

Tallahassee Area Chapter of NIGP

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Reverse Trade Show Committee - Charles Day
Scholarship Committee - Vida Addison
Tradeshow Committee - Mark Lovell
Volunteer Committee - Ed Valla

Message from the President

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July and had the chance to unwind after a busy June. My family packed up and went to the beach fearing we might not be able to enjoy it much longer. It was a beautiful weekend despite the forecast.

The Tradeshow Committee is in high gear with the Reverse Tradeshow and Vendor Expo right around the corner on Tuesday, August 3. I cannot express enough how important it is for you to speak with your vendors and invite them to participate. We also need you, your coworkers and end users to attend the Vendor Expo so the vendors come back for years to come. These events fund our educational programs throughout the year and we can't do it alone.....we need your help to make this a success.

Tradeshow Schedule, Tuesday, August 3

8:00AM – 12:00PM	Reverse Tradeshow (Agency Representatives and Vendors only)
12:00PM – 1:00PM	General Meeting and Networking Luncheon (Registered Members, Guests and Vendors) **Doors will not open until 12:00**
1:00PM – 5:00PM	Vendor Exposition (No charge for NIGP Members, Buyers, End-Users and General Public to come visit booths of Registered Vendors)

The 18th Annual Purchasing Conference is scheduled for

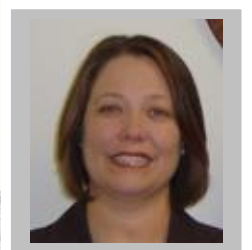
Wednesday, August 4. Please register at

<https://www.tacnigp.com/insidepages/events/?eventid=6a04886d-ff70-8eca-4cc9-c47b0dafbe59>. This is one of the Chapter "Free Seminar" events and there is no charge for Chapter members but you still need to register. If you choose to have lunch at the Civic Center during the Conference, there is a \$15 per person charge and you must include lunch in your registration.

Our July General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 – see you there!

If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves. ~Thomas Edison

2010 TACNIGP President
Wendi Sellers, CPPB



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Message from the Vice-President

Well, Summer is officially here! Children are out of school, sports camps are going on, and all kinds of activities to keep them busy. I hope everyone enjoyed their July 4th with all the activities around town and at the coast. I rode down to Carrabelle last week to see if I could see any oil and was glad I didn't. Beautiful weather and clear water.

Our speaker this month is Judge Judith Hawkins and she works with the Leon County Court System. She is a very accomplished woman who loves to travel and give time of herself in helping others. She will tell us about her job, what the courts are facing each day, how the court system has changed and what changes are coming. If time permits maybe we can get her to talk about her international mission trips.

Come join us for lunch and gain some insight as to the court system in Leon County; meet with friends and colleagues and enjoy yourself.

See you there!



*2010 TACNIGP Vice-President
Robert Threewitts, CPPB, FCPM*

Upcoming Events for 2010

July 4, 2010 Independence Day

July 13, 2010 TACNIGP Meeting

August 10, 2010 TACNIGP Meeting

September 3, 2010 Labor Day

September 14, 2010 TACNIGP Meeting

October 12, 2010 TACNIGP Meeting

October 31, 2010 Halloween

November 9, 2010 TACNIGP Meeting

November 18, 2010 Thanksgiving Day

December 14, 2010 TACNIGP Holiday Meeting

December 24, 2010 Christmas Eve

December 25, 2010 Christmas Day

Happy Birthday America!

The 4th of July is one of the most-anticipated holidays of the summer, with food, parades, and of course, fireworks!

It was on this date in 1776, that the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, effectively cutting the colonies' ties to Great Britain. For years, the 4th of July holiday was observed unofficially; it wasn't until 1941 that Congress declared it a legal holiday. Here are some other fun facts about this red, white and blue holiday:

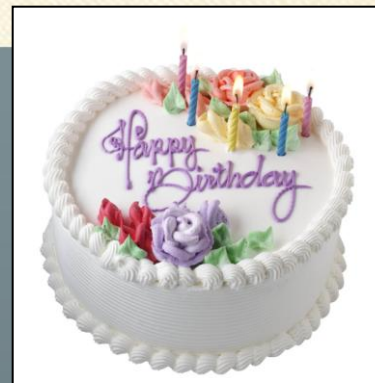
*Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. The Liberty Bell sounded from the tower of Independence Hall, summoning citizens for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.

*In 1778, George Washington marked the 4th with an artillery salute...and a double ration of rum for his soldiers.

*The lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner" were written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key -and set to the tune of a popular British drinking song.

* Calvin Coolidge, America's 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872.

*In a weird coincidence, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration and a future President, died on July 4, 1826. A few hours later on that same day, John Adams, another signer and President, also passed. It was the 50th anniversary of the historic signing.



