

# WANIGP 2026 Q2 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME 2026

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear WANIGP Members,

As we enter the beginning of the third quarter of 2026, I can't help but be grateful for all the opportunities to work with such a wonderful Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Our chapter is blessed to have dedicated volunteers and members to keep the local chapter thriving.

I am delighted to share that we are anticipating a fantastic turnout of more than 100 members and their families at the annual Mariners Friends and Family Night at T-Mobile Park on July 31. Special recognition goes to our Events Chair, Vivian Nguyen from King County, for her exceptional leadership in coordinating this year's event well in advance and helping us surpass all previous attendance records...[READ MORE](#)



**PRESIDENT**  
**GINNY JUSTINIANO**  
NIGP-CPP, CPPB

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# AREA 8 CONFERENCE



WANIGP will be the lead Chapter organizer in partnership with other NIGP's Area 8 local chapters (OR, ID, AK, HI, Alberta, Canada) at its biennial Spring Conference to be held at:

THE HEATHMAN LODGE



**April 28-30, 2027**

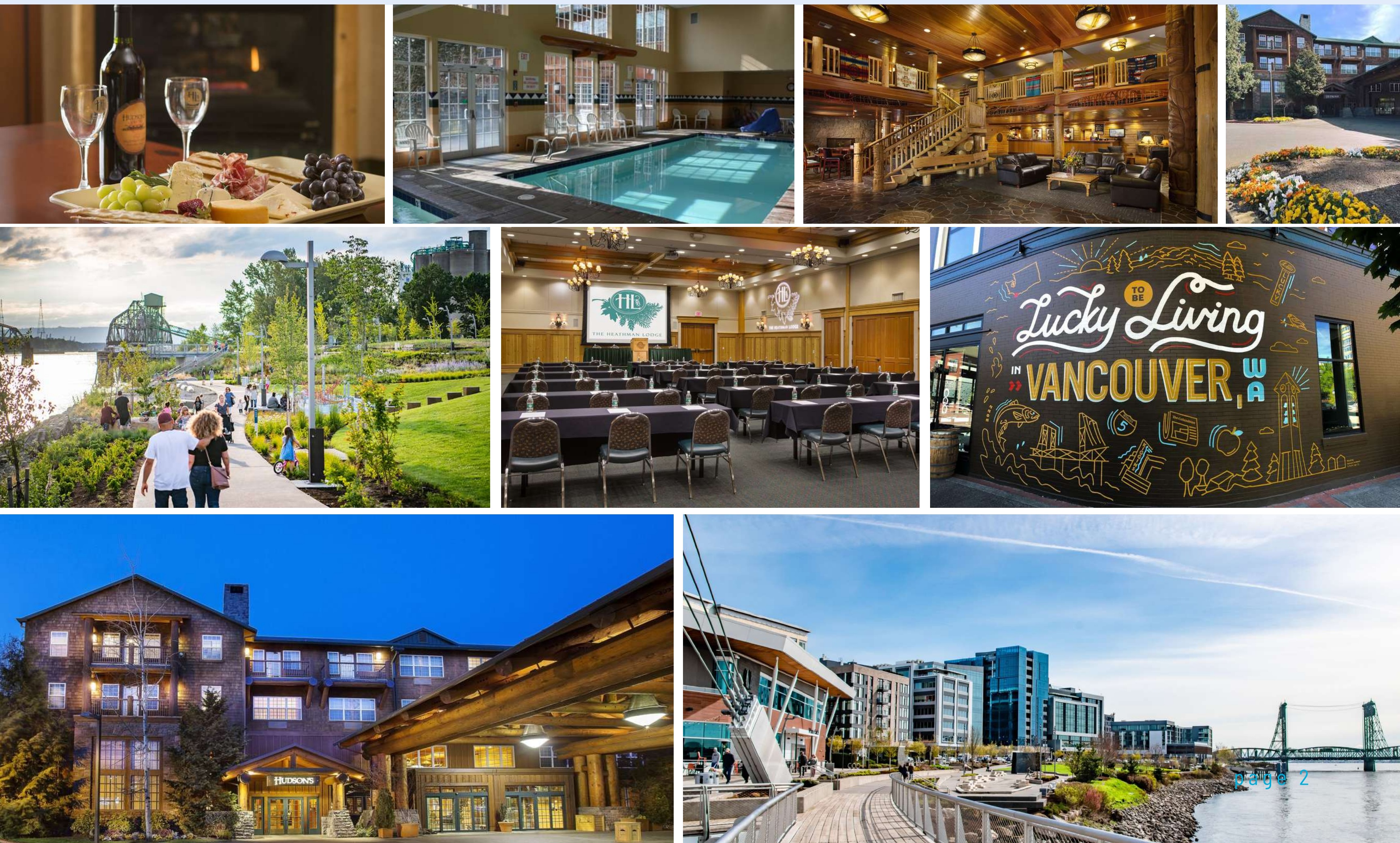
HEATHMAN LODGE | VANCOUVER, WA

On the Procurement Trail: From Trail  
Head to Summit

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Early planning is underway, if you'd like to get involved long-term or just lend a hand, there's a role for every level of availability. Sign up [here](#) today or email us at [events@wanigp.org](mailto:events@wanigp.org).

**FOR OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR INTEREST FORM [HERE!](#)**



# FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT

# MARINERS WANIGP



**FRIDAY, JULY 31 at 7:10PM**

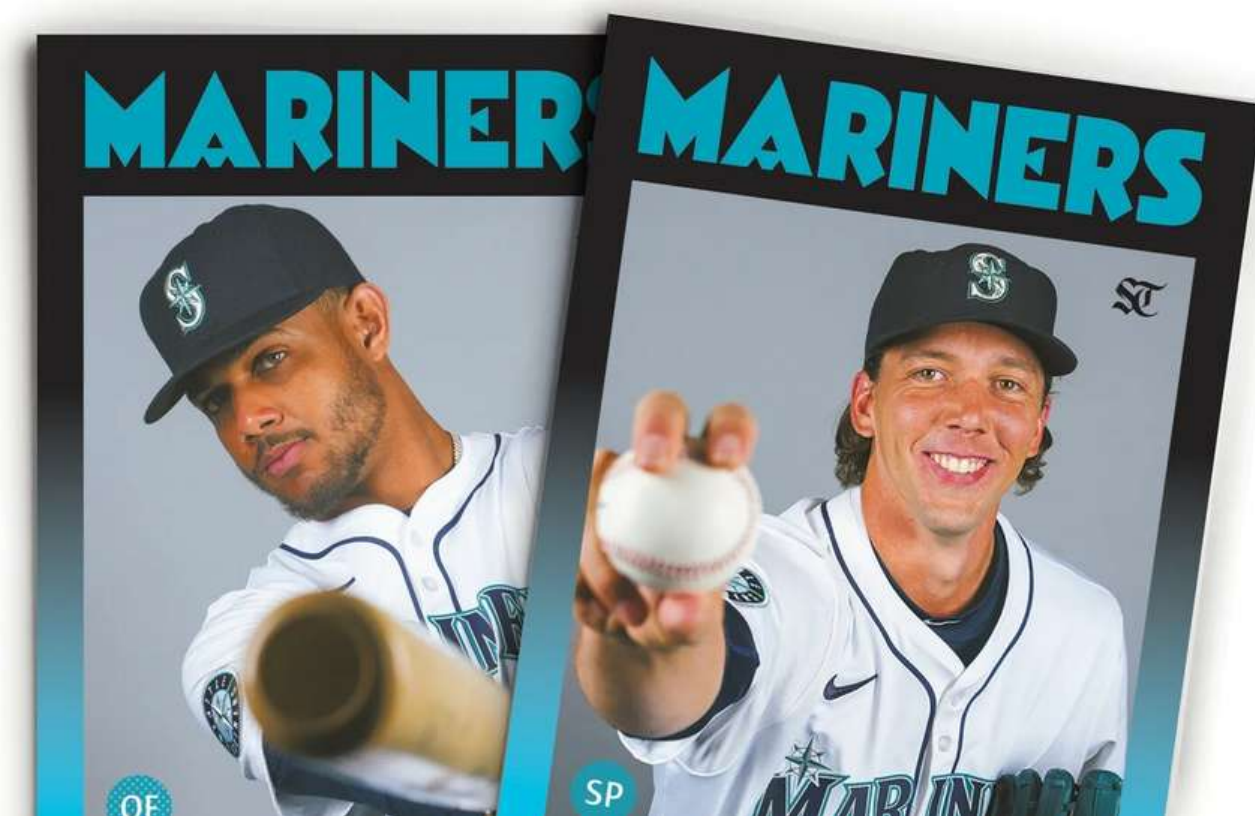
**MARINERS VS. MINNESOTA TWINS at T-MOBILE PARK**

Any questions, contact Vivian Nguyen at [events@wanigp.org](mailto:events@wanigp.org).

