



Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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UPCOMING RMGPA EVENTS

Oct 23 October Board Meeting	Oct 30 Amazon Innovation Summit
Oct 24 Lunch & Learn: Digital Gifting	Nov 20 November Board Meeting
Oct 29 Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour	Dec 10-11 Winter Conference & Trade Show

Letter from the President

Happy Fall fellow RMGPA members! We have had a busy summer with many events showcasing RMGPA.



RMGPA was showcased in many ways at **2024 NIGP Forum** in Charlotte – whether you attended in person or virtually.

- RMGPA was the **# 3 Top NIGP Chapter Represented**. We had 95 attendees from the region. Thank you to all who represented RMGPA.
- RMGPA was awarded the **2024 Outstanding Chapter for Chapter Advocacy**. This couldn't have been accomplished without all the RMGPA members. Thank you to our members for the continued support of the RMGPA Chapter!!
- **RMGPA members volunteered at 2024 Forum** to promote the 2025 Forum in Denver. Thank you for all work volunteered at the 2024 Forum. The marketing committee is also working to set up a page on the RMGPA website with 2025 Forum info. Save the Date for the Denver Forum at the Convention Center – July 27-30, 2025.
- RMGPA members participated in the **Procurement Excellence Showcase** - City of Longmont, City of Wheat Ridge and RMGPA. Great job to all participants.

RMGPA also offered multiple **educational and learning opportunities**:

- **Lunch and Learn Sessions**
 - Emergency Response
 - Increasing Vendor Participation – Don't Go It Alone
 - The Game of Tech: Bridging the Gap between IT and Procurement
 - United Rentals Services, Technology Offerings & Cooperative Contracts
- RMGPA Partnered with the State of Colorado for the **2024 Price Agreement Month** Events
- Offered an in-person **Introduction to Public Procurement** Course
- Offered the **Request for Proposals by the RFP Dream Team** virtual all-day conference with over 100 participants

As you can see, RMGPA is focused on providing educational opportunities to our members. Again, thank you to all the RMGPA members.

Trudi Peepgrass, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
President, RMGPA

2024 FORUM: BY THE NUMBERS

3 Awards Won by RMGPA

Gold Chapter
Performance Seal



Ella Pierce Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion Award



Valerie Scott – City of Longmont

Chapter of the Year
Advocacy & Outreach



46 Members attended in person

49 Members attended virtually



RMGPA was the **#3** Top NIGP Chapter Represented

3 Organizations Participated
in the Procurement Excellence Showcase



4,000+ Items Given Away
to promote RMGPA and 2025 Forum in Denver



COUNTLESS

things learned, connections made, and good times had

[Click here](#) to see more photos from the conference!

RMGPA OFFICER ELECTIONS



Dear RMGPA Members,

The Elections Committee and your 2024 RMGPA Board of Directors are seeking nominations to fill our **2025 Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary** positions on the RMGPA board.

We encourage you to nominate fellow RMGPA members and peers who you believe have the necessary skills, qualifications, and character to serve effectively in these roles. To nominate a candidate, please **log into the RMGPA website and click on the “Nominations” tile under Chapter News on the homepage**. The nomination period will close on October 25, 2024, so please act quickly.

Please note that the Vice President position is a three-year commitment as you become Vice President, President and then serve as Past President. This creates continuity in the organization and allows you to immerse yourself in the RMGPA leadership experience.

Nominate early and nominate often!

Greg Draughon,
Elections Chair, RMGPA

We thank you for your participation in this important process.

Unveiling SOVRA: A New Chapter for the Rocky Mountain e-Purchasing System Community

We're excited to introduce you to **SOVRA**, a name that marks an important evolution in our journey to better serve the public procurement community, especially our valued partners within the Rocky Mountain e-Purchasing System (RMGPA). This change is more than just a new brand—it represents our deepened commitment to providing you with the tools and support needed to streamline procurement and help your communities thrive.

Why the Change?

