the committee; you continue to lead the way in excellence!

"The very best part of Forum is connecting and networking with like-minded public procurement officials to collaborate and exchange ideas to benefit our local agencies."

**Bill Munch, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, CPPO
President**

Thank You Lisa Goodman! Goodbye Message From Our President

"On behalf of the Executive Board of AZNIGP, I wish to express our appreciation for Lisa Goodman's service as Secretary and Committee Chair. We are grateful for your service and we know that in your new role at 1GPA and as an Honorary Member of our Chapter, you will continue your efforts. Thank you for everything you do!"

Bill Munch

[Link to Presidents Message](https://www.aznigp.org)
www.aznigp.org








Lisa Goodman, NIGP-CPP, CPPB

AZNIGP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Behind the Scenes of AZNIGP at Forum 2025



				
Immediate Past President	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Haydee Nora	Bill Munch	Michael Greene	TBD	Jesse Atoigue



Have a Question for the Board? Contact us at info@aznigp.org

Haydee Nora to serve as interim Secretary through December 2025.

AZNIGP EXECUTIVE BOARD

CANDIDATES FOR 2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lets hear it for the following candidates for Vice President and Secretary! We thank you for your desire to serve and lead your community. Voting link will be provided by AZNIGP via email.

Voting Opens October 1st - Voting Closes October 10th

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE



Diana Landeros
Town of Queen
Creek

Diana is a strong candidate with over 10 years of involvement in AZNIGP. A dedicated public procurement professional, she has served on numerous chapter committees and actively contributes through volunteer work. She is the current Chair of the Photography Committee (since 2022) and a member of two additional committees.

“I believe that strong leadership is about service, vision and teamwork. I am committed to supporting our members, encouraging innovation, and building connections that strengthen our chapters’ impact.”

SECRETARY CANDIDATES

Victoria is a committed Procurement Specialist who continues to grow both professionally and personally. As an AZNIGP member for the past three years, she has served on the Community Outreach Committee for two years and is also a member of the Young Professionals Committee. Eager to deepen her involvement, Victoria is seeking new opportunities within the Chapter to further challenge herself and support her professional development.

“I view myself as a great transcriber, can type/write fast and can listen and document meeting notes simultaneously. I believe that I would provide great contribution if voted for this position as I am factual, punctual and detailed”



Victoria Wride
ADCS



Marisa Lucero
ADCS

Marisa brings valuable Executive Board experience from her time as Treasurer. A member of AZNIGP for four years, she has served on multiple committees and currently chairs the Young Professionals Committee. In this role, she collaborates with the Mentoring Committee to create networking opportunities for both new and existing chapter members.

“A chapter goal I have is to continue to grow the Young Professionals and Mentoring committee and support bridging the gap between our chapter and the Copper Chapter.”

NIGP FORUM 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

NIGP 2025 IN DENVER COLORADO



Nakendra Perry,
Selena Leon



Kristi Garcia, Evan Karl, Diana Landeros,
Ted Stallings, Jeremiah Weiner, Kimberly
Heldt, Myrna Quihuis, Heather Hodgman,
Danielle Hartke, Karie Ingles



Cheryl Bucalo



Jeremiah Weiner



Eva Pierce



John Snow

Haydee Nora



Michael Green

NIGP FORUM 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



1ST TIMER EXPERIENCES

For first-time attendees, the NIGP Forum was a truly transformative experience. From energizing sessions and hands-on learning to meaningful connections with procurement professionals from across the country, newcomers left feeling inspired, empowered, and ready to bring fresh ideas back to their teams. Here's what a few of them had to say...

"I had an amazing time at the Forum, it was really well organized, I learned a lot and/or further confirmed the processes that we already uphold. It was really nice to spend more time with my peers. Thank you for the opportunity!"

Lauren Zanotti, Department of Child Safety

"I was so excited to attend the NIGP Forum in Denver this year as a first-time scholarship recipient! It was an amazing opportunity to learn, connect with other procurement professionals, and bring new ideas back to my work. Being able to attend the NIGP Forum in person allowed me to connect to others in the industry across the nation that I would have unlikely had the opportunity to do anywhere else."

