Message from the President

Dear Members,

Spring is here and our NIPG Board and Committee members have been working hard on the many goals that they set in 2003.

We held our first Chapter Meeting on January 30, 2003. The general consensus was that it was a very successful chapter meeting. Our keynote speaker was Dr. McCue, Associate Professor from Florida Atlantic University. He gave an excellent presentation on "Purchasing and Politics."

The second Chapter Meeting was held on March 20, 2003 at the Boca Raton Community Center in celebration of Purchasing Month. We obtained several Proclamations from Cities and County to kick off the month. At this meeting Dr. Susanne Gaddis gave an outstanding presentation on how to "Change Your Inner-tude" and equipped us with the right tools to improve our inner attitude, productivity, and communication skills. Three hours of educational points were awarded at this seminar.

Our next meeting is planned for June 5, 2003. This is a morning meeting and it will be held at the City of Coconut Creek Recreation Center at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anne Schroeder is scheduled to give a presentation on "Creating Optimism." Three hours of educational points will be awarded for attendance. The chapter is subsidizing the cost of this mini seminar. The cost to our members is only $15.00 which includes the seminar, breakfast, and lunch. I hope all of you will take advantage of this opportunity and support the Chapter by attending the meeting.

Besides the Chapter Meetings, the Website Committee has successfully launched our very own web site. The web site address is www.nigpsefl.org. The Board would like to thank Joel Mariani and his committee members for doing a wonderful job. Please give us your suggestions to enhance this site.

The Pro-D Committee, chaired by Karen Walbridge, conducted the General Public Procurement Seminar on February 18-20. The next upcoming seminar is the Intermediate Public Procurement Seminar scheduled for April 8-10. Additionally, the Power Series Seminars have been added. Inside is a the Registration Form for the first seminar that is scheduled for May 16, 2003. Call Alex Denis at 954-765-6086 for further information. Please take advantage of all the seminars to keep up with your continuing education as well as to enhance your professional skills.

Just a reminder that membership dues should be in by May 1, 2003, so please inform all your co-workers who have not yet become a member to join and become part of our professional organization.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Regards,

Yasmin

Yasmin Teja, CPPO, C.P.M.
President, Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP, Inc.
WEBSITE UPDATE - Joel Mariani, C.P.M.

Hopefully by now many of you have had an opportunity to visit our Chapter’s new web site. It is a compilation of efforts from many of our members over the past several months. A special thanks to all of you who contributed to this project.

Over the next month or two we will be fine-tuning the site. Stay tuned for updates to the Trade Show Section as well as a new “SNAPSHOT” drop down menu under “NEWS.” Speaking of news, if you have any news or announcements to present to the membership please let us know and we will be happy to post them to the site. Likewise if you find anything that requires an update or correction please advise the Communications Committee. To contact us simply click on word “CONTACT” at the bottom of each page or the envelope icon that appears in the upper right corner of each page.

The site will serve as the main focal point for information dissemination for our members. If you have not had a chance to view the site please do so at your convenience and let us know what you think. Happy surfing.

Vendors to Meet Governmental Purchasing Professionals at
6th Annual Reverse Trade Show Set for Friday,
October 31st, 2003

The Southeast Florida Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and the Cooperative Group will host the 6th Annual Reverse Trade Show on Friday, October 31st at the Westin Hotel located at 400 Corporate Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33334

For more information about the 6th Annual Reverse Trade Show, contact Kirk Buffington, C.P.M., Vice-President of Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP, Inc., at (954) 828-5933 or e-mail: kirkb@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us

David Nash of the City of Fort Lauderdale has submitted his nomination for the office of Secretary of the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers (FAPPO). If you are attending this years conference in West Palm Beach the election will be held on Thursday April 24th at the noon Business meeting. David would appreciate your support.
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## NIGP/CO-OP SEMINAR/MEETING SCHEDULE

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Meeting Announcement and Registration
Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP, Inc.

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Time: Registration: 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
General Announcements: 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Speaker: 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Place: Coconut Creek Recreation Center
4455 Sol Press Boulevard
Coconut Creek, FL

Speaker: Ms. Anne Schroeder

Topic: Creating Optimism

Cost: $15.00

REGISTRATION: Enclosed is a check for $______ for the June 5, 2003 SE Florida Chapter of NIGP meeting.