Our story began over 20 years ago with a mission to empower governments through innovative solutions. As we grew, so did our offerings, leading to the acquisition of various brands like Bidnet, Merx, Vendor Registry, and ASC. These brands, each with its own identity, helped us reach more governments but also created a fragmented landscape that lacked clarity.

To simplify our brand and strengthen our impact, we unified everything under the SOVRA name. This change reflects our focus on delivering even more powerful solutions and ensuring we're a trusted partner to all our customers, including RMGPA members.

With SOVRA, our goal is to ensure that every government agency, whether at the state, city, county, or district level, has the tools needed to operate efficiently and transparently, ultimately benefiting the communities you serve.

What Does This Mean for RMGPA Members?

For those of you who are part of the Rocky Mountain e-Purchasing System, the introduction of SOVRA means we are even more focused on helping you overcome the unique challenges you face in public procurement. You can expect:

- **Enhanced Services:** With our unified brand, we can streamline and strengthen our services, making sure you have access to the best tools to support your work.
- **Improved Communication:** We're simplifying how we communicate our solutions, ensuring that it's easier for you to understand what we offer and how it can benefit your operations.
- **Ongoing Innovation:** We're not stopping here. Under the SOVRA brand, we're committed to continuously evolving our platform to meet your needs and the needs of the entire public procurement community.

Thank You for Your Partnership

We want to take a moment to thank the entire Rocky Mountain e-Purchasing System community for your continued trust and partnership over the years. Your feedback and support over the years has been crucial to shaping who we are today, and we're excited to take this next step with you as SOVRA.

Please take a moment to explore our new website and learn more about what this change means for you: www.SOVRA.com. This new website will not replace your existing solution or pages on Bidnet Direct. We look forward to continuing to support your vital work in building well-managed, thriving communities.



Mike Whalen,

CPPB, NIGP-CPP

Senior Procurement Agent

Office of Procurement and Vendor Services

State of Colorado

Office of Information Technology

RMGPA Member Since 2018



Q: Did you work in other professions prior to procurement? If so, where and what did you do?

A: From 2015 through 2018 I worked as a Technical Business Analyst for the City of Arvada. I spent my time generating IT requirements for new and emerging technical projects. Previously, from 2012 through 2015 I work for the State of Colorado's Department of Personnel and Administration, as an ERP Business Analyst. Prior to that I had spent time with General Electrics, Air Methods, Frontier Airlines, and other aviation centric companies.

Q: What organization do you currently work for? How long have you been there? What is your current position?

A: Currently I'm with The Office of Information Technology (OIT). Since 2018, I've worked as a senior purchasing agent. My days are spent managing technical solicitations, organizing complex statements of work, and collaborating with my teammates to ensure the best purchasing practices are in place.

Q: What is the most interesting purchase or project that you have ever been involved in?

A: In 2021, I was the purchasing agent assigned to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. We used an Intent to Negotiate to procure their enterprise software, Bridgecare. The budget, approximately \$5 million, was the largest I had worked with (at that point). And it was the fastest Request for Proposal, 58 days, I completed!

Q: If you currently volunteer for RMGPA or have volunteered in the past, please tell us your role and what that involves(ed).

A: I spoke at the 2024 RMGPA spring conference.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your career?

A: I love the variety my job affords me. I get to manage various teams (throughout the procurement lifecycle), and each day brings something different. Somedays I'm working on my project manager skills, and keeping complex projects on task. Others I'm wearing my legal hat, and have to discern contract language. While others require me to wear my administrative hat, and dig through procurement codes and standards. Its always something different.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Q: What are your interests, hobbies or passions?

A: We just moved to Littleton, and I serve on our neighborhood's civic association. I also write a monthly article for a local newspaper, the Neighborhood Gazette. My wife and I also are proud parents of our very active 4 year old son. We travel as a family as much as we can. When I'm homebound, I like to woodwork and renovate our split level home from 1965.

Q: What is the best gift you have been given?