Danielle Hartke, Department of Child Safety

"When you do the Forum virtually, you do not get the interact with the personnel training and giving the information, it is coming second hand, which is still great information. However, being in person makes you feel like you are part of the bigger picture, and the interaction is remarkable. It also gives you the chance to collaborate with other people across the county to compare notes and information of how they do things and proceed. I brought back a lot of helpful information."

Latona Jones NIGP-CPP, Yavapai County Finance

"Extremely grateful to have received the 1st Timer Scholarship from 1GPA. I wouldn't have been able to attend without it. Forum 2025 was an excellent opportunity to network with the crème de la crème of the procurement world!"

Melissa A. Gutierrez, Department of Child Safety

"My first NIGP Forum in Denver was such a great experience! I really enjoyed networking & getting to meet new people, not only from all over the country but also from different parts of Arizona. It was exciting to share ideas, learn from others, and feel more connected to the procurement community. I came back feeling inspired and motivated to keep growing in this profession. Can't wait to go back."

Diana Landeros, Town of Queen Creek

"I really enjoyed Forum.

NIGP Forum was such a great way to recharge and reconnect with others in our industry. The schedule and events were well put together, and it felt like every detail was thoughtfully planned. I enjoyed meeting new people, sharing experiences, and learning alongside peers who are just as passionate about procurement as I am. The topics were timely and practical; with takeaways I applied right away. I'm really hoping to attend every year moving forward and bring staff along, as it's such a valuable opportunity for both growth and career development."

Eva Pierce NIGP-CPP, City of Glendale

NIGP 2025 FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

“Rooted in History, Leading with Vision”

2025 marked 80 years of public procurement excellence. Forum celebrated this milestone by honoring our legacy and embracing forward-thinking leadership.



**Retro Wave @ the
Aquarium: Back to the
80's Bash**

Presenting at Forum for the first time was highlight for me this year. Although I was incredibly nervous It was exciting to share my ideas and viewpoints with other procurement professionals. It was a great moment in my career.

Lisa Goodman

**Rick Grimm, NIGP
Chief Executive
Officer**



What I enjoyed most about Forum was connecting with others in the field and hearing how they're tackling the same challenges I see every day. The conversations were really practical and gave me ideas I can actually use.

Haydee Nora

My favorite part of Forum was the Social Event held on Sunday evening – it was a throw-back party to the 1980's so we had fun reliving that time with Big Hair, Big Mullets, Leg Warmers, and Metallic Outfits and the event was held at an Aquarium so there were lots of cool fish and animals to see. You guys all remember the 80's, right?

Michael Greene

This was my second time at NIGP Forum and it delivered fresh perspectives. The sessions sparked new ideas, and the connections made were both meaningful and motivating. A true catalyst for growth in public procurement.

Megan Adams



Newsletter Committee

AZNIGP Newsletter Committee Members

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Bertha Arenas
Jesse Atoigue
Melissa A. Gutierrez

Karie Ingles
Diana Landeros
Danielle Hartke



CHAPTER NEWS

AZNIGP 2025 AUGUST CAREER SEMINAR II

Topic:

AUGUST 5, 2025

Navigating Procurement Challenges in Service Contracts: Strategies for Success

AZNIGP's recent seminar tackled service contract challenges head-on, offering practical strategies for procurement success. Professionals left equipped with tools to navigate complexity and drive results.