Congratulations to this year's gift card winners:

1. Teresa Davis - King County
2. Linda Hodgson - Honorary Member - Retire
3. Brenden Houx - Intercity Transit
4. Stacia Wasmundt - Liquor & Cannabis Board
5. Maija Lampinen - Port of Everett
6. Tracy Staggers - City of Seattle

**PURCHASE TICKETS [HERE](#)**



## STAY CONNECTED

## WANIGP GOOGLE GROUP CHAT

Connect with public procurement professionals across Washington.

Why Join?

- Get real-time procurement support
- Share best practices with peers
- Join a collaborative statewide network

How to Join

1. Create a Google Work Account using your work email.
2. Add [wanigp@googlegroups.com](mailto:wanigp@googlegroups.com) to your safe senders.
3. Email [membership@wanigp.org](mailto:membership@wanigp.org) to request access.
4. Reply to the confirmation email to activate your membership.



# 2026 FALL CONFERENCE

**SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 from 8AM -4PM**

**LOCATION: Sound Transit Ruth Fisher Board Room (Seattle, WA)**

Event Contact: Cheri Estrada [cestrad@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:cestrad@tacoma.k12.wa.us)

Connect with professionals, hear from industry experts, and ask questions about current trends and topics.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## LAST YEAR'S FALL CONFERENCE



# EMERGING PROFESSIONALS ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

JOIN US THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH FROM 2-3PM

## Upcoming dates in 2026:

- September 14<sup>th</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup>

## Questions or need access?

Contact: [emerging@wanigp.org](mailto:emerging@wanigp.org)

## What to expect:

- 1-hour virtual roundtable discussions
- A collaborative space to ask questions and learn from peers
- Expert-led training sessions
- Development of technical and leadership skills
- Networking and relationship-building opportunities

## CHAPTER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### AUGUST 13, 2026 from 8AM-5PM

Join Idaho Chapter for their AI as your Procurement Co-Pilot virtually or in person. [Register here](#)

### SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 FROM 12PM-1PM

Presented by Mike Mucha, Deputy Executive director, Government Finance Officers Association

ERP projects are complex initiatives that require effective procurement, contract management, and coordination. This session covers key risks, market trends, and strategies for successful ERP procurement and implementation.

[Register here](#)

### OCTOBER 7, 2026 from 12PM-1PM

Presented by Ernesto Perez (he/him), Supplier Diversity Policy Program Manager, DES

In this session, Ernesto will highlight the state's efforts to increase contracting with Washington small, minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses, share implementation progress, and discuss future priorities.

[Register here](#)

# EDUCATION & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

## UPCOMING HOSTED CLASSES (VIRTUAL)



= Specialization Certificate



| Date                   | Course                                                                                  | Early Cost |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Aug 20, 2026           | <b>Protests and Appeals</b><br>(9 AM – 1 PM, 4 hrs)                                     | \$144      |
| August 22, 2026        | <b>Technology Evaluations, Demos, and Negotiations</b><br>(9AM-6PM, 8 hrs)              | \$200      |
| September 8 – 10, 2026 | <b>Construction Procurement</b> – Theresa R. Bauccio-Teschlog<br>(8 AM – 4 PM, 24 hrs)  | \$536      |
| Sep 10, 2026           | <b>Enabling Regulations and Compliance</b><br>(9 AM – 1 PM, 4 hrs)                      | \$144      |
| Sep 15, 2026           | <b>Economics, Budget, Financial Management &amp; Accounting</b><br>(9 AM – 1 PM, 4 hrs) | \$144      |
| Oct 6, 2026            | <b>Surplus, Disposal and Closeout</b><br>(9 AM – 1 PM, 4 hrs)                           | \$144      |
| Oct 13, 2026           | <b>Job Order Contracting</b> – Theresa R. Bauccio-Teschlog (8 AM – 4 PM, 8 hrs)         | \$280      |
| Oct 19, 2026           | <b>Quality Assurance, Inspection and Acceptance</b><br>(9 AM – 1 PM, 4 hrs)             | \$144      |

## INTERESTED IN BEING A SPEAKER?

We are continuing to develop the speaker library. We have a Speaker Application Form on the website under "Member Benefits" > "Surveys" > "Speaker Application Form". You can also forward information to Erin Buch, [education@wanigp.org](mailto:education@wanigp.org). The Speaker Library is in the Document Library > Education Committee > Committee Working Documents and is updated periodically.

Learn more about your membership benefits [here](#).  
Search for Career Opportunities [here](#)