A: Back in the '60s my grandfather hand-built their kitchen table from some oak he bought in the Pacific Northwest. When they remodeled their kitchen in the early 2000s, my dad reclaimed the table (that was heading for the dumpster). He refinished it, and updated the color and look. When I got married, it was a wedding present to my and my wife. We still have morning coffee over that table today!

Q: What motivates you to work hard?

A: Finance guru Dave Ramsey says "Live like no one else so later you can live like no one else." I work as hard as I can and hustle every day to make sure that someday (in the not-so-distant future) my wife I can do some extraordinary things. Not just with our money, but donate our time, our resources, and expertise to more pressing matters.

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment?

A: When the pandemic first hit, I was BORED! On a whim, I applied to grad school. I was terrible at school and even worse at college. So I thought "I'll do one semester, and by then the pandemic will be over." But as the months dragged on, and I began to not only pass classes (but set the highest grade), a master's degree became a reality. In 2022 I graduated with my Masters of Business Administration with an emphasis in strategic management.

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: A cartoonist. I loved Garfield, and though drawing and making people laugh was the best way to make money.

Q: What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?

A: I'm not much of a sports person. But, for a brief time in college, I had wanted to play poker professionally. I wasn't really good at it.

Q: If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Black coffee, and raisin bran! Turkey, swiss, and mustard on sourdough with a sparkling water is a close second.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Q: What is your favorite book / author?

A: My favorite book is a three-way tie: Into the Wild (Jon Krakauer), Fight Club (Chuck Palahniuk), The Road (Cormac McCarthy). But my favorite all-around author is Jeremy Clarkson (the Top Gear and Grand Tour presenter).

Q: If you could meet three famous people – living or dead – who would they be?

A: 1. Theodore Roosevelt 2. Carroll Shelby (race car driver and manufacturer) 3. Anthony Bourdain

Q: If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?

A: 1888, Whitechapel, London. The story of Jack the Ripper has always intrigued me.

Q: If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

A: It would be hard to imagine living anywhere else but Colorado. But twist my arm, and I would say a cottage in the English countryside.

Q: What makes you laugh the most?

A: My wife. She has a wonderful sense of humor, and has me in stitches most days.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT is featured in every RMGPA Newsletter.

Want to nominate someone for Member Spotlight?

Email newsletter@rmgpa.org.



2024 WINTER CONFERENCE

and Vendor Trade Show

December 10 – 11 | CSU Spur | Denver, CO

Registration is Now Open!

Join us for RMGPA's biggest event of the year! Our 2-day Winter Conference and Vendor Trade Show promises to deliver unlimited networking opportunities and is jam-packed with educational content geared towards public procurement professionals of all levels.

Sessions Include:

- Purchasing Card Fraud
- Rent vs. Buy
- Workforce, Technology, & the New Economy in Public Procurement
- Effective Marketing & Crafting High Performance Statements of Work
- Supplier Diversity Program
- ... and much, much more!



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- Vendor trade show with exhibitors from all industries
- Recognition of RMGPA award recipients
- Breakfast and lunch included on both days
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Life After Procurement:

How to Give Back to the Profession

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles imagined and coordinated by Christine Oberman, C.P.M., CPPB, APP, State of Colorado – Retired. Her original article appeared in our 2024 Summer Newsletter. Thank you, Chris, for all you have given to the realm of public procurement, and for your ongoing support of RMGPA.

This issue's ideas and suggestions come to us from Dennis Carney, CPPO, MBA, Columbus, Ohio City Schools – Retired, and NIGP Certified Instructor.

Ideas and Suggestions: How to Give Back to the Procurement Profession

- Work with your local NIGP chapter to bring educational speakers to your location.
- Write, help write, or volunteer to review an RFP for a member of your NIGP Chapter.
- Offer to help draft RFP evaluation criteria for a large project new to an agency.
- Volunteer to sit on an RFP evaluation committee as an expert advisor.
- Help NIGP rewrite / edit / update its training materials or textbooks.
- Write a book of your own. This might include developing stand-alone teaching materials, scenarios from unique projects, etc.
- Work for a local entity when they experience staff shortages such as vacations, FMLA absences, and National Guard duty absences.
- Establish or help start a Procurement Professionals Toastmasters International group in your area.
- Mentor newer procurement professionals.



