President’s Message
by Kristy Garcia, CPPO, CPPB

Dear AZNIGP Members,

Thank you for turning out to the Regional Conference & Vendor Expo on October 18. It was a great day and we had lots of fun. Thank you to Teena Ziegler and the rest of the Regional Conference committee for all your hard work this past year planning the conference and all your hard work the day of. It takes a lot of people and many hours to prepare for this event and I appreciate you all for your efforts. Officer elections were held and congratulations to Heather Hodgman, City of Apache Junction, incoming 2019 Vice President and Cyndi Hawk, City of Surprise, incoming 2019 Treasurer. Your dedication to the chapter is appreciated and I look forward to a great 2019 with our new Executive Board. Teena Ziegler was confirmed as your 2019 President and Lori Noyes will continue to serve as Secretary.

Two volunteer events with our charity Helen’s Hope Chest are coming up. November 10 they are having a cornhole tournament and need volunteers to help with the event. December 15, they need help organizing Christmas gifts for distribution to approximately 3,000 foster kids. Please help by signing up for at least one of these events. They need us, and we need to show our support and help them however we can. Registration is available on our chapter website at www.aznigp.org under Upcoming Events.

Our last luncheon meeting for this year is the Awards Luncheon and Transitional Board Meeting on December 11. If you served on a committee, please plan on attending so you can receive your committee certificate and gift. If you plan on chairing a committee for next year, please plan on attending the all-day Transitional Board Meeting. It is a very important day of planning the budget, calendar, and policies for next year and we need your input.

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. Happy Thanksgiving Wishes to Everyone. I am grateful and thankful to all of you and all that you do as members and volunteers of this great organization of ours.

Sincerely,
Kristy Garcia

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As public servants, each of us supports the communities in which we live and work every day. The Arizona State Capitol Chapter of NIGP believes it is important to give back to our local communities and support those who support others.

The December luncheon is the last opportunity of the year to donate to Helen’s Hope Chest.

Please bring your charitable contributions so we can help Helen’s Hope Chest provide for foster families. Specifically, Helen’s helps children who have a case with the Department of Child Safety and who have been placed in a licensed home or group home.

Let’s show our support for this charity by donating Christmas gifts for JaKelle’s Christmas Box and birthday gifts for John’s Room.

JaKelle’s Christmas Box brightens the holidays for foster children and those being brought up in kinship families. Gifts are distributed to foster families, group homes and registered kinship families.

John’s Room at Helen’s Hope Chest is named for a Mesa boy who passed away at a young age. To ensure his joyful spirit lives on, his family proposed creating a special room at Helen’s Hope Chest where children and teens in foster care would be able to select gifts for their birthday. Their wish is that every child, no matter their background and circumstances, is able to experience the innocent wonders of childhood. Please help keep John’s Room stocked by donating toys, games, stuffed animals, and gift cards.

THANK YOU!
The 29th Annual Regional Conference & Vendor Expo was held October 18, 2018 at the Mesa Convention Center.

Wow, what an event and great turn-out! We had a great turn-out this year so Thank You to all who participated. We hope you found it valuable and enjoyed a productive and informative AZNIGP Regional Conference.

The all-day event featured a vendor trade show, keynote speaker, luncheon meeting, and more than a dozen thought-provoking class sessions given by public procurement professionals.

The day was a huge success with 98 vendor booths and over 300 members in attendance.

Our members also donated items to our charity organization, Helen’s Hope Chest and raised over $600. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Thank You Sponsor Vendors

We want to thank our sponsor vendors for their participation and support.

**Mickey’s Gold:** 1GPA, Allied Universal Security Services, Dave Bang Associates, National IPA, Teknion, and US Communities.

**Donald’s Silver:** A & H Painting, Arizona Correctional Industries (ACI), Auto Glass Direct and Tint, Ferguson HVAC, Graybar, HD Supply, NASPO ValuePoint, PC Links, Rimini Street, Wist Business Supplies & Equipment.

Without the assistance of these sponsors, and participation of all vendors, our registration fee for this event would be much higher. Thanks to the vendor’s attendance they help pay the conference expenses which help reduce the cost to members.

Thank You Speakers

Thank you to the many volunteers and professional speakers who graciously took the time to share their knowledge and help our members by providing valuable professional development.

Richard Pennington, Michael Asner, Marcheta Gillespie, Laura Ayala, Monique Harris, Tara Acton, Maggie McConnell, Mary Jo Furphy, Janet Woolum, Randy Kutz, Balinda Strosnider, Taylor Aasand, Rob Martel, Teena Ziegler, and Bob Caldwell.

Committee

It is a huge undertaking to organize an event this size every year and many volunteer hours are put in to make sure it is a success.

Thank you committee members for all your hard work. It takes a small village and a year of planning but it is all worth it! Teena Ziegler, Kristy Garcia, Gary Barkman, Sharon Brause, Paul Evans, Bonnie Gonzalez, Irma Guzman, Susanna Hernandez, Susan Holt, Kelvin Ong, Pam Risaliti, Andrea Stupka, Becki Watson, Vicki Fitzpatrick, Lisa Goodman, Cyndi Hawk, Heather Hodgman, Patricia Lorenzen, Cheryl Rentscheler, Jess Romney, and Nancy Vejar.
Regional Conference 2018 Pictures

Your 2018 Regional Conference & Vendor Expo Committee
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29th Annual Regional Conference Survey Results

**Overall Quality of the Regional Conference**

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Upcoming Events

**Chapter Luncheon**
December 11, 2018—11:30 AM
January 15, 2019—11:30 AM

**Professional Development**
February 25-27, 2019—NIGP Seminar: Contract Administration

**Webinars**
November 13, 2018—11:30 AM
Finding, Understanding, and Using BLS Price Indexes

**Transitional Board Meeting**
December 11, 2018—8:00 AM

* If you plan on chairing a committee in 2019 please attend the transitional board meeting. It is a fun-filled day of training, planning events, preparing the budget, and much more for our Chapter for 2019.

