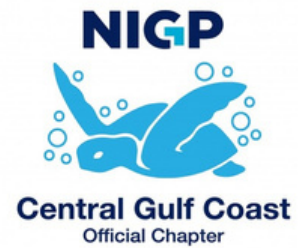


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OPEN CHAIRS:
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING CHAIR

COMMITTEES YOU CAN JOIN:
AWARDS & NOMINATING
BY LAWS
EDUCATION
FUNDRAISING
LEGISLATIVE
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
MARKETING
MEMBERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP



VOLUNTEERS CAN EARN POINTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
FROM THE CHAPTER TO ATTEND EVENTS LIKE FORUM.
[EMAIL SUPPORT@CGCCNIGP.ORG](mailto:SUPPORT@CGCCNIGP.ORG) FOR MORE

Procurement Thoughts:
“Purchasing power is a license to purchase power.” — Raoul Vaneigem



Pars for a Purpose

Pictured to the left:
Attendees enjoying the
Pars for a Purpose at
Marcus Point Golf Course
in Pensacola, FL on
Friday, November 01,
2024.

The 2nd Annual Reverse Pars for a Purpose was a smashing success! Thank you, Wes Pavlicek, and CGCC volunteers, for hosting another successful golf tournament, this year benefiting Autism Pensacola! The Chapter raised \$3,163.00 for Autism Pensacola through this event. This event would not be possible without membership support and participation.

A special thank you to Cindy, DeRita, Amber, Kathy, and Aby for volunteering to help during the day, Wes for putting together a great event, and to our venue host and event sponsors.

Thank you, Sponsors!

RJ Young, Superior Fence & Rail, Emerald Coast, Ivanco Inc., First Onsite, Premier Well Drilling, Inc, CPC Office Technologies, MVM, Evergreen, Equalis Group, United Rentals, STS Recycling, and Jani King!



Members interested in volunteering for chapter events like RTS or the Golf Tournament should email info@cgccnigp.org and express your interest!



Message from your President

***Bob Pacenta, NIGP-
CPP, CPPB
2022-2024 President***

I want to congratulate our newest Board members who were recently elected at the October chapter meeting which was hosted by the Santa Rosa County School District. Congratulations to Aby Raymond (Escambia County Board of County Commissioners), incoming President; Shelby Stidham (City of Gulf Breeze), incoming Secretary; and Bryan Gabbard (Santa Rosa County School District), incoming Board Member. In a special vote at the October Chapter meeting to fill vacancies created by Board members stepping down, Wes Pavlicek (Emerald Coast Utilities Authority) was voted in as Vice President and Cindy Norton (Santa Rosa County School District) was voted in as Treasurer. And, rounding out your Board is Karen Grindle (Bay County Board of County Commissioners), Board Member. I will be on the Board as the Immediate Past President. Again, congratulations and thank you to those members stepping forward to take on a new leadership position.

Our year is coming to an end. There were a lot of great things that happened in 2024. We held a very successful Reverse Trade Show in May at Sanders Beach Corrine-Jones Resource Center in Pensacola. It was our 16th Reverse Trade Show. We had a great turnout from our supplier community as well as our membership. Look for more info to come in 2025 for our 17th annual Reverse Trade Show. The current committee is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Aby or Wes. Just last week, we hosted the second annual golf tournament fundraiser at Marcus Point Golf Club in Pensacola. The Chapter partnered with Autism Pensacola for this great event. We had 80 players participate at this event this year. A big thank you goes out to Wes for all of his hard work on putting the event together. NIGP has developed a 'standard' in which chapters can strive to follow and advance the opportunities offered to their members. Participating chapters receive a score which records their progress in achieving excellence. Once a chapter successfully meets the standard, a digital seal is issued which the chapter can prominently display to their membership on their website and social media outlets. In August, at NIGP Forum held in Charlotte, North Carolina, our Chapter was awarded the Silver Chapter – Performance Standards Seal. We have now earned Silver and Bronze. We look forward to working hard again in 2025 to earn the Gold Seal. A reminder that your membership in the chapter is on an annual basis and begins on January 1 of each year. Current members should have received emails to renew your membership.