Bio and Career Path References

Dennis Carney CPPO, MBA - Retired

- NIGP Certified Instructor, Author: *Request for Proposals Exercise Workbook for the Public Sector*
- NIGP Co-author: *Developing and Managing Requests for Proposals in the Public Sector*

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- Developed questions for the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council certification test
- Created coursework, including exercises, and test questions for NIGP classes
- Columbus (Ohio) City Schools - Director of Purchasing, Warehousing, & Delivery Services
- Bank One Corporation - Purchasing Operation Manager, Corporate Inventory Mgr., Managing Buyer
- Years in Procurement – 36
- Education: University of Texas – BS, Capital University – MBA
- Toastmasters International - Communication and Leadership Certificate

Attribution or thanks to an entity or person who mentored you along the way:

There are so many individuals who mentored me, provided guidance on difficult issues, helped me focus, and, by example, gave me the courage to become an NIGP Instructor. Those individuals include Thomas Temple at Bank One, Maurice Oldham at the Columbus City Schools, and Barbara Johnson, NIGP. I owe these individuals a debt of gratitude for making me a better procurement professional!



Registration is Now Open!

Virtual Sessions start
January 16
In Person is in Chicago, IL
February 20 - 22



As part of Leadership Summit 2025

Join us for the **Impact cohort**, an exceptional gathering of mid to senior-level public procurement practitioners dedicated to addressing the top leadership challenges in a collaborative and supportive environment. This experience aims to foster strong relationships, actively solve contemporary challenges, and encourage the exchange of innovative ideas that may challenge conventional thinking.

2025 Themes: Change Leadership | Strategic Planning | Culture
Early Registration: \$850 | Standard Registration: \$900
19.5 Contact Hours

Early Registration Ends December 6
Register Now



Read our about the [2024 Leadership Summit](#) in articles written for RMGPA by Lourdes Coss, EDGE Cohort Facilitator, from the Spring newsletter.

Empowering Communities: Innovative Solutions and Social Programs with Amazon Business

Amazon Business is helping public sector organizations streamline their operations and enhance community impact through innovative technology and social programs. Discover the latest developments at our upcoming Innovation Summit. Separately, learn how Digital Gifting Solutions can transform how you manage donations and distribute goods.

Digital Gifting Solutions: Streamline Your Social Programs with Amazon Business

Public sector organizations often need to manage the distribution of physical goods for various community and employee programs. Amazon Business has introduced **digital gifting solutions** that make it easier to receive donations and distribute essential items while maintaining program efficiency. To learn more about digital gifting, join **RMGPA's Lunch & Learn on October 24** brought to you by Amazon Business! [Register Now](#)

With Amazon Business, your organization can create custom catalogs tailored to specific needs, helping streamline initiatives such as **Back to School, Toy Drives, Employee Recognition, Emergency Response**, and more.

Innovation Summit: A Collaborative Exploration of Public Sector and Amazon Partnerships

Join us for the **Innovation Summit**, where public sector organizations from across Colorado will gather with Amazon to explore innovative solutions that address key community challenges and drive meaningful impact. This event offers a unique opportunity to engage with government leaders, industry experts, and Amazon representatives to discuss the latest trends in public sector innovation and community development.

Key sessions include:

- **Keynote: Housing and Homeless Solutions in Greeley**
Learn from City of Greeley representatives about innovative approaches to reducing homelessness through sustainable housing solutions.
- **Fostering Economic Growth: A Community-Centered Approach**
Explore strategies for community-driven economic development, focusing on supporting local and diverse businesses, workforce development, and educational resources.
- **The Future of Public Sector: Leveraging Technology for Innovation and Efficiency**
Discover how emerging technologies like analytics and generative AI are transforming public sector operations, enabling data-driven decision-making and operational efficiency.