Bill Munch, AZNIGP President



Reverse Vendor Trade Show Committee



New Members



Career Seminar Attendees

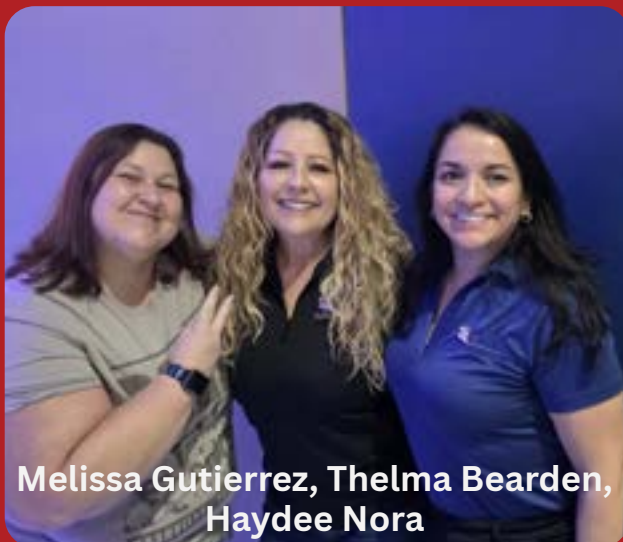
CHAPTER NEWS



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS & MENTORING COMMITTEE

NETWORKING EVENT

• SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 @ MAIN EVENT



Melissa Gutierrez, Thelma Bearden,
Haydee Nora



Marisa Lucero, Alyssa Costello,
Bill Munch



Gwen Irey, Kevin Custer



Jesus Reyes-Encinas, Megan Adams,
Jason Castro



Marilyn Layton, Jesse Atoigue



MEMBER RECOGNITION



Barbara Corella

Lifetime C.P.M. | CPPB | BS | MBA

BARBARA CORELLA A PROCUREMENT LEGEND

Lifetime C.P.M. | NIGP CPPB | BS | MBA

Barbara joined the AZ Capitol Chapter in 1989 and served as Chapter President from 2007-2008. Her extensive experience includes Buyer I, Buyer II, Buyer III, Buyer IV, Procurement Manager at Arizona Game and Fish Department, Branch Chief/Chief Procurement Officer at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Deputy State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Administrator, Compliance Officer, Chief Procurement Officer of the Department of Child Safety, Executive Consultant in Procurement at the Department of Child Safety, Procurement Manager at the Department of Corrections and finally, Senior Contract Administrator at Valley Metro. She also holds a lifetime C.P.M, NIGP CPPB, BS in Purchasing/Materials Management from ASU and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

How has AZNIGP helped you in your career?

“AZNIGP was very instrumental for me as a new procurement officer as it connected me with experienced procurement officers who were willing to share their knowledge. It also provided a platform for training and certification that assisted in establishing the basic core understanding of public procurement and why we do what we do. “

What key skills are a focus in public procurement?

“A procurement officer needs to understand the need for the good or service all the way through the process, from the end user and how the good or service will be used all the way through the viewpoint of the individual who will be processing the payment. This will better inform the development of the solicitation for a successful outcome. “



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Huge congratulations to Vicky Edwards from the Town of Marana! Vicky was selected to participate in NIGP's prestigious Edge Program and was awarded a scholarship to cover the program registration fee.

Edge is a transformative learning experience designed to develop the next generation of public procurement leaders. With a limited number of participants accepted each year, the program ensures a personalized, impactful journey for every individual.

CONGRATULATIONS

Spring 2025 CPPB & CPPO Certification Recipients

Congratulations to all new CPPO and CPPB certification recipients from the Spring 2025 exam window! Your achievement highlights your advanced expertise in public procurement. We celebrate your success and dedication!



**ROBERT
COCHRAN**
CITY OF MESA

CPPB



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LABADIE**
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SCOTTSDALE

CPPB



JAMES ATKINS
STATE
PROCUREMENT
OFFICE

CPPO



**JEREMIAH
WEINER**
AZ DEPT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

CPPO

MEMBER RECOGNITION

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Welcome!

Arizona Attorney General's Office

Leslie Heathcotte

Maricopa County Public Health

Trevor Daniels

City of Glendale

Latoya Mitchell

Litchfield Elementary School Dist.

Tami Garrett

Mohave Educational Services Cooperative

Mandy Prestine

City of Apache Junction

Anna Davis

City of Surprise

Christine Frederickson

Central Arizona Project

Christine Walker

Valley Metro

Kimberly Williams

Tempe Union High School

Kayla Amado

AZ Dept. of Corrections

Eduardo Carrillo

AZ Dept. of Transportation

Korina Lopez

Sheri Eiri

Tolleson Union High School District

Lourdes Banuelos

Pinal County

Traci Gorman

Mohave Community College

Wendy Donnell

Valley Wise Health

Matt LeCrone

AZ Dept. of Education

Desiree Lewis

AZ Dept. of Child Safety

Jesus Reyes-Encinas

Rachael Horwitz

Edi Green

**Looking to apply for a
scholarship?**

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AZNIGP offers scholarships to active members for continuing education and professional development. Funds can be applied to any eligible course, as well as pursuing CPPB/CPPO/NIGP-CPP certification, when agency funding is limited or unavailable.

