Hello IPPA Membership,

Four IPPA members (Kim Riebe, Karen Server, Diane Muench, and Kristi Keller) attended the 4 days of education and networking at the Annual NIGP Forum in National Harbor, Maryland.

On August 23, 2016 I attended the Chapter Presidents Appreciation Lunch and met the presidents of Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, and Minnesota. It was an interesting afternoon of networking. It made me feel that there are others experiencing the same challenges every day, that aren’t too far away.

Are you ready for the Fall IPPA Membership Meeting and Training on October 19th in Davenport? The planning committee of Cindy Whitaker and me from Davenport and Lori Stock from Bettendorf have a day planned with interesting speakers and activities. The cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members; and this includes lunch. If you know of someone in your agency that is not a member but would like to attend, please tell them about this event.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our state and organization at Forum this year. It was an experience like no other.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Kristi Keller
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
JULIE FAGLE

How many years in Purchasing? or How long have you been in Purchasing?

15 Years

How did you get into Purchasing?

My purchasing career began in fleet in the energy industry, qualifying and negotiating service contracts. This led to the aerospace industry, where I held a variety of roles.

What was your most unusual procurement?

Blue Guns

Which procurement are you the most proud of?

Managing subcontracts for the Future Combat Systems Program at Rockwell Collins.

Where is your home town?

Oelwein, Iowa

What do you like to do outside of work?

Gardening, Travel, Yoga, Spending time with loved ones

Favorite book, movie, dream vacation? or What is your favorite saying?

Quote: What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create. – BUDDAH

Please provide a small paragraph summary about yourself and your background.

Julie Fagle, a government contracting specialist based out of the Cedar Rapids area, provides technical expertise, counseling, and training on government contracting in the local, state, federal and subcontracting sectors. She was formerly employed at Rockwell Collins where she led subcontract management efforts for a large government program and gained extensive experience in supplier assessments and government regulation compliance. Fagle received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Upper Iowa University. She is certified as a contract assistance specialist (CCAS) with the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC), holds an associate’s certificate in contract management with George Washington University, and is a certified trainer with the Center for Veteran Enterprise (CVE) Federal Contractor Certification (FCC) program.

HAVE A PROCUREMENT STORY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

The newsletter would like to share your story! We are looking for articles that other procurement professionals would find interesting and/or informative. The article could contain information such as why the procurement was necessary, what processes were used, obstacles that were overcome in the process, how long the procurement cycle took, etc.

Submission information is located at the bottom of page 8.
This year the 2016 NIGP Forum was held in National Harbor, MD. I was one of four IPPA members that were able to attend (Karen Server (City of Ames), Diane Muench (City of Cedar Rapids), Kris Keller (City of Davenport) & Kim Riebe (City of Council Bluffs). The NIGP Forum gave us a great opportunity to connect with each other. We each had a chance to meet numerous procurement professionals, attend informative sessions, listen to inspirational speakers and even went on a night tour of the DC monuments.

NIGP Forum offers exposure to the recent procurement best practices, and the opportunity to interact with Procurement professionals all around the globe. We were able to select from a number of training opportunities. My top choices were: Total Cost of Ownership, the art of managing effective relationships, 3 part series of the Federal uniform guidance, procurement & cost allocation, identifying & stopping collusion; oh, no not another meeting, 5 keys to negotiating strong energy contracts, and independent price determinations.

While at the Forum I had the opportunity assist in the event as a member of the QCT team. We were responsible for assisting the attendees, an information person of sorts. Others at NIGP were given an opportunity to pack supplies for needy children, and another challenge offered to attendees were to review (5) documents in the NIGP Library & provide feedback on the relevancy of the document.

My favorite presentation came from a simple guy with a huge message, Alex Sheen “Because I said I would”. He was moving and challenged me to “because I said I would”. Look it up and challenge yourself. The week ended with tons of laughter with a performance by the Capitol Steps, a Washington DC’s award-winning political satire group.

NIGP Forum, what a great opportunity. It’s a great place to learn what others are doing, challenge yourself to do more, and encourage growth in yourself and your organization.