Please renew your membership to participate in our professional development, scholarship program, mentoring program and networking opportunities. As we move into 2025 membership year, we will continue development of programs and opportunities to support you, our membership. If you are new to the profession, we hope that you will consider joining our association. Please reach out to us directly to see how membership can benefit you. Membership is limited to Public Procurement professionals and students. I want to encourage members to evaluate your talents and strengths and identify if there are any committee or task force opportunities that you would be willing to volunteer for in 2025. We have a lot of work to do this year as a chapter and we can benefit from having active volunteers. Please do not hesitate to contact one of your Board members with any questions that you may have. Let's make this another fantastic year for your Chapter. Finally, it has been an honor serving as your President these past two years. I want to thank my fellow board members that assisted and guided me throughout the past two years. Thank you to James Walters (City of Niceville), DeRita Mason (Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners), Wes Pavlicek (ECUA), Karen Grindle (Bay County), Amber Hammonds (Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners) and Cindy Norton (Santa Rosa Schools). God Speed,
Bob Pacenta, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
2022-2024 President



Chapter Events:

RSVP now cgccnigp.org >Upcoming Events

December 06, 2024

End of Year Social - City of Gulf Breeze Parks & Recreation Center, Clay Ford Room, Friday, December 6th, from 6pm - 8pm. Loved one's welcome!

January 23, 2025

Chapter Meeting - 9am-3pm Northwest Florida State College

February 01, 2025

Pensacola Ice Flyers CGCC Social Night
\$5 for Members
\$20 for Non-Members

March 28, 2025

Chapter Meeting - City of Gulf Breeze
Pontoon Boat Rental to follow for Chapter
Fun Day for Procurement Month
Free for Chapter Members.



Free Upcoming NIGP Events for Members:

December 05, 2024

Webinar- The RFx Rundown: The Keys to Solicitation Success for Business-Driven Vendors featuring Abigail Raymond, Escambia County, and OpenGov.

December 18, 2024

Webinar- Annual Meeting of the Membership

January 21, 2025

NIGP Certified Procurement Professional: Connecting Certifications to your career

January 29, 2025

Webinar- Manage your Solicitation like a Project Manager

**Send in your ideas, upcoming events, articles, features, good news, procurement tips to be featured in a future newsletter.
Contact: Shelby Stidham at sstidham@gulfbreezefl.gov**



Sponsorship is now live on the website for Vendors to participate in the 17th Annual Reverse Tradeshow & the save the date has been sent out to past attendees. Registration will open after the holidays but sponsorship is live now!

Please keep your vendors in mind who may want to elevate their presence - A sponsorship guide is available [here](#) & on the website under Document Library> Membership Resources. Sponsors help make our event a great success and we need all the help we can get enlisting vendor partners!

2024-2025 CENTRAL GULF COAST CHAPTER OF NIGP BOARD

ELECTION RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE 10/24 CHAPTER MEETING. TERMS BEGIN IN JANUARY WITH INSTALLATION AT THE 1/23 CHAPTER MEETING.

WE HAD AN UPDATE WITH THE RESIGNATION FROM THE POSITION FOR VICE PRESIDENT. WE THANK WES PAVLICEK FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE CHAPTER, AND HOPE TO SEE HIM INVOLVED IN CHAPTER FUNCTIONS IN THE FUTURE. ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT ROLE SHOULD EMAIL SUPPORT@CGCCNIGP.ORG WITH THEIR INTEREST.



President, Elect
Abigail Raymond,
Escambia County



Vice President
Vacant



Board Secretary, Elect
Shelby Stidham
City of Gulf Breeze



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Bryan Gabbard
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