Join the membership!



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS



2025 August Career Seminar

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee advises the President, officers, committees, and members on parliamentary procedure, assisting with meeting processes using Robert's Rules of Order as the authority. The committee serves as the Policies Manual Task Force Leader, facilitating updates to the Chapter policies manual and creating or revising by-laws. The Task Force Leader is responsible for guiding the process of policy manual changes and by-law revisions.



Jess Romney, Chair



Susan Holt, Chair
Lori Noyes, Co-Chair

Nominations & Elections

The committee shall review and evaluate recommendations from members for all open officer positions. It submits the names of eligible nominees to the President or Election Chairperson and communicates election procedures, voting methods, and results to the membership. The committee also facilitates the voting process in accordance with the Chapter's written procedures.

VOTE for 2026 Executive Board
Candidates today at aznigp.org



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Strategic Planning

This committee leads the planning and organization of the annual Regional Conference and Vendor Expo. Responsibilities include developing engaging educational workshops, coordinating the vendor product show, securing the event location, managing logistics, and ensuring a seamless experience in delivering valuable and memorable event for the Chapter and its members.



Bill Munch, Chair
Haydee Nora, Co-Chair

Vendor Expo (Subcommittee)



Gary Barkman, Chair
Lori Noyes, Co-Chair

The committee works collaboratively to organize and plan the annual Regional Conference and Vendor Expo. Responsibilities include developing educational workshops, coordinating the vendor product show, selecting the location, and managing related logistics. The 36th Annual Regional Conference & Vendor Expo 2025 will take place at the Mesa Convention Center on October 16.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered!

Membership & Outreach

The committee's primary responsibilities are to organize an effective recruiting program; to prepare materials for distribution to potential members or to help familiarize them with the organization; and to work with the President on membership issues. The Committee shall be responsible for collecting, certifying and recording membership applications, sending out new membership packets, and sending out delinquent notices where necessary. The Membership Committee Chair is expected to attend monthly board meetings and to prepare an annual membership list of members in good standing available to the President prior to the Chapter's annual meeting.



Evan Karl, Chair
Robert Cochran, Co-Chair



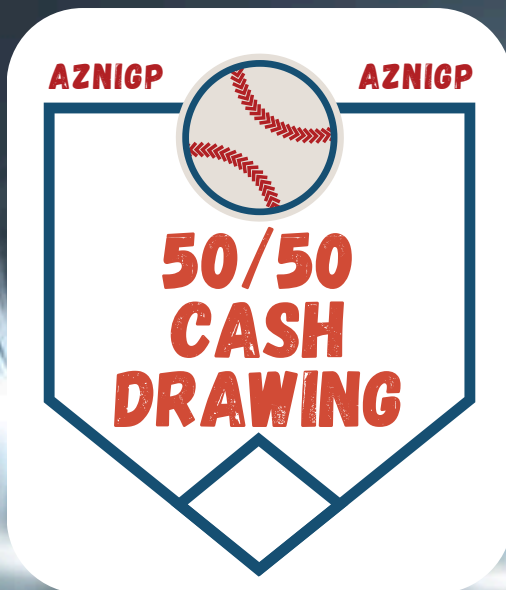
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AZNIGP 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

At a glance

**** CPPB/CPPO Review Sessions: 5 weeks 9/11/25 - 10/9/2025 ; Virtual Class Thursday 2pm to 4pm**

October

6 Introduction to Procurement

16 36th Annual Regional Conference & Vendor Expo

28 Copper Chapter General Meeting

28 Young Professionals Event: Pickle Electric

November

3 Negotiations Virtual Training
Specification Development Virtual Training

5 Copper Chapter Reverse Trade Show

13 AZNIGP Board Meeting

25 Copper Chapter General Meeting

December

9 Transitional Board Meeting
Chapter Training Meeting



**Become a part of the
Copper Chapter family.
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development, idea sharing
and so much more.**