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MEMBERS NEEDED

Members needed to chair several Committees in 2019:

- Legislative
- Mentoring
- Newsletter
- Nominations/Elections
- Social Media

Thanks for considering these opportunities to share your talents. Volunteer leaders are essential to the ongoing success of our chapter.

Interested members, please email Teena Ziegler if wanting to chair one of the above committees for 2019.

Membership Report

Active Members = 460
Pending Members = 9
Expired Members = 4
Vacant Positions = 8
New Members = 13

Please report any members that have left your agency so they can be marked as expired and your agency can get credit for a vacant membership. You can apply this vacant membership to any new hire. (same membership year only)

Please contact Kristy Garcia, to redeem free lunch vouchers, remove or add any members, and with any questions or help getting registered. Kristy.Garcia@MesaAZ.gov

Help Wanted
Volunteers Needed!

New members in attendance at the Regional Conference on October 18
Event Pictures

New Members at September Luncheon

Chapter Swap with the Rocky Mountain Government Purchasing Association—Colorado. 9/27/18

Copper Chapter (Tucson) Reverse Vendor Trade Show—9/19/18

Prize winners at September luncheon meeting on 9/11/18

CPPO/CPPB Review Session—Fall 2018

NIGP Ethics Seminar—11/5/18
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Johnnie Kelley

How long have you been in Purchasing?
I'm not really sure how many years because I have not officially been in “purchasing” until now. I started purchasing when I was in the Navy in 1994. I was a storekeeper in the Navy. LOVED IT! That only lasted for three years. I have been doing the purchasing for our business for 12 years now. I used to do purchasing for a lawyer I worked for in Georgia for five years with all the other duties.

How long have you worked for your employer?
I have worked with the City of Peoria Procurement for a year officially and almost two unofficially. This is where I have learned the most about purchasing and continue to learn.

Which procurement are you the most proud of?
I am very proud of my contract for a Food Truck Vendor Organizer. Probably because it was my first RFQ with evaluations. Christine, Lisa and Terry helped me every step of the way. Go Peoria!!!

Before joining my current employer, I was:
Working from home. We have our own Window Cleaning and Power Washing business. So now I get to do both. 😊

What makes you laugh?
My Boxer, Baster. He is my baby boy. Gotta love dogs.

It's your day off. What are you doing?
Crocheting and drinking coffee on my couch with a tv show in the background; absolute heaven or posting items for sale on Offer Up, Let Go and FB.

My favorite place is:
My favorite place is my house on my couch 😊

What do you like to do outside of work?
I love to crochet and look for crochet patterns on the internet. I also love to buy and resell! Garage sales and Goodwill’s are my favorite places sometimes.

Favorite Book? Movie? Dream Vacation?
My dream vacation would be to have my husband and my girls go in a RV traveling with no destination for a month straight and not worry about anything.

What was your first car?
My first car was a crazy looking Chevrolet Chevette! The kind you can hear a mile away before you actually can see it. Me and my sister had to pay $500 for it. Let me tell you I needed to negotiate that price down. I swear this is the car we purchased back in 1990. My mom seriously needed to know about total cost of ownership and life cycle costing before having us purchase this car from my Tata Sernas. LOL (just joking; love you mom)
**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Johnnie Kelley**

If you could have only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I know you asked for just one but there are two that I would have a hard time picking between. I could live off grits, butter and smoked sausage (Turkey or Kielbasa) or Top Ramen noodles, tabasco and smoked sausage. They say college students eat it because it is cheap, but I just love it! I wrote a paper on it in college. SMH 😊

Any recent accomplishments you are proud of and would like to share?

My family is my best accomplishment. I am so very proud of my oldest daughter for always doing something and never hesitating. She is 25 and has been in the military; served 7 years. She started her own vintage arcade and closed it so that she could move home. Her and her two German Shepherds; Ryder and Koda, one chihuahuaawa, Chikita, and Peter the Rabbit are on their way back to Alaska in a 20ft U-Haul pulling her truck. I’m sure my youngest will follow in her footsteps because she is not shy about trying anything new. I have a great man of God and two beautiful strong young ladies. They will always be my best accomplishments.

I have to say that deciding to reenter the work force outside of my home has been nice. I would have to give all the credit to the City of Peoria Materials Management staff. I have never worked with such a great group of people. I’ve never seen such great customer service in a department where the entire staff goes out of their way to help their customers. The knowledge that I am being exposed to is just crazy. Everyone knows their job and is willing to share everything they know. I just love it. I know if it weren’t for Dan Zenko, Christine Finney, Lisa Houg, Terry Andersen, Drew Ashmun and Debra Tidball I would have kept this temporary. Now I just have to make Ms. Christine proud and actually soak all that knowledge in. 😊
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