Submitted by: Karen Server
2016 IPPA FALL MEETING
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Freight House Farmer's Market
East End of Building 2nd Floor
421 W. River Drive
Davenport, IA 52801

Registration deadline: October 14, 2016

Contact Kristi Keller with Questions (563) 888-2077 or email: klk@ci.davenport.ia.us

Registration

Is this your first IPPA Conference? _____Yes _____No

Participant’s Name

Agency

Agency Address

City/State/Zip

Daytime Phone

Email

_____ IPPA Member Conference Registration Fee $20.00 (includes lunch)

_____ Non-Member Conference Registration Fee $25.00 (includes lunch)

If you require a special dietary need for lunch, please contact Kristi Keller, (563) 888-2077
Vegetarian, and Gluten Free are available if ordered early.

Credits will be given for Continuing Education

Will you need a certificate? _____Yes _____No

(Your certificate will be available for pick up at the end of the meeting)

Register online at: https://www.ippanigp.org or Mail this Registration Form and Registration Fee to:
Stacy Sassman, IPPA Treasurer Phone (515) 294-9390 email: ssassman@iastate.edu
Iowa State University
1340 Administrative Services Building
2221 Wanda Daley Drive
Ames, IA 50011-1004

HOTELS WITH STATE RATES:
Days Inn & Suites, 7222 Northwest Blvd., (563) 391-8222 - $65 single/double
Hotel Davenport, 5202 N. Brady St., (563) 391-1230 - $65 single/double
LaQuinta Inn & Conference Center, 3330 E. Kimberly Rd., (563) 359-3921- $65 single/double
Program

8:15-8:45 am  Registration, networking and continental breakfast

8:45-9:00 am  Kick-off and introductions – Kristi Keller, IPPA President
               Welcome by Corri Spiegel, City Administrator

9:00-10:00 am Purchasing From An Audit Perspective
              Heidi Hobkir, Assurance Senior Manager
              RSM  US LLP

10:00-10:15 am Break

10:15-11:15 am Insurance Requirements
               Jeff Young, CIC
               Trissel Graham & Toole Insurance

11:15-11:45 am Flood Wall Demonstration
               City of Davenport Facilities Maintenance

11:45 am-12:15 pm Lunch

12:15-1:00 pm Business Meeting

1:00-2:30 pm  Writing Good Specifications
              James L. Patterson, Ph.D., C.P.M., A.P.P.
              Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management
              Western Illinois University

2:30-2:45 pm  Break

2:45-3:00 pm  Kristi Keller and Cindy Whitaker – Central Fire Station Bid Process

3:10-4:00 pm  Walk to Central Fire Station and Construction Tour

NIGP is a national, membership-based non-profit educational and technical organization
providing support to professionals in the public sector purchasing profession
2017 Iowa Public Procurement Association Board Officer Candidates

Renee Funk, University of Iowa – Nominee for Vice President

Renee Funk has been with the University of Iowa Purchasing Department for 6 years and is currently the Senior Purchasing Agent Lead for the Strategic Sourcing Team. Renee joined the IPPA in 2015. She has experience with purchasing a variety of commodities ranging from office supplies, laboratory supplies and equipment, medical supplies, cellular phones, and MRO goods. Her team specializes in campus-wide and regent contracting and bidding. Renee has been serving as an At-Large member since June of 2015 when she agreed to accept appointment by the Board to replace Suzy Trotter when Suzy resigned. If elected, Renee will serve three additional years.

She came to Iowa City in 2002 to attend The University of Iowa where she graduated with a degree in Psychology, and has been proud to call Iowa City home since. Renee lives with her husband Cory and their two miniature dachshunds Oscar and Adie.