Copper Chapter

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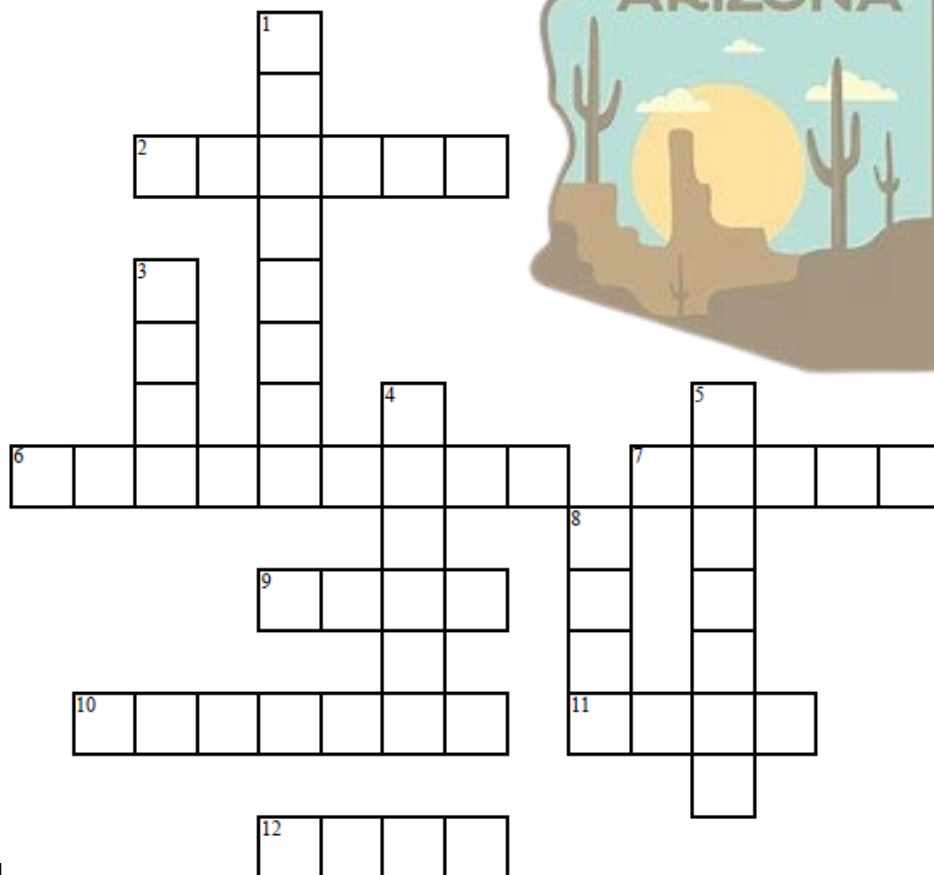


AZNIGP CROSSWORD FUN!!

What's in our Newsletter?

**Email submissions by October
28th to win a PRIZE!**

**Please email completed
crossword puzzle to both
Danielle Hartke,
Danielle.Hartke@azdcs.gov
and
Karie Ingles,
kingles@cap-az.com**



Across

2. Abbreviation for the Arizona State Capitol Chapter's parent organization.
6. Arizona city where the 2025 Strategic Planning Retreat was held.
7. Last name of the Yavapai County Finance professional who attended the Forum.
9. Abbreviation for the Arizona procurement conference hosted annually in Mesa.
10. The 2025 Forum slogan begins with "Rooted in ____".
11. First name of the 2025 Strategic Planning Committee Chair.
12. Month when the NIGP Forum 2025 took place.

Down

1. Last name of the Town of Queen Creek attendee quoted in the newsletter.
3. Arizona city hosting the Regional EXPO.
4. Last name of the keynote speaker at the 2025 Regional Conference.
5. Last name of the AZNIGP member recognized for a lifetime C.P.M. and CPPB.
8. Abbreviation for the professional procurement certification "Certified Professional Public Buyer".

2025 CHARITY FUNDRAISING



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Canned and dry food items, collars, leashes, cleaning bleach, disinfectants, paper towels and Monetary Donations.

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Please reach out to the Community Outreach Chair, Becki Watson with questions at Becki.Watson@maricopa.gov

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