President’s Corner
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The Annual Reverse Trade Show was a success, thanks to everyone’s hard work. Northwest Florida State College was a wonderful host showing professionalism while providing quality food and service. It was an honor to have Marcheta Gillespie from National among our knowledgeable presenters this year.

We are currently planning next year’s Reverse Trade Show and are seeking ideas for a theme and training classes. The University of West Florida is our host site on March 2, 2012 and we need someone to be responsible for handling registration and payments. Okaloosa County has done a fabulous job for the past 5 years and it is only fair to reallocate the work. They streamlined and developed a process that makes this much easier, especially with the addition of the website event management tool!

Next Chapter Meeting July 14th

The recent Region 7 conference call covered many topics, especially reverse trade shows and education.

- Compared to other chapters from around the state, our reverse trade show is on target while continuing to improve.
- As to education, there is a tremendous push for online training due to cuts in travel budgets. Course offerings are continuing to expand to eventually cover the current 2 and 3 day live training classes. For more information please go to: http://www.nigp.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=pd-ep-ot

National’s Values and Guiding Principles provides written policies and situational guidelines. We are being asked to review and adopt these values and guiding principles. Please review at http://www.nigp.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=abt-ppv_gp. This item will be considered for vote at our next meeting in July.

The website is bringing us recognition by sponsors, vendors and other chapters. Please submit ideas on how to improve the website to better meet your needs.

Our next meeting is July 14, 2011 at Escambia County Purchasing Department from 9 AM until Noon. Breakfast and lunch will be on your own as this is strictly a business meeting. Please let me know if there is anything we need to address at this meeting.

Purchasing Receives Award

The Santa Rosa County School Board and Superintendent Tim Wyrosdick recognized the Purchasing Department for receiving the 2010 Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council Sterling Agency Award for having maintained three consecutive years as a Certified Agency. The award is to recognize an agency’s commitment and dedication to the profession, skills, expertise and value of the certification in the public sector. Pictured from left to right, Brenda Godwin, Buyer; Sandra King, Purchasing Agent; Jud Crane, Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration; Tim Wyrosdick, Superintendent

Manager of the Year
Sandy King has been awarded the 2010 Professional Manager of the Year for the Central Gulf Coast Chapter of NIGP. She was presented with a check for $250 and will now compete for the National Award.

New PTAC
Jane Dowgwillo is the new PTAC Program Manager under Florida SBDC. She has extensive experience in procurement and contract management, and working with state and local government agencies. She is also a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College.

GSA Programs
GSA has programs for State and Local Governments, such as:
- Disaster Recovery
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Law Enforcement Equipment
- Computers
- Federal Surplus

The following link provides additional information: http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105300

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.
Sir Winston Churchill