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Q&A with the President

What motivates you to be the President for the Greater Miami Chapter (GMC) of NIGP?

My drive to stay active in the NIGP mission and progressive in its vision toward constant growth motivates me daily and keeps me persevering toward success in my responsibility as President of The Chapter.

What quality/aspect of the chapter are you most proud of?

We are always receptive and open to new ideas in our attempt to meet the constant need for growth. This openness is a quality that brings us close interactively and allows us to change in order to meet today’s demands for better communication and proactive service.

What does the Chapter have planned for 2016 and how will it benefit its members?

In 2016, we will persevere to continue focusing on providing continued education and we will be proudly launching a new internship program in which our future members can have the opportunity to venture in public procurement and provide our agency with quality personnel. Our hope is to stimulate our membership roles with younger members.

What will ensure success for the chapter this year and the years to come?

The active participation of our members is essential to our organization as we depend greatly on each member to participate and offer their skills and experience in service and for our mutual benefit. Without member participation, we cannot progressively achieve our visions and goals as an organization.

What programs does the Chapter have in place to encourage participation? How can the members be more involved?

The organization offers a series of committees in which each member can involve his or herself and they can earn volunteer hours for their service to the Chapter.

2016-2017 Executive Board of Directors

President- Mari Betancourt, CPPB
Vice President- Carol McPatrick, CPPO, CPPB
Secretary- Yadissa Calderon, CPPB
Treasurer- Joan Chin Nuke, CPPO
Immediate Past President- Brian K. O’Connor, C.P.M., A.P.P.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your Calendar!

Upcoming NIGP’s Webinar Offerings

- **May 18** Webinar - The Ins and Outs of the Uniform Grant Guidance for Governments
- **Jun 08** Webinar - Being Ethical: It’s Not Always Easy!
- **Jun 29** Webinar - A Different Kind of Cooperative
- **Jul 13** Webinar - Alligator Presentations: How to have a tough skin...big smile...in front of a tough audience.

From the comfort of your desk!

Webinar Fees

Complimentary to NIGP Members/ Non-Members - $190*

*Includes a one-year complimentary NIGP National membership for eligible individuals.

For further details and to register visit:

NIGP Webinars

2016 CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

- June 13
- September 19
- November 07

Come join our chapter to discuss our progress, goals and our future.

We need your input at our meetings.

2016 GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

- June 17
- December 09

From the comfort of your desk!
The Professional Development Committee is eager to help you meet your educational goals. Certification is an accomplishment that demonstrates a high level of competency for those that are involved in governmental purchasing. Below is a list of the classes currently offered and available for registration by GMC. Stay tuned for additional courses to be offered throughout the year.

### Classes Offered by GMC

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Awards & Scholarships

Remember if you are an active member you can submit a scholarship application to be reimbursed for up to **$250.00 per year** for the successful completion of Professional Development Courses.

The Scholarship Fund Application and instructions can be found at: www.nigpmiami.org

Submit scholarship applications to:
Theo Carrasco, Ph.D., CPPO, CPPB at honors@nigpmiami.org

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**Question of the Day**

Studying for the upcoming CPPB or CPPO Exam? Join the free email study resource led by NIGP Certified instructor David Nash, CPPO, CPPB. You will receive a different question daily to help you prep for the exam. Visit:
10 Reasons to Attend

1. #1 Public Procurement Event of the Year
2. Connect with 950+ colleagues
3. Attend 60+ educational sessions
4. Visit 200+ suppliers at the Products Expo
5. Earn up to 18 contact hours
6. Bring back an infinite number of ideas and solutions that will positively impact your agency and your community
7. Grow your skills through educational workshops & in-depth seminars
8. Learn from subject matter experts in the procurement field by attending relevant, real-world educational workshops
9. Address key procurement trends and dynamics facing governments today
10. CONNECT WITH PROCUREMENT COMMUNITIES

May 1 - July 18, 2016

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Volunteer Value Hours Winner for a trip to the 71st Annual Forum of NIGP:

Vivian Walters

AWESOMENESS

it’s something you do every day and in every way.
Share your News with Us!

All GMC members are encouraged to send us... Articles, Press Releases, Photos and more!

- Industry News- related to Procurement
- Local Procurement Issues and how they affect you.
- Upcoming events & Event Recaps
- Educational Opportunities
- New Certifications
- Recognition of a peer for his/her accomplishments.
- Photos... lots of photos.