Governor Roy Cooper of State of North Carolina proclaimed March 2018 as Procurement Month.

As well, Gov. Cooper commended us as Public Professionals that make important contributions to assure the responsible use of taxpayers dollars by providing efficient service while maintaining the highest ethical standards which directly influence the national and international economies.

Give yourself a pat on the back for your hard work!
NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Greetings to my CAGP Colleagues,

I am honored to be your Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing (CAGP) President for 2018-2019. I trust that you are as excited as I am to be a member of this organization. CAGP is committed to the ongoing professional development of its members which enables us to meet and address any procurement challenge. I encourage each of you to complete a volunteer form which is located on the CAGP website home page and get involved today.

Not CLGPO certified, now is a great time in your career to work toward your CLGPO certification. If you are already CLGPO certified, maybe you would be interested in CPPO (Certified Public Purchasing Officer) or CPPB (Certified Public Purchasing Buyer). The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) of which the CAGP is a chapter, offers these designations.

As your President, please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or comments concerning the CAGP.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve each of you.

Sincerely,

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CAGP HONORS ITS RETIREES

Each year CAGP honors its members that have retired during the past year with an invitation to the conference banquet and a plaque of recognition for their service to CAGP and to the purchasing field in general.

We have said goodbye to seven purchasers this year.

We will miss you!

Craig Garner
Catawba County Schools

Cheryl Perry
Town of Cary

Gloria Wrench
Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC)

Gail Priddy
County of Rockingham

Brenda Williams
City of Marion

Michael Whaley
Town of Washington

Wendy McFee
City of Wilmington

Your classes will transfer towards a NIGP certification!! CAGP has a reciprocal agreement with NIGP. Professional Purchasing Organizations sponsored by established professional purchasing organizations (such as CAGP, NIGP, ISM, NPI, NASPO) or by a public institution or public agency (local, state or federal) dealing with a purchasing related subject will be accepted automatically as instructional hours directly relevant to public

TIME TO ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE. Happy Retirement!
Message from the 2018 Conference Chairs:

The CAGP traveled to the eastern part of the state this year in beautiful downtown New Bern. New Bern was the original colonial capital of North Carolina. Historical New Bern is described as where the Neuse and Trent rivers unite to a coastal rhythm that energizes and relaxes you at the same time. Naturally, the theme had a hint of nautical charm while riding the “Waves of Opportunity with CAGP”. The 2018 Spring Conference and Vendor Exhibition commenced on March 5th - 8th 2018. The conference location was the Doubletree by Hilton and the vendor show was held at the Convention Center in New Bern North Carolina. There were 130 members that attended this year’s conference and 76 vendors.

The planning committee was committed to providing learning and networking opportunities for all members at all levels of public procurement/purchasing profession. The planning committee worked countless hours on this conference with a unified spirit of teamwork and excellence. Please join us in thanking them for their service to our wonderful organization. The planning committee members consist of (in no particular order): Robin James, Cleve Haddock, Laura Jones, Noelle Woods, Hal Hayes, Sonjia Cross, Deborah Taylor, Amy Patterson, Clarice Wilson, Linda Bassett, Maria Perez, Ashley Bennett, Shawn Williams, Christina Russell, Sara Graves, Julie Willingham, Arthur Buckaloo, Craig Wilkie, Crystal Bailey, Erin DeBevardinis, Karl Keyes, David Shaul, Dustin Peele, Brent Quick, and Norma Houston. Again, thank you for all your hard work!!!

We offer a profound thank you to all instructors and speakers for the great information that you all provided during the educational sessions.

As your 2018 conference chairs, Cheryl and Lori want to thank the CAGP for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful organization. It has been such an honor and a very pleasing learning experience for the both of us. We would like to encourage others to get involved and serve in any capacity of which one may feel comfortable and to challenge oneself to venture outside of your comfort zone.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Waves of Opportunity with
SCENES FROM CONFERENCE

New Bern is the known as the ‘City of Bears’

Winnings from Family Feud

View from Hotel

Mitch the Bear in the downtown at the hardware store

Waiting to hear the door prize winners after the Vendor Exposition. Thank you Vendors!!