July 2010 Birthdays

Wayne	Kraften	1-Jul
Beverly	Butler	2-Jul
Byron	Saper	2-Jul
June	Gary	4-Jul
Kaye	Robertson	4-Jul
Catherine	Heth	11-Jul
Doug	Melvin	11-Jul
Pam	Walker	11-Jul
Marcus	Elliott	15-Jul
Kelly	Wright	15-Jul
Turquoise	James	16-Jul
Lillian	Graham	17-Jul
Byron	Williams	17-Jul
Terry	Bolde	19-Jul
Jessie	Moseley	20-Jul
Nancy	Timmerman	20-Jul
Sasha	Breland	22-Jul
Jeri	Griffin	23-Jul
Gail	Hillhouse	23-Jul
Joe	Williams	31-Jul

TACNIGP BUDGET

Money Market - \$107,906.74

Checking - \$24,056.29

Total - \$131,963.03



Newsletter Articles Needed!

Do you have something you would like to add to the newsletter? Is there a writer in you just itching to get out? Please consider preparing an article for the newsletter! You may choose any topic you wish (almost!). Writing an article for a professional association newsletter brings many great returns; among them are personal satisfaction and recognition, but most of all you have an opportunity to share your accumulated experience, knowledge and wisdom with other TACNIGP members. CPPO's and CPPB's may even be eligible for a recertification point from NIGP for published articles. Please e-mail me at newsletter@tacnigp.com before the first Thursday of the month. Thank you.

Diana K. Trahan, Communications Committee Chair





Congratulations to Chris Walker at
the Department of Management
Services on achieving the Certified
Professional Public Buyer (CPPB)
designation!



June Monthly Chapter Meeting

Date: June 8, 2010

Location: Tallahassee/Leon County Civic Center

Number in Attendance: 68

Call to Order: President Wendi Sellers called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Pledge: Tim Ellinor, Dept. of Corrections

Invocation: Janice Pursley, Dept. of Environmental Protection

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May Chapter minutes. Motion passed.

New Members and Guests: Ed Valla introduced Ms. Tracey Pike as our guest. Tracy's job function was recently moved to the Purchasing division at DBPR. No new members were introduced.

Job Opportunities: No new job opportunities were announced.

Reports:

President: President Wendi Sellers encouraged the membership and their agencies to register for the August 3 Reverse Trade Show and Products Exposition were open and asked that we encourage our Agencies to register for the Reverse Trade Show. 14 Trade Show booths have been sold so far.

Thanks to Ms. Janice Pursley for reserving a room at the Dept. of Environmental Protection for the TACNIGP Fall Purchasing Conference.

Treasurer: Treasurer Don Tobin - Checking - \$15,598.38; Money market - \$107,653.04; Total - \$123,251.42.

Trade Show Co-Chair: Brenda Wells spoke about the planning progress and that Chair Lovell would have a brief meeting with the Volunteers after the luncheon. Co-Chair Wells announced that there will be another planning meeting on Friday, June 11.

By Laws: TACNIGP member Mr. Byron Saper asked that the By Law committee review the policy of membership (agency) transferability. The Board agreed to discuss at the June 15 meeting.

Introduction of Speaker: Vice President Robert Threewitts introduced Ms. Amy Godsey, State Meteorologist with Florida's Division of Emergency Management. Ms. Godsey described the varieties of disasters that Florida is subject to, the role of the Meteorological Support Unit and Emergency Management functions and activities. Ms. Godsey described the <http://www.kidsgetaplan.com/> (partnered with Disney) site and brought copies of the 2010 Weather Awareness Guides for distribution. DEM is also working on new applications for the Blackberry and iPhone to provide weather alerts to citizens. Lastly, Ms. Godsey described all the ways her division was monitoring the Deepwater Horizon oil release (winds, ocean currents, NOAA, Florida State University, University of Florida, University of Miami, oceanic buoys, satellites, and loop currents.)

Monthly Drawing: There was one drawing for a free lunch in July.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted – Donna Smith TACNIGP 2010 Secretary

**JUNE MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
TALLAHASSEE AREA CHAPTER OF NIGP, INC.**

Date: June 15, 2010

Location: Leon County Purchasing Bid Room, 2284 Miccosukee Road

Members Present: Wendi Sellers, President; Robert Threewitts, Vice President; Don Tobin, Treasurer; Donna Smith, Secretary, Keith Roberts, Immediate Past President; Board Members: Vida Addison, and Trade Show Chair, Mark Lovell.

Members Absent:; Gloria Dixon, Brenda Wells, Charles Day, Susan Barr, Ed Valla

President Wendi Sellers called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

Minutes for the May Board meeting were approved. Vice President Threewitts motioned and Immediate Past President Roberts seconded.

