I am very excited and honored to be this year’s Chapter President for the second year in a row. Being an officer is a big commitment, but I have enjoyed every minute of it. It is very rewarding to give back to each and every one of you who are so dedicated to this wonderful profession. Since January 1st the Chapter has partnered with IBIS World to bring you a new set of tools that I hope you will take advantage of. These tools will excel you to a new level of understanding of the various goods and services you procure on a regular basis. You can read more about IBIS World in the Chapter News section. There is also a link to IBIS World and the various procurement reports they have made available to the Chapter in the Member Services section of the website. This year we’ve also launched a revamped Scholarship Fund that will provide all members an equitable opportunity to earn real dollars toward a variety of procurement events and educational opportunities, including NIGP’s Annual Forum. Speaking of Forum, this year’s Forum will take place in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah from August 27th through the 30th. If you’ve never attended a Forum before, I encourage you to go. It is an amazing experience that will not only energize and educate you, but also leave you with lasting friendships and expand your network of procurement professionals. Lastly, after a year off, we’re bringing back the Reverse Trade Show. Many vendors have been calling and e-mailing us asking when we would be having one again, so I expect a tremendous turnout. The Reverse Trade Show has always been a great way to connect with local vendors, learn about new product and services, and promote your agency. The Reverse Trade Show will be held in the City of Coral Spring on April 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. I hope to see every member agency there. - David Santucci, CPPO, CPPB
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

CELEBRATING OUR NEWEST CPPB CERTIFICANT

The last round of UPPCC Certification tests proved fruitful for Chapter member Randi Whitcomb - she successfully earned her Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) designation. Ms. Whitcomb is currently working on several solicitations in her position at the City of Green Acres to include Marquee Signs, Card Access Maintenance and Custodial Services.

She states she fell into Procurement "Totally by chance. I had never been in purchasing, but I knew of it from my previous government job. I thought it sounded like fun, so I applied and was given the job. I am so glad I did, because I love this field of work."

The first formal bid Ms. Whitcomb took the lead on was for Debt Collection Services. What she loves most about this field? "You have the same basic tasks, but it's always a little bit different."

"I love this field of work."

Randi Whitcomb, CPPB
Finance/Purchasing Assistant
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Congratulations to Ryan Lingholm, Buyer, and Jose Hidalgo, Purchasing Agent, from the City of Delray Beach who were just notified by the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO) that each of their entries for this year’s Essay Contest on “Personal and Professional Excellence” have been awarded runner up prizes. Their awards will be announced at the upcoming annual conference in Orlando in May. Great job guys!

In addition, a big congratulations goes to Delray Beach’s Chief Purchasing Officer Theresa Webb, CPPO, on her appointment to the NIGP Talent Council, which is the leadership recruitment arm of the Institute, effective July 1, 2017.
HANDY (FREE!) TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**April 5**
2:00p - 3:30p
Best Practices for I.T. Procurement - Framing the Procurement & Knowing What to Ask (Visit NIGP.org)

**April 19**
2:00p - 3:30p
Introduction to Making a Contract "Sustainable" (Visit NIGP.org)

**March 29**
2:00p - 3:30p
Performance-Based Infrastructure for the Public Sector (Visit NIGP.org)

**May 10**
2:00p - 3:30p
Cybersecurity for Procurement Professionals (Visit NIGP.org)

*Free Webinars - to Register simply login at www.nigp.org and select "Grow Professionally" then "Take A Webinar"*
"Question of the Day"

Studying for the upcoming CPPB or CPPO exam? Join the free email study resource led by NIGP certified instructor Dave Nash, CPPO. To help keep you on your toes for exam day, you will receive a different question daily in your inbox. Visit www.goftheday.net to register!

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