US Navy Sailor Bear

Our Caped Superheroes

View from 5th floor of hotel

Norma Houston teaching during conference
CAGP GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

The CAGP donated to a charity drive at our annual conference and the donations assisted the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. These coordinators, Linda Bassett with Onslow County Schools and Shawn Williams with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, would like to thank everyone for their donations. We were able to donate 533 pounds of food and non-food essentials! We also donated $561.00 in cash! The food bank was very pleased with the donation. Way to go CAGP family!!!
CLGPO INITIAL CERTIFICATIONS

Initial CLGPO certifications were earned by

1. Reuben Affah, City of Durham
2. Tanga Anderson-Solomon, City of Raleigh
3. Linda Basse, Onslow County Schools
4. Arthur Buckaloo, Guilford County
5. Mark Cannady, Fayetteville Public Works Commission
6. Sara Graves, Onslow County
7. Wanda House, City of Greenville
8. Tracey Keyes, City of Charlotte
9. Candice Kirtz, Nash-Rocky Mount Schools
10. Tiffany Marchman, City of Jacksonville
11. Sandra Martin, Gaston County Schools
12. LaNelle McDowall, City of Raleigh
13. Dustin Peele, Dare County
14. Gary Peeples, City of Charlotte
15. Pam Radford, Johnston County

Congratulations to all!
CLGPO RE-CERTIFICATIONS

Re-certifications were earned by:

1. Beatrice Abernathy, City of Asheville
2. Edward Epley, City of Newton
3. Harold Haywood, City of Laurinburg
4. David Moore, Go Triangle
5. Amy Patterson, City of Asheville
6. Hays Poole, North Carolina State University
7. Terra Vuncannon, Moore County
8. Britt Smith, City of Lexington
9. Julie Willingham, Metropolitan Sewerage District
10. Noelle Woods, Wayne County
11. Genetta Carothers, City of Charlotte (Absent)
12. Dwayne Childress, Davidson County (Absent)
13. Nicole Hatch, Mecklenburg County (Absent)
14. Paschelle Mitchell-Palmer, Winston Salem State University (Absent)
15. Robyn Snow, Town of Zebulon (Absent)
16. Kimberly Toon, City of Fayetteville (Absent)

LIFETIME CERTIFICATIONS

Lifetime certifications were earned by:

1. Jacqueline Boyce, Durham County
2. Angelene Brinkley, formerly with City of Greenville
3. Dan Elliott, Town of Cary
4. Teresa Horsboll, Cape Fear Public Utility
5. Robin James, Chatham County
6. Edward Mobley, City of Charlotte
7. Angela Perry, Durham County
8. Faye Perry, Camden County Schools
9. Mary Waller, City of Raleigh
10. Cathy Herring, City of Kings Mountain (Absent)

Hallelujah
The Sustained Professional Purchasing Award was introduced to CAGP in 2000. The award is presented annually and recognizes all members agencies that have demonstrated the use of technology, minority outreach, staff certification, customer training, vendor training and the use of recycled products. The winners for the year 2017 are as follows: Your hard work has paid off and you are bringing the gold!

Thank you for being a role model agency for others.

Please note that the two agencies in *bold text* received the award for the first time.

Catawba County
City of Charlotte
City of Greensboro
City of Greenville
City of High Point
City of Raleigh

*Durham County*
Greenville Utilities Commission
Guilford County Schools
Onslow County

*Onslow County Public School*
Union County
Wake County

Congratulations
The Hall-Wicker Award was established by the Carolinas Association of Government Purchasing in 1996 to recognize outstanding contributions and service to the cause and advancement of the purchasing profession and to jointly honor the late Warren “Jake” Wicker and the late W.T. “Tom” Hall, Jr. Jake, who for many years was the School of Government’s purchasing law expert, and Tom, who served as the purchasing agent for the Town of Cary, were instrumental in forming CAPG, creating the CLGPO certification process, and known for tirelessly devoting their time and energies to increasing opportunities for professional development for purchasing officers in our state. Both men were legendary for their dedication, warmth, humor, and unfailing commitment to professional excellence.

