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President’s Message by Kristy Garcia, CPPO, CPPB

Dear AZNIGP Members,

Our next event, the September luncheon on 9/11 is just around the corner. Marcheta Gillespie will be speaking on Establishing Long-Term Success with a Contract Administration Plan. Register soon if you plan on attending. Also, quickly approaching is our Regional Conference and Vendor Expo on October 18. This year it will be at the Mesa Convention Center and is guaranteed to be a wonderful experience.

Many of us just returned from National Forum in Nashville, TN. As always it was a great learning experience and bonds were formed with the many people you meet and get to know better during the week there. Look for pictures of our group and the events that took place that week in our next newsletter.

One of our speakers at the Career Seminar held on 8/14 talked about leadership and what are we doing to add value to our agencies. I ask you “What are you doing as a member to add value to our organization?” Can you volunteer to be on a committee? Can you serve on the Executive Board? Now is the time to think about what value you add to our organization and what can you do as a member in the future to contribute to the success of our organization. There are many volunteer opportunities on the many committees that we have. I challenge all of you to pick just one committee that you can help serve and make a big difference. Nominations are open until 9/11 for Vice President and Treasurer for 2019, and committee volunteer opportunities for 2019 will open soon. Visit our website at www.aznigp.org to view job descriptions, committee descriptions, and to get the officer nomination form.

Thank you again for all that you do as members and volunteers of this great organization of ours.

Sincerely,

Kristy Garcia, CPPO, CPPB
Heather Hodgman is a candidate for Vice President. Heather has been an active member since 2008 and is currently working at the City of Apache Junction as the Public Works Management Analyst. Heather has served on numerous committee’s over the years and a previous chapter Secretary and is looking forward to the opportunity to broaden her knowledge and experience as the chapters next Vice President.

Click here to read her complete bio and application.

Cyndi Hawk is a candidate for Treasurer. Cyndi has been a member for 7 years and is currently employed as a Senior Buyer at the City of Surprise. She wants to contribute her time and knowledge to benefit an organization that has been instrumental in her professional success.

Click here to read her complete bio and application.

Jess Romney is a candidate for Treasurer. Jess has been an active member since 1997 and is currently employed as a Procurement Officer for the City of Mesa. Jess hopes that through serving as Treasurer he can help improve the chapter and the profession.

Click here to read his complete bio and application.
Countdown to Regional Conference

Regional Conference & Vendor Expo

If you have not already registered please do so now as time is running out to register and attend this year's Regional Conference & Vendor Expo being held at the Mesa Convention Center on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

It will be an exciting day filled with many professional development classes, a vendor expo, motivating speakers, and networking opportunities with peers and vendors.

Come join us for this important event and educational opportunity. Don't miss this annual event that is fun and a huge fundraiser for our chapter.

And remember to bring those donations for our charity, Helen's Hope Chest. Helen's Hope Chest provides support for foster kids and their foster families. Needed items are listed below. Thank you in advance for your donations!

* Gently used clothing sizes 3T-18 for boys and girls
* Baby Items (formula, diapers, toys, blankets, etc.)
* New hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)
* New and gently used books for all ages (activity, story)
* New school supplies (backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, etc.)
* Holiday and Birthday Gifts (new gifts for all ages)
* Gift Cards for Teens
* Money and Gift Cards to buy needed items (Wal-Mart, etc.)

Thank You!
Regional Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

29th Annual Regional Conference & Vendor Expo
Mesa Convention Center—263 N. Center St., Mesa, AZ 85201

Registration and Continental Breakfast—7:00 AM—8:00 AM

“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” - Christopher Robin

Opening Plenary Session—8:00 AM—9:00 AM
Keynote Speaker—Richard Pennington. Join Richard in a journey that celebrates the richness of our profession, and learn a little along the way about how to make teams more effective!

Grand Opening of Vendor Expo—9:00 AM—9:55 AM

“The very things that hold you down are going to lift you up.” - Timothy Mouse, Dumbo

Concurrent Sessions 10:00 AM—10:50 AM
• Richard Pennington — Tales From the Dark Side
• Michael Asner — The Statement of Work: Getting It Right! (Part 1)
• Marcheta Gillespie — Women in Procurement: Songs of Strife and Success

Concurrent Sessions 11:00 AM —11:50 AM
• Janet Woolum — Communicating Effectively with Data
• Michael Asner — The Statement of Work: Getting It Right! (Part 2)
• Randy Kutz — Negotiating Over Email: The Do’s and Don’ts of the Virtual Bargaining Table

Luncheon / Business Meeting 12:00 PM—1:30 PM

“A true hero isn’t measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart.” - Zeus, Hercules

Concurrent Sessions 1:45 PM—2:30 PM
• Balinda Strosnider — LEAN/Metrics and How to Create and Use Them
• Michael Asner — Top Ten Best Practices You Should Steal
• Taylor Aasand — Food and Mood
Regional Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

28th Annual Regional Conference & Vendor Expo
Phoenix Convention Center—South Building, 100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix

Afternoon Break / Snack 2:30 PM—3:00 PM

“Always let your conscience be your guide.” - Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio

Concurrent Sessions 3:15 PM—4:10 PM

- Rob Martel—Eliminating Excuses
- New State e-Procurement System S2P—State Procurement Office (SPO)
- Bob Caldwell—Criticism Giving & Taking

“The Wonderful World of Procurement” Vendor Expo is open all day (9:00 AM—4:00 PM). Please take the time to visit and support our vendors throughout the entire day. Invite end-users to attend Vendor Expo for free.