Kim Riebe, City of Council Bluffs – Nominee for Secretary

Kim Riebe has been the Purchasing Officer for the City of Council Bluffs for three years. She oversees city-wide purchasing – everything from office supplies to fire trucks. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Geographic Information Systems. Her first job was at Garmin in Olathe Kansas where she worked in marine cartography. While at Garmin, Kim got her MBA and wanted to utilize those skills. The Purchasing Officer position became available and Kim was eager to give it a try and move back home to Council Bluffs. Kim has been a member of IPPA for three years and the newsletter editor for a year and a half. If elected, Kim will serve a two-year term.

Kim lives in Council Bluffs with her husband and enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing in her garden, and traveling.

Stacy Sassman, Iowa State University – Nominee for Treasurer

Stacy Sassman has been a Purchasing Agent at Iowa State University for 7 years. She handles purchases involving office supplies, and property lease agreements, HR services, and employee and student benefits. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Business Management. Her previous work experience is in customer service, retail management, and sales. Stacy was elected as Treasurer for the first year of her two-year term, and elected as Treasurer again for 2016. She has agreed to run for Treasurer again in 2017, and will serve a second two-year term if elected.

Stacy moved to Ames with her husband (an Iowa native) 13 years ago from Ohio and loves being a part of the Ames and ISU communities. She has a daughter, Lexi, who will be 3 in December and a dog, Baxter. She has been a member of the IPPA since 2013.

Heather Mell, CPPB – City of Cedar Rapids, Nominee for At Large Director

Heather Mell is a Purchasing Agent with the City of Cedar Rapids. She has been with the City of Cedar Rapids for 6 years. Heather handles purchases of “bid it/buy it” items.

Heather has been a member of IPPA since 2011. She served on the Education Committee for 3 years with the last year serving as Chair. This will be a second two-year term for Heather.

Heather lives in Atkins with her husband Shane and sons Braden and Parker. She enjoys time with her family and friends.

Tisha Campbell, Iowa State University – Nominee for At Large Director

Tisha Campbell is a Purchasing Agent with Iowa State University. She has been with the Purchasing Department altogether for 10 years and 4 of those years as a Purchasing Agent. Tisha handles the purchases of copiers, furniture, printing equipment and supplies, postal equipment and supplies as well as the university moving contract.

Tisha has been a member of the IPPA since the Fall of 2015 and has been serving on the IPPA Awards Committee. If elected, Tisha will serve a two-year term.

Tisha has a daughter in her second year of college and a son who is a senior in high school. She enjoys reading, time outdoors and spending time with family.

Karen Server, CPPB – City of Ames – Nominee for At Large Director

Karen Server is the Purchasing Manager for the City of Ames. She is a strong supporter of Iowa Public Procurement Association (IPPA) serving on the board from 2009-2013 as Treasurer. If elected, she will serve a two-year term.

Karen previously worked for Iowa State University as a Purchasing Agent/Construction Coordinator handling small construction projects, construction commodities and the coordination of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for large construction projects. Karen also worked in the private sector for a local mechanical contractor.

She graduated from William Penn University with a degree in Business Administration. Karen is married and has two sons and one daughter. Karen has lived in Ames all of her life. She enjoys time with her family and friends.
Past IPPA President Retires!

Joe Marolf retired from Cedar Rapids Community Schools, as the Purchasing/Warehouse Supervisor on June 30, 2016.

Joe was a charter member of the IPPA back in 2008 and served as Vice President, President and Past President of the IPPA from 2013 through 2015. He also often assisted with hosting meetings, and also with committee work

Joe has been busy doing "whatever he wants" since he retired! So far this has included biking, target shooting, learning to golf again, and just hanging out.

Joe says he may pop into some future IPPA Meetings. He said it will depend on the location of the meetings and/or his availability at the time. If you would like to congratulate Joe or connect with him from time to time, you may email him at: J.marolf@hotmail.com.

The IPPA sincerely thanks Joe for his commitment to the IPPA and all he did to serve as an active member.

Submitted by: Laurie Hoing
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The IPPA Chapter Connection newsletter is a quarterly publication. Newsletters will be published in March, June, September, and December.

Re-certification points are given for any newsletter articles that are submitted for publication.

You may submit articles to Kim Riebe via email at kriebe@councilbluffs-ia.gov.