This year’s Hall-Wicker Award recipient truly embodies the spirit of this award and the two outstanding leaders for whom it is named. Our recipient has served CAGP over the years in a number of elective and appointed positions on our Board of Directors, including as our President, and continues to be an active leader in our Association. This year’s recipient has strived for professional development by earning CLGPO certification and other professional certifications offered through the School of Government.

This individual has worked in the governmental purchasing profession for over 20 years, and during this time has led many efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of purchasing and property disposal processes at this individual’s unit of government, including moving surplus auctions to GovDeals and implementing a unit-wide p-card system.

Our award winner continuously stresses the importance of aligning purchasing functions to business strategies both at departmental levels and across all departments and has greatly improved the procurement functions at all levels.

As a leader, this year’s recipient lives up to the adage “You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.” Our award recipient leads by example, always putting the needs of others first and striving to help others grow professionally and personally. Our winner is not only a leader in our profession, but also this individual’s community, dedicating countless volunteer hours to church and community organizations. When this individual’s name is mentioned, people immediately think of qualities such as ethical, integrity, honesty, dedicated, and selfless. To quote from our award winner’s nomination: “This individual longs to help people accomplish their goals, tasks and dreams. It is not one big thing that this individual has done to make such an impact, it is the thousands of little things that this individual does to let others know that this individual is dependable and treats everyone with the same respect.” And to top it all off, our winner is even known to have a sense of humor!

Over the years our award recipient has followed in the shoes of some of the true legends of our profession both at this individual’s unit of government and in leadership positions in our Association. This individual has not only filled those shoes but has greatly increased their footprint, setting even higher standards for professional excellence, leadership, and personal integrity for the rest of us to emulate. I am delighted to announce that this year’s recipient of the Hall-Wicker Award is Hal Hayes with City of Burlington!

The purpose of this award is to give appreciation and recognition to public purchasing professionals that have made significant contributions within the past two years to the success of their entities, their profession, and themselves. It is presented annually at the CAGP Spring Conference in memory of Billy D. Ray for his outstanding contributions, service and advancement of the public purchasing profession.

The winner of the Billy D. Ray award receives a plague and a $650 scholarship for use towards CAGP related conferences, seminars, and travel associated with this training. Also, the current winner of this award will present the award the following year. This year’s winner for Purchaser of the Year is Velicia G. Moore with Guilford County Schools.
This year marked Steven’s 15th year of teaching the CLGPO exam review session. Steven’s review sessions have become a “must-do” among those who sit for the exam. Steven manages to convey a vast amount of law and practice in a day-long session in a way that keeps the attendees engaged and, at times, even laughing.

To recognize Steven’s continued contributions to the strength of the CLGPO program and the success of many examination candidates, the CLGPO Committee has established the “Steven C. Graham Achievement Award” to be given annually to the examination candidate who achieves the highest passing score on the CLGPO certification examination and will be presented each year at the Conference Spring Banquet during the CLGPO presentations.

For those of you who are planning to take the exam in the future, don't worry, Steven is not retiring from conducting the review session! We created the award simply because it was time.

And the third winner of the Steven C. Graham Achievement Award has achieved a perfect score on the CLGPO exam and is only the second time in 22 years! The Award Presenter Julia Vosnock Faircloth had the first perfect exam score and pleasure to present the next perfect score winner.

The winner is
Amanda L. Bullard
with Cumberland County!
Within our community, part of our future plans are to find ways to interact and promote the procurement profession in our younger population.

At this year’s conference a “pilot program” was tested which gave much insight to future opportunities concerning outreach and inspiration for the younger students.

It was very helpful to have our educational program and conference viewed by young, unbiased eyes.

Our very first intern Lauren Parnell is a high school senior (18 yoa) and she attended the conference in New Bern as part of her Civics’ class. The school’s requirement is that she write a paper about the learning experience at the conference.