Event Details

- **Date:** October 30th
- **Time:** 8:15 AM – Noon (Light refreshments provided)
- **Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park, 919 7th St, Greeley, CO 80631
- **Registration:** [Here](#)

This summit is designed to equip public sector leaders with actionable insights and strategies to enhance their communities and organizational goals.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Jennie Readey at the 2015 NIGP Forum in Kansas City where she received the NIGP Distinguished Service Award.

Jennie Readey, NIGP Master Instructor

NIGP Veterans may remember the very funny, charming, and passionate Jennie Readey who was a fixture of the NIGP classroom from 1999 to 2012 (according to her member record). Jennie, who many referred to as “Mother”, attended her first Forum in 1993 (Edmonton) through the Kansas City Forum in 2015 when she received her NIGP Distinguished Service Award from Keith Glatz. She was also awarded the RMGPA Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

Jennie served the Colorado Department of Transportation for many years and was a key volunteer leader for the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association Chapter (RMGPA) during the 1995 Forum in Denver. She penned the tagline “See the Sky from a Mile High”. She would have loved to see the Denver Forum reenacted in 2025. Sadly, Jennie passed away September 12 after a long illness. She was one of a kind!

Obituary and Memorial Service Info

SAVE THE DATE

COLORADO

DENVER, JULY 27 - 30, 2025

IN-PERSON | VIRTUAL

NIGP
FORUM
2025



Forum 2025 is Coming to Denver!

As the NIGP host chapter, RMGPA will assist with enhancing the attendee experience by supporting the events and activities and by providing information on Denver, sharing local favorites, and offering advice on how best to experience the unique culture of Denver and surrounding areas.

Extra hands are needed! If you are interested in participating on the RMGPA NIGP Forum Host Committee, please email president@rmgpa.org.



Sourcwell Update – Fall 2024

Business writing insights for procurement pros

In procurement, your words can be as powerful as your decisions. Whether you're negotiating with suppliers, managing contracts, or working with internal teams, strong communication is key to your success. Clear, concise, and purpose-driven writing prevents misunderstandings, ensuring everyone stays aligned on requirements, timelines, and next steps.



Sourcwell's latest guide offers practical insights to help you master business writing, sharpen your skills, and communicate with confidence. [Access the guide>](#)

What's new for Sourcwell contracts?

Cooperative contracts are designed to make your job easier. Take a look at these recently announced cooperative purchasing categories:

Forklifts, Lift Trucks with Related Products and Services

Forklifts and lift trucks, including electric motor rider, narrow aisle, hand, and hand rider trucks; internal combustion engine trucks with solid, cushion, or pneumatic tires; electric and internal combustion engine tractors; rough terrain forklift trucks; loaded and empty container handlers and reach stackers; and related equipment, accessories, and services.

Fitness Equipment with Related Accessories and Services

Commercial-grade (or better) individual or group equipment and accessories for cardio, strength, agility, and mobility training; vocational, exercise, sports rehabilitation, or joint and muscle injury therapy equipment and related accessories; related technology and online or virtual programming; and complementary services, including training, testing, calibration, maintenance, installation, and warranty programs.

Athletic and Physical Education Equipment with Related Supplies

Equipment for physical education, individual and team sports, coaching, and adaptive athletics; indoor and outdoor facility-related athletic equipment; curriculum, assessment, and training tools; technology-enhanced equipment; installation services; complementary athletic uniforms, fitness equipment, event seating solutions; and related accessories and services.

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Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks with Related Equipment, Services, and Supplies

Elevators; escalators; moving walkways; food and materials lifts; ADA-compliant wheelchair lifts; related services, including modernization, preventive maintenance, repair, upgrades, inspection, installation, and warranty services; and ancillary supplies, parts, and accessories.