Hakuna Matata! - Closing / Grand Prize Raffle 4:15 PM—5:00 PM
Must be present to win!

Schedule is subject to change.

Available presentations will be posted to chapter website when available.

Full schedule with speaker bios and class descriptions is available on the chapter website at www.aznigp.org
Career Seminar II Recap

Career Seminar II—August 14, 2018

The last career seminar of the year was a great success. The seminar was held at ADOT on August 14, 2018, with 106 members in attendance. Thank you to Patrick Ibarra and Randy Kutz our professional speakers.

Following the speakers, our business meeting was held, in addition to lunch, and was opened by our President, Kristy Garcia. The following items were highlighted during the meeting:

• Chapter Bylaws were amended and approved.
• Our next luncheon meeting will be held on September 11, 2018.
• If interested in running for VP or Treasurer please submit your nomination form no later than September 11, 2018. The nomination form is available on the chapter website.
• Don’t forget to support our charity, Helen’s Hope Chest.
• Scholarship money is available. Please apply today!
NIGP Forum 2018

The NIGP Annual Forum was held this year in Nashville, TN, August 19-22, 2018 with 1300+ professionals from throughout the country in attendance. Our local chapter had 35 members in attendance so we were well represented.

We had a fun time bonding with other members and have memories to remember for a lifetime. Forum is always a great opportunity to learn public procurement and network with colleagues and the supplier community.
Upcoming Events

Chapter Luncheon
December 11, 2018—11:30 AM

Professional Development
September 17-18, 2018—NIGP Seminar:
Risk Management in Public Sector Contracts
October 18, 2018—Regional Conference & Vendor Expo
November 5, 2018—NIGP Seminar:
Ethics: A Survival Kit for Public Procurement

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.

NIGP Course to be held at City of Mesa

NIGP Seminar: Ethics: A Survival Kit for Public Procurement
Date and time: November 5, 2018 (8:00 AM—5:00 PM)
Seminar Location: City of Mesa, SW Community Room, 640 N. Mesa Dr., Mesa, AZ  85201

Presented by: Ms. Christine O. Weber, CPPB, C.P.M.
Contact hours: 8.00 hours
Cost: NIGP Institute Members—$310; Non-Members—$410
To Register: Go to www.aznigp.org Under Upcoming Events

Overview
This course will introduce the student to ethical practices needed during the procurement process. The course will empower the student with the ability to make distinctions between competing choices that face the procurement professional. Being ethical is not always easy, but it is always important. The participant will learn to focus on discernment, discipline and effectiveness as vital elements of ethical decision-making. Both moral and business considerations will be analyzed in this seminar.

Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Identify the foundational structure of ethical decision-making.
- Recognize questionable ethical situations when they occur.
- Explain the value of ethical behavior.
- Deduce proper ways to respond when confronted with a potential unethical situation.
- Formulate a process for investigating a questionable situation.
- Develop ethically sound procurement documents.
- Recommend ethical expectations to customers and suppliers.
Active Members = 441  
Pending Members = 15  
Expired Members = 1  
Vacant Positions = 4  
New Members = 22

It has been a busy start to a new membership year. So far this fiscal year we have 22 new members. We hope you get involved and reap the many benefits that membership has to offer.

Benefits to being a Chapter member include free webinars, networking opportunities, discounted professional development events, scholarship opportunities, enhanced leadership skills, National staff and resources and much more!

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

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National Membership

Are you a member of NIGP National? If not join today! A $25 rebate is given to our Chapter for having non-National members apply for and become new Agency or new Individual Members of the Institute. This money can be used toward scholarships, seminars, events and much more!

Join NIGP

Attention Members!

Please visit www.aznigp.org to ensure your profile is up-to-date and that if you are an NIGP National member, that the proper box is checked. (The Chapter pays NIGP different rates based on this!)

Also, make sure your Job Title and Department are documented in the required fields.

You can also review your history, print attendance certificates, and print invoices/receipts under Review / Update Your Profile then select the History tab.

Your member history displays on this page and includes meeting/event attendance and membership payments.

To download a copy of an invoice or receipt, click the blue “paper” icon in the left column next to the appropriate entry.

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Welcome New Members!

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Industrial Commission of Arizona

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Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)

Frances Delgado
State of Arizona (DEMA)

David Almaraz
Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)

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