Happy New Year! We look forward to 2019 being a year of education opportunities on all levels. The Board and Chairs are preparing this year’s roster of speakers and classes that will offer our membership a well-rounded educational program. I urge you as a members to provide your input and get involved with volunteering when opportunities arise. If you have any suggestions on programming, training, speakers, event or other recommendations please send them to me directly at boconnor@davie-fl.gov. I want to thank everyone for your support last year and look forward to being your President for another year.

-- Brian O’Connor, C.P.M., Chapter President

The busy workday often gets the best of us and it can be tough to sit down for a webinar, even if you blocked out the time for it in your calendar. NIGP National is now offering on-demand webinars that you will be able to take at your convenience. Many of us are seeking points toward recertification or a general refresher in a specific area. One of the first courses offered under the new “Aspire” learning courses is entitled Effective Contract Formation. This accredited course will be worth 4 contact hours upon completion. Non-accredited courses will also be offered. Find out more at www.nigp.org/aspire.

At the December 2018 Business meeting, the membership unanimously voted to reinstall the board of officers for the coming calendar year.

Being a board officer or committee chair is hard work! We are fortunate that the board members agreed to continue their dedicated service into 2019.

2019 Chapter Officers
President: Brian O’Connor, C.P.M.
Vice President: Cassandra LeMasurier
Treasurer: Indra Sarju, CPPB
Secretary: Katia Sarley, CPPO

Thank you to the City of Weston for hosting the January 2019 Coop Meeting

NIGP SEFL 20th Biennial Reverse Trade Show
April 11, 2019
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Noon
Coral Springs Gymnasium
Sign up for your agency table at www.nigp.org

FAPPO 52nd Annual Conference & Trade Show - “Striving for Excellence”
May 13-16, 2019
Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina
Register at www.fappro.org*
“Early bird rates only thru April 5th

IN MEMORIAM: DIANE LOPRESTI

On December 12, 2018, our longtime Chapter member Diane Lopresti passed on. Diane graduated from FAU in 1994 and began her career at the City of Boca Raton in 1995 as a Buyer. In 1998, Diane earned her CPPB and was later promoted to Senior Buyer in 2007. Diane was a dedicated employee and was always up for the next procurement challenge that came her way. Her patience and willingness to assist others and share her procurement knowledge was an everyday occurrence for anyone that came into contact with her. Diane was a strong, kind woman who always put her family first and supported her daughter in everything she did. She was a member of the Chapter for 20+ years and was always willing to help out other Procurement folks.

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