The student’s mother, Schelaine Parnell is a purchasing agent with Onslow County Schools and is attending the conference as a first-timer this year. She will attend and room with her mother.

After the conference, CAGP received a thank you note from our intern about her appreciation for the experience.

**Thank you Schelaine and Lauren!!**

I would like to take this opportunity to tell the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing for giving me this time and chance to attend the 2018 annual CAGP conference and Vending Expo. It was an amazing opportunity to be the first high school intern to attend. Being there really opened my eyes and showed me how hard these people work and how serious, and what it takes to do these jobs. I think I could possibly become a purchasing agent in the future. I think this could help people who want to go into this job, I would definitely attend again, there is so much advice and information given in these meetings. Also, there is so many amazing people who attend these meetings. I learned how to communicate, negotiate, how to be confident and how confusing these jobs are. Thanks again for this opportunity, I hope it all helps gather High School Students and give them a chance to learn and attend these conferences.

March 7, 2018

Lauren Parnell

High School Mentor
2019 CAGP SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Winners for the five registrations for the 2019 CAGP Spring Conference Registrations.

1. Joni Escaravage, Henderson Co. Schools
2. Robin James, County of Chatham
3. Candice Kirtz, Nash-Rocky Mount Schools
4. Julie Grasty, Town of Waynesville
5. Mia Brown, Town of Wilkesboro

If any of these winners are unable to attend for any reason, the alternates will be chosen in order to take the place of the original member.

Alternate winners for the 2019 CAGP Spring Conference.
- 1st, Rebekah East, Town of Kernersville
- 2nd, Amy Patterson, City of Asheville
- 3rd, Angie Waters, City of Greensboro
- 4th, Arthur Buckaloo, Guilford County
- 5th, Robert Drewry, Onslow Co. Schools

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For more information see attached letter and visit www.cagponline.org

(Purchasing training, conferences, networking, sample documents, legislative updates and more)

2018 NIGP CONFERENCE

Congratulations to the following 2018 CAGP Spring Conference attendees who won the scholarship drawings to attend the 2018 NIGP Annual Forum in Nashville, TN on Aug. 19 - 22, 2018.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
1. Daniel Callahan, City of Raleigh
   • Alt: Lou Forrissi, Charlotte Water
2. Bruce Erickson, City of Charlotte
   • Alt: Karl Bucher, City of Kinston
3. Kimberly Welborn, City of Greensboro
   • Alt: Erin DeBerardinis, Union Co.

CLGPO CERTIFICATION
4. Jennifer Myers, City of Raleigh
   • Alt: Shanna Fonville, Town of Morrisville

BOARD/COMMITTEES
5. Sherri Barnhardt, Onslow Co. Schools
   • Alt: Amy Patterson, City of Asheville
6. Sonjia Cross, City of Burlington
   • Alt: Noelle Woods, Wayne Co.
7. Shaun Mizzell, City of Raleigh
   • Alt: Candy Harmon, Alamance Community College
Interested in volunteering your expertise and talents to CAGP?

We’re always looking for individuals who want to work together to develop, support, and promote the public procurement profession within our state.

There are several ways to volunteer your time, expertise and talents to the mission and success of CAGP. Some commitments extend for multiple years while others are brief, project-focused engagements. Some committees require travel to a meeting or event while other committees are project teams allow you to participate via teleconferencing.

Please click the link below for volunteer form below, complete form and return to dtaylor@ccprc.com.

We’d love to have you!