Officers Reports:

- a. President – Reminded the Board to make travel arrangements to attend the National Forum and register for the Trade and Reverse Trade shows. She also discussed the invitation the Board received from the Comedy Zone on Mahan, to have our monthly meeting there instead of the Civic Center. The Comedy Zone lunch price is higher and parking will be an issue. Meeting and lunches will continue to be held at the Civic Center. Also, the President showed the Board the ad placed for our Trade Show in the Gulf Coast Chapter newsletter.
President Sellers spoke for Membership Chair Susan Barr – Susan and her volunteer team have been phoning those members that have not renewed this year.
- b. Vice President - Judge Hawkins is on schedule for July. Upcoming schedule for monthly meeting speakers; August Conference – Marcheta Gillespie and Jonathan White; September, Bill Cain from Public Coalition and TBD for the October seminar.
- c. Treasurer – Provided the P & L statement for May 12 through June 15.
- d. Secretary -no report

Old Business:

Chapter member, Mr. Byron Saper asked that the Board By-Laws Committee consider changing the rules regarding transferability of Agency memberships (during the Chapter meeting on June 8). As the By Laws Committee chair is vacant, and the administration of this change may be onerous on the Board, Secretary Smith motioned to ask Mr. Saper for a report outlining his proposal, providing data on how other Chapters manage this and the historical impact this has caused his agency. V.P. Threewitts seconded. The motion passed.

President Sellers reported that DEP will provide the room for the Fall Purchasing Conference. We will ask for volunteers to assist with set up and clean up.

Committee Reports:

Trade Show Chair – Mark Lovell reported that the volunteers were contacting last year's vendors and will follow up with an e-mail to those that had not already signed up for a booth. Minor schedule changes have been made and the committee is working on the brochure. State Purchasing Analyst will send invitations to STC contractors. The second MFMP e-mail blast will go out the week of July 5. The committee will also contact the Tallahassee Democrat, the Chamber of Commerce, United Partners for Human Services and the Tallahassee Society of Association Executives.

New Business:

President Sellers reported that DEP will provide the room for the Fall Purchasing Conference. The August 3 luncheon will have only the President's welcome, the acknowledgement of the Sponsors, the pledge and invocation. Several places per table will be reserved for exhibitors and sponsors to ensure a good mix of buyers and vendors.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Smith, 2010 Secretary – Tallahassee Area Chapter of NIGP

JULY SPEAKER

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Judge Judith Hawkins serves in Tallahassee, Florida as a Leon County Judge. When elected in 1996, she was the first African-American Leon County Court Judge. Her present term expires in 2012. As a county judge, she has jurisdiction over civil cases up to \$15,000 in damages and criminal cases punishable by up to one year in jail.

Prior to her election, she developed her own law firm and became one of the few attorneys in the State of Florida who were board certified in marital and family law. During her practice, she participated in numerous legal and civic organizations, including serving on the boards of Legal Aid Foundation and Legal Services of North Florida.

Judge Hawkins' passions are traveling and service, and it shows in both her professional and personal lives. In March 2003, she participated in the Judicial Law Delegation to South Africa, People to People Ambassador Program. And, in September of 2004, she was a delegate to Panama with the Florida Law Related Education Program.

She was recognized by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers as a 2001 Recipient of the organization's 50th Anniversary Golden Star Award. Also in 2003, she received the Harvey Ford Award from the Conference of County Court Judges. She participated in the Governor Bush's Florida Statewide Drug Control Summit 2006.

For more than twenty years Judge Hawkins has volunteered in Leon County public schools, so it was a real honor when she was selected as the *Tallahassee Democrat's* 28th Anniversary Volunteer of the Year for Education, 2006 and recognized as the 2008 Outstanding Mentor at Apalachee Elementary School. In March, 2010, she was honored as one of *Tallahassee Democrat's* 25 *Women You Need To Know*.

Since her 50th birthday, Judge Hawkins has combined her passion for travel and service to do international mission trips. She helped build a school in Costa Rica, January 2001, and has conducted evangelistic campaigns for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kenya, June 2002; Dominican Republic, June 2003; Taiwan, November 2004; Romania, November 2005; Mongolia, September 2006; Papua, Indonesia, October 2007; Mexico, October 2008 and Brazil, November 2009.

A 1973 graduate of Andrews University, Judge Hawkins obtained a Masters' Degree from The Ohio State University in 1977, and earned a Juris Doctor from Florida State University College of Law in 1984.

Since December 1972, Judge Hawkins has been married to James E. Hawkins, Dean of the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication, Florida A&M University. Their son, Jason, and his wife, Dionne, have made them the proud grandparents of Keira Noelle, born March 21, 2008 and Kyla Christine, born August 31, 2009.