Name: ________________________ Title: __________________

Telephone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________

Entity: ________________________ E-Mail: ________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________

City: ______________ State: FL Zip: ______

Please make checks payable to: Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP, Inc.
Mail checks to: Broward County Port Everglades
Attn: Irene Costa
1850 Eller Drive, 6th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Phone: 954-468-3517 Fax: 954-761-1561
Email: icosta@broward.org
Please RSVP by Monday, June 2, 2003 NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED

Meal: Breakfast- Continental Breakfast  -  8:00 – 8:30 AM
Lunch: Catered  -  12:00 PM

Name ____________________________

Agency __________________________

I'll be there for breakfast: (circle one) YES NO
I’ll be staying for lunch: (circle one) YES NO

Location:
Coconut Creek Recreation Complex
4455 Sol Press Blvd.
Coconut Creek, FL  33073
954/956-1580

Directions:
From I-95 South
Exit Sample Road West to Lyons Road. Turn right (North) and proceed (under Sawgrass Express overpass). Go to Sol Press Blvd. Turn right on Sol Press Blvd. Turn left into 2nd driveway to the Recreation Complex. If you pass Hillsboro Boulevard you’ve gone too far north.

From I-95 North
Exit Hillsboro Blvd. West. Continue on Hillsboro Blvd. to Lyons Road. Turn left (South) and proceed to Sol Press Blvd. Turn left On Sol Press Blvd. Turn left into the 2nd driveway to the Recreation Complex. If you pass Winston Park Blvd., you’ve gone too far south.

From Turnpike
Exit Sample Road West. Continue West on Sample Road to Lyons Road. Turn right (North) and proceed (under Sawgrass Express overpass) to Sol Press Blvd. Turn right on Sol Press Blvd. Turn left into 2nd driveway to the recreation complex. If you pass Hillsboro Blvd., you’ve gone too far north.

From Sawgrass Expressway
Exit Lyons Road North. Turn right on Sol Press Blvd. Turns left into 2nd driveway to the Recreation Complex. If you pass Hillsboro Blvd., you’ve gone too far north.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS THAT OBTAINED CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATIONS

New Certification CPPO
Ronnie Escano, CPPO, C.P.M., CPCM
Contract Specialist
South Florida Water Management Dist

Re-Certifications CPPB’s
Lynn Kunkel, CPPB
Senior Buyer
City of Boca Raton

Terry Rhea, CPPB
Purchasing Supervisor
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

Karen Walbridge, CPPB, C.P.M., A.P.P.
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Broward County Bd. of County Commissioners
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Kirk W. Buffington, C.P.M.

Senate Bill S 54, Minimum Wage Statue, and Living Wage

Senate Bill 54 was profiled on December 15, 2002, and has been referred to the Senate’s Comprehensive Planning Committee. This bill prohibits local governments from requiring employers to pay a minimum wage other than the Federal minimum wage.

The bill in part states, as follows:

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), a political subdivision may not establish, mandate, or otherwise require an employer to pay a minimum wage, other than a federal minimum wage, or to apply a federal minimum wage to wages exempt from a federal minimum wage.

The bill goes on to state, as follows, one of three exceptions that would concern procurement folks:

(b) For the employees of an employer contracting to provide goods or services for the political subdivision, or for the employees of a subcontractor of such an employer, under the terms of a contract with the political subdivision; (emphasis added)

(Note: the requirement to invoke a wage other than federal minimum wage becomes part of each contract)

This bill, if passed could obviously have a significant impact upon agencies that have passed, or are considering passing, a living wage ordinance. You may wish to alert your agency’s legislative lobbyist.

You may access, the full text of the bill http://www.flsenate.gov/Welcome/index.cfm, and click on Bill Information citatory, and then “BILLS”, at the top of the page, and then scroll down to S 54.

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Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Members [formerly NAPM]: 7.25 CEH Points

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Registration 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.)
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Building 62 – BCC / North Regional Library
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT ALEX DENIS at (954) 765-6120 or by e-mail: ADenis@purchasing.broward.k12.fl.us

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