Rental Equipment, Products, and Related Services

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Class 4-8 chassis and cabs compatible with all engine, fuel, and propulsion types, including internal combustion engines fueled by gasoline, diesel, propane autogas, CNG, biodiesel, and other alternative fuels; battery electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles, hybrid electric vehicles, and other alternative electric propulsion systems; and related equipment, accessories, parts, upfitting, and services.

Save the date

Meet the Sourcewell team at one of these events to learn more about our latest cooperative purchasing solutions:

VAGP 2024 Fall Symposium

Oct. 20-22, 2024
Virginia Beach, VA

FASBO 2024

Nov. 3-7, 2024
Jacksonville, FL

NAEP District III 2024 Regional Conference

Oct. 27-30, 2024
Miramar Beach, FL

NAEP District IV 2024 Regional Conference

Nov. 12-15, 2024
Phoenix, AZ

TxPPA Fall 2024 Conference

Nov. 4-7, 2024
Allen, TX

Procurement resources are always at your fingertips. Access hundreds of contracts and suppliers at sourcewell-mn.gov/contract-search.

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

Courses

NIGP Pathways courses are designed for **busy procurement professionals**, offering flexible options to meet diverse learning needs.

[Courses by Topic](#)
[Courses by Format](#)
[Upcoming Courses](#)

Webinars

NIGP webinars, always free to members, provide **valuable learning on hot topics** in procurement, helping you stay informed.
90 min | Contact Hours: 1

[View Schedule](#)

Mastermind

The Mastermind Program is geared towards empowering **mid-to-senior leaders** to sharpen their skills and maximize their role as an influencer and leader in public procurement.

[Becoming a Person of Influence](#)
October 23 – November 15
Contact Hours: 6

[Everyone Communicates, Few Connect](#)
November 20 – December 13
Contact Hours: 6

Learning Labs

An educational series of **hands-on workshops** that provide learners with best practice guidance on a variety of technical and hard skills needed for public procurement success.

[Lab 3: Unique Requirements \(Clauses, Cooperatives, Ethics, Outreach, Agency specific requirements: DOT, FTA, HUD, et cetera\)](#)
October 24
Contact Hours: 2

[Lab 4: Understanding Cost Analysis, Price Analysis and Independent Cost Estimate Requirements that accompany federal grant funds](#)
October 31
Contact hours: 2

[Lab 5: Prevailing Wages \(Davis Bacon\)](#)
November 7
Contact Hours: 2

[Lab 6: Procurement and Contract Types Allowed](#)
November 14
Contact Hours: 2



When you register for a NIGP-hosted course, be sure to identify yourself as a member of RMGA. NIGP will give back 5% of gross revenue to RMGPA for each registration.



NSITE

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Free CPPB/CPPO Certification Prep

There's never been a better time to get certified

In addition to the new practice tests, take advantage of NASPO's FREE CPPB and CPPO self-study tools available to any public procurement professional seeking their certification!

These resources are designed as a self-study tool to assist in your personal study efforts to achieve your prestigious certification.

Note: There is no instructor for these resources.

These study tools include:

- Practice exam questions as a self-assessment tool
- Links to readings and free resources aligned by NASPO staff to the new UPPCC Body of Knowledge and Competency (BoK-C)
- Recordings of previous instructor-led class recordings discussing the six domains
- Access to a discussion board to engage with other professionals preparing for the exam
- Other helpful tips and resources to help you study

[Learn More](#)



COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS

STATE OF COLORADO PRICE AGREEMENTS

COLORADO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS –
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT)

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TIPS

MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY OF PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS (MAPO)



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2024 STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	OFFICER NAME	E-MAIL
Budget & Finance	Chair: Marisa Donegon	treasurer@rmgpa.org
Education & Programs, including: • Conferences/Events • Educational Classes & Seminars	Chair: April Cooke, NIGP-CPP, CPPB Vice Chair: Diana Cantu, NIGP-CPP, CPPB	vendorevents@rmgpa.org programs@rmgpa.org
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