FOR FORM, CLICK LINK BELOW: https://www.cagponline.org/insidepages/content/index.cfm?newsid=5D670DB8-5056-8056-8960-
SOG TRAINING DATES

Basic Principles of Local Government Purchasing
May 1 - 4, 2018

Introduction to Local Government Finance
August 27 - 30, 2018 (Track 1) &
August 28 - 31, 2018 (Track 2)

Contracting for Construction & Design Services
September 25 - 27, 2018

Intermediate Purchasing
November 27 - 29, 2018

CAGP MENTORS THE CONFERENCE FIRST-TIMERS

CAGP assigned mentors to the first-time participants (mentees) of the CAGP Conference this year. Mentees were shown the ropes of the conference, classes & membership.
BITS & PIECES

CAGP is starting publishing this section once again. Do you have a human interest type story for the newsletter? We want you to share your news with the organization. It may be a/an:

♦ Promotion at work
♦ Volunteer work of members
♦ New birth of children/grand children
♦ New family members – such as adoptions of children or pets.
♦ Sports people participate in – such as triathlons, marathons, ball tournaments, dog shows, etc.
♦ Hobbies or other interest

Another certification / degree
♦ Marriage or Children’s marriages
♦ Sickness or death in someone’s family

This gets us to know each other and become interconnected on a personal level and can be an ice breaker for the shy. Please send picture and information to mbrown@wilkesboronc.org to post on our bulletin board.

SAVE THE DATES
CAGP Board Meetings
⇒ June 7, 2018 (Onsite, SOG) 10 am - 1 pm with lunch
⇒ October 10, 2018 (Call In) 10 am - noon
⇒ January 24, 2019 (Call In) 10 am - noon
⇒ March 2019 - TBA before Conference

We missed you at conference this year!
Debbie Anderson & Susan Croft
Glad both of you are feeling better

Congratulations
FRANCESCA CAMERON
On Your Baby Boy!

BABY ON BOARD
Ashley Bennett
wishing you all the Best!

From the desk of
Debbie Anderson
Purchasing Manager, Catawba County
Thank you to my CAGP family for the awesome gift basket received during a recent illness.
Love and miss you all
Debbie

TIM WOODS WELCOME BACK!

Genetta Carothers
GET WELL SOON!
We miss you!!
### CAGP NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

#### ELECTIVE OFFICERS
- President: Cleve Haddock, CLGPO
- Vice President: Deborah Taylor, CPPO
- Secretary: Amy Patterson, CLGPO
- Past President: Robin James, CLGPO

#### ELECTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 1st Year Director: Shaun Mizell, CLGPO
- 2nd Year Director: Noelle Woods, CLGPO
- 3rd Year Director: Karl Beil, CLGPO

#### APPOINTIVE OFFICERS
- Treasurer: Sherri Barnhardt, CLGPO, CPPB
- Conference Site Selection Chair: Laura Jones, CLGPO, CPP
- Membership Chair: Candy Harmon, CPPB
- Nominating Chair: Robin James, CLGPO
- Registrar: Sonjia Cross, CLGPO
-Vendor Relations Chair: Hal Hayes, CLGPO
- Webmaster: Chris Bernat, CLGPO
- Certification: Chris Payne, CPM, CLGPO

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS
- 2019 Spring Conference Chair: Lena Butler, CLGPO
- 2019 Spring Conference Co-Chair: Karl Beil, CLGPO
- Newsletter Committee Chair: Mia Brown, CLGPO
- Legislative Committee Chair: Anna Bumgarner, CLGPO
- Professional Development Committee Chair: Brent Quick, CLGPO
- Bylaws Committee Chair: Christina Russell, CLGPO
- CLGPO Certification Committee Chair: Chris S. Payne, C.P.M., CLGPO
- Future Directions and Evaluations Committee Chair: Genetta Carothers, A.P.P., CLGPO
- Historian Committee Chair: Lori Colon, CLGPO, MBA
- Social Media Coordinator: Mark Cannady
- NC State Purchaser’s Liaison: Todd Self
- South Carolinas Liaison: Lanna Wright, CPPB

#### IMPORTANT LINKS
- Purchasing Listserv: [https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting/listserv](https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/local-government-purchasing-and-contracting/listserv)
- CAGP Website: [https://www.cagponline.org](https://www.cagponline.org)
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- Retention Schedules: [http://archives.ncdcr.gov/ForGovernment/RetentionSchedules/Local-Schedules](http://archives.ncdcr.gov/ForGovernment/RetentionSchedules/Local-Schedules)