Welcome New Members

Elandra Murphy  
State of Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services

Wilhelmina Washington  
State of Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services

Anthony Wood  
State of Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services

Patti Lewis  
State of Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services

Melissa Anderson  
State of Ohio, Adjunct General’s Department

Will Barr  
State of Ohio, DAS/GSD Office of Procurement Services

Bobbie Gordon  
Central Ohio Transit Authority

Brian Pfeffer  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Robert Schiefer  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Robert Ebbinghaus  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Lewanda Blackshear  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Pamela Woods  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

P. John Wiggins  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Patty Jackson  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Jarrod Chapa  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Robin Lester  
State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety

Rose McKay  
State of Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services

March is Procurement Month
It’s a time to celebrate with pride the role of the public procurement profession.

When we celebrate Procurement Month, we acknowledge an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness. The month of March provides the opportunity to help educate others about the procurement process and the admirable work you perform every day.

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In November 2016, the CO-OPP Community Affairs Committee partnered with the Columbus Division of Fire in collecting toy donations of for their annual holiday “Firefighters Toys for Tots Drive”. Toy donations were collected at the annual November luncheon for all kids (up to age 14), and – as you will see from the attached picture - the number of donations received from our CO-OPP General Membership was heart-warming!

The Community Affairs Committee wanted to give everyone a big THANK YOU shout-out to our General Membership for their generous and bighearted donations made for this worthy toy-drive. Also, THANKS to all of the Community Affairs Committee Members who helped with collecting toy donations: Cindy Collins, Robin Cook, Tasheena Duresky, Suzy Popp, Jean Romine-Schilling and Candice Snow.

As always, on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House & the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, thank you also for the pop-tab & empty container donations. Please keep them coming!!
UPPCC Announces Newest Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) & Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) Designees

Mrs. Jacqueline L. Williams, CPPO, CPPB Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) Cleveland OH
Mr. Thomas P. Pannett, CPPO Ohio Department of Transportation Columbus OH
Mr. James E. Hardy, CPPO, CPPB Retired Cleveland OH
Mrs. Tiffany White Johnson, CPPB The City of Cleveland Cleveland OH
Mr. Craig A. Bucher, CPPB City of Columbus Columbus OH
Mr. Shane Morgan Gill, CPPB Columbus Regional Airport Authority Columbus OH

Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO) and Certified Public Purchasing Buyer (CPPB) credentials demonstrate an individual's comprehensive knowledge of public procurement.

RECOGNIZE A CO-OPP VOLUNTEER

As a volunteer based organization CO–OPP has many silent members volunteering their knowledge, skills and personal time to further CO–OPP’s commitment to its members. Many of our volunteers work quietly behind the scenes providing significant service to the success of the organization. Our chapter now has the opportunity to annually recognize a member who has gone above and beyond in providing outstanding service to CO–OPP.

The Award & Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce CO–OPP’s new annual Volunteer of the Year Award. The awardee will be selected from nominated members who have displayed substantial volunteerism to the organization over the past 12–24 months.

The committee is depending on you to nominate members who have provided outstanding commitment to the chapter and deserves recognition for their service. As it is our desire to present this award during the 2017 March is Purchasing Month General Membership Meeting nominations will be accepted through February 18, 2017.

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Information regarding the award and the nomination form is attached above as well as available at https://www.coopp.org/insidepages/filearchive/index.cfm?
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Promote the profession / Support the professional / Develop both

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Nationally and internationally, March is celebrated as Purchasing Month. It is a time to conduct retrospective review, recognize the achievements of the past year and applaud outstanding professional dedication and commitment. The month is designated to draw attention to this increasingly complex environment and the profession that has historically been under-recognized for its contribution; it also acknowledges the vital role performed by the procurement professionals along with showcasing the profession as a valuable partner in pursuing the overall mission of our government entities.

This is an opportunity to communicate and articulate the value we add to all key stakeholders, the general public, industry and government officials as well as our individual organizations. It is a time to look to the future and collectively focus and define what we value, spearheaded by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP); to celebrate and salute our investment of time, effort and mental energy.

We are not just a functional, transactional workforce, nor are we just an occupation. We are strategic practitioners of a specific body of knowledge and certifications evidence that proficiency. We judiciously spend taxpayer dollars, we purchase wisely and ethically, we strive to achieve best value, and we are transparent through fair and open competition. We are professionals!

True public service is about working together. We commend Ohio’s public purchasing and contracting professionals who diligently serve their communities and practice moral and ethical stewardship above reproach.

The CO-OPP Annual Luncheon and Educational Event
November 16, 2016

The Boat House At Confluence Park
679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215

President, Maureen McGuire thanked everyone for another great luncheon turn-out and election participation. Jennifer Shaefer, Nomination Committee Chair, distributed ballot forms & offered opportunity for floor nominations.
The President recognized individuals for their "Dedication and commitment to the Public Procurement Profession".

Gretchen Adkins  
Thomas Patterson  
Speranca Szana

The President also acknowledged other Committee Chairs and volunteers who have been essential to the success of CO-OPP:

Kellie Johnson, Membership  
Deb Bryan, Program  
Jennifer Shaefer, Member-at-Large
Mary Harper, Community Affairs  
Gift for outgoing President

New Officers
The President recognized the Board Members with a Certificate of Appreciation.
2017 – 2018 Board Officers

Thomas Patterson, President
Speranca Szana, Vice President
Kellie Johnson, Treasurer
Karen Murphy, Secretary
Jennifer Shaefer, Member at Large
Maureen "Mo" McGuire, Immediate Past President

Committee Chairs

Tonya Prickett, Education
Deborah “Deb” Bryan, Programs
Sean Fouts, Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Committee (ICPC)
Gretchen Adkins, Awards & Scholarships
Shawn Carter, Public Relations
Mary Harper, Legislation and Community Affairs
Barb Johnson, Strategic Planning
Tasheena Duresky, Membership
Cindy Collins, March is Purchasing Month
Jean Stephenson, NIGP Liaison
Steve Morbitzer, Community Outreach
Charlie Rosol, Public Purchasers Association of Northern Ohio (PPANO) Liaison