September 24, 2008: We are fortunate to still be enjoying summer-like weather as your RMGPA Board rolls into Fall. We just completed the 2008 Fall Conference in the new Police Services Facility in Fort Collins. It was the first time since we began keeping records through the RMGPA website that we had 90+ attendees signed up for a Fall Conference (usually we are in the 70s). Also for the first time, we video-recorded our opening speaker, former CSU football coach Sonny Lubick, and three segments on Contracts presented by Bill Davison. These presentations will be posted online by City of Fort Collins Media Services for viewing on demand, and we will link to it from the RMGPA website.

Your RMGPA Board members who attended the NIGP Forum in Charlotte, NC came back with some new ideas to make the Board more dynamic, including:

- More Brainstorming/Study Sessions, fewer Board meetings;
- More mentoring of Committees by Exec Board members;
- Improve Volunteer Recognition;
- “Gap Analysis” of Chapter of the Year submission;
- Recruiting Student RMGPA Members;
- Raising RMGPA’s profile regionally and with neighboring states;
- Growing Depth as a Chapter

Nominations for Officers for 2009 are open for the election at Winter Conference. Additionally, there will be some opportunities for new Committee Chairs and Members that will present themselves soon. Also, I put out a call at the Fall Conference for volunteers to come forward to help build RMGPA’s professional network via LinkedIn, a Facebook-type networking site for working professionals (or those hoping to be, e.g. soon-to-be college graduates). I will be the first to admit, I need help to do this. The technological learning curve is too steep for this baby-boomer to climb! I challenge the new generation of RMGPA leadership to step up and take on this task. I firmly believe that we can build a vibrant core of Student Members, recent graduates, and young hires that would love to have a voice in RMGPA. I am presenting this opportunity to you to “Step Up”! Contact me at ebonnette@fcgov.com to share your thoughts on this. The time is now.

Help build the type of organization I hear you telling me you want to be a part of. Thanks to those whose leadership built this organization into what it is today; we are blessed with financial resources and talent. Let’s continue to build on this solid foundation by making the incremental improvements that will make us a perennial contender for NIGP Chapter of the Year. The goal of every outgoing RMGPA President is to leave the Chapter a little better than they found it. See you at Winter Conference in Colorado Springs December 4-5!

Sincerely,

Ed Bonnette
Report from NIGP Region 10
Board of Directors Representative
Submitted by Judy Meisel, CPPO
Purchasing Manager for City of Olathe Kansas

You know, life has a way of reaching up and changing your direction quite often, and that happened to me on the way to the 2008 Forum in Charlotte. I was half-packed and anxious to go when a routine visit to the doctor turned in to a hospital visit for a couple of days and long term therapy which, until the dosage of the medication is deemed right by my doctor, would not allow me to travel. Therefore, I don’t have a lot of “on the scene” news from the Forum.

However, there is much excitement here in the Kansas City area as our chapter – the Mid-America Council of Public Purchasing” won mid-sized Chapter of the Year this year. What an honor and an accomplishment! In looking back, though, there was a lot accomplished to merit the award – we had a reverse vendor fair, the Kansas City Regional Purchasing Expo, several NIGP courses, and many luncheon and evening meetings with presentations. Many hours were put in by the MACPP Board of Directors, the committees for the reverse vendor fair and KCRPE, and the program and education chairpersons, all of which contributed to the efforts that won the award. Congratulations, MACPP!!!!

To top that, the highest individual award recognition in 2008 – the Albert H. Hall Memorial Award – was presented to E. Ray Burnett, CPPO, of Region 10!!!! The Hall award has been given since 1977 to leaders who have made major contributions to the public procurement profession over the span of their career. I believe Ray’s first Forum was in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1985, and he has been active in the local chapters (Arkansas, Ohio, and Missouri), has been on the NIGP Board of Directors, has been an instructor, and has served on many national committees both as a member and as chairperson over the years. Ray is well known throughout the organization for his leadership, mentoring, and friendship. Congratulations, Ray!!!!

Another member of Region 10 – Ron Watkins, CPPO – now of Loveland, Colorado, and retired – received a Distinguished Service Award. This is NIGP’s second highest individual award and recognizes professionals who have provided extraordinary service to their entity, their community, the Institute, and the procurement profession. Ron retired last year from the City of Grand Junction, Colorado. Over the years, Ron has developed curriculum for the Institute, taught many seminars and classes, served on many NIGP committees, and was on the NIGP Board of Directors, culminating in being NIGP President in 2004-2005. Congratulations, Ron!

All in all, it appears that Region 10 did itself proud this year at the Forum. All reports from those attending indicate that it was a great Forum, with lots of information and networking opportunities. Be sure to make plans for the 2009 Forum, which will be held in our region in St. Louis August 22-26, 2009. This is within driving distance for a lot of us – and a great opportunity to share with your staff the Forum experience.
Legislative Report - Amendment 54 (aka The Clean Government Act)

Voters in November will be faced with a ballot issue entitled Amendment 54 which, if passed, will affect public procurement personnel. The decision voters will be asked to make is:

"Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning restrictions on campaign contributions, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the holder of contracts totaling $100,000 or more, as indexed for inflation, awarded by state or local governments without competitive bidding ("sole source government contracts"), including certain collective bargaining agreements, from making a contribution for the benefit of a political party or candidate for elective office during the term of the contracts and for 2 years thereafter; disqualifying a person who makes a contribution in a ballot issue election from entering into a sole source government contract related to the ballot issue; and imposing liability and penalties on contract holders, certain of their owners, officers and directors, and government officials for violations of the amendment?"

Originators of the Amendment have a website: cleangovernmentcolorado.com. That site will provide you with the advocate's perspective. In part they say,

"Our mission is to overhaul public ethics laws in Colorado and end the back room deals, favor trading and sky’s-the-limit spending that is undermining our state." Additionally, the Clean Government Act will require NO-BID government contractors to provide a summary of the contract with all the details they normally love to hide.

The State Department of Personnel would be required to publish a searchable database so YOU or any concerned Colorado citizen could find out the details..."

The measure includes a requirement that the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration would maintain a database that lists "sole source" contracts and their term of award. Rich Gonzales, director of personnel, was quoted in the Rocky Mountain News as saying the proposal would require additional spending of up to $311,500 to build the database and as much as $137,000 a year to monitor it.

Opponents of the Amendment are Protect Colorado's Future and unions. They argue that Amendment 54 would deny unions that contract with government, such as those representing teachers, firefighters, police and state workers, the right to contribute to political campaigns, something other groups are allowed to do. Individual union members would not be prohibited from making direct contributions.

Stay tuned for a follow-up article if the measure passes.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Sharon Williams, CPPB

Did you know that Sharon Williams is your RMGPA Treasurer, and has been for almost two years running? Do you even know who Sharon is?

Sharon Williams is the Procurement Manager at the City of Brighton and was the MAPO Chair 1996-1997. She has been with the city for over 15 years in various capacities, having started there as a Purchasing Technician. Back then, it was just her, working for Central Stores. The development of desktop delivery provided savings in space, time and money and contributed to the eventual additions of a clerk and a technician. Sharon is no longer the only one! Did you know that, prior to Brighton, Sharon worked for Adams County for 7 years as a buyer?

Sharon is a native of Colorado and mentioned that she has been married for 43 years to her husband, Bob. They must have gotten married when Sharon was only 12 (see photo)! Right? Together they have three married children, seven grandchildren, and a blue-eyed Husky named "Thunder" they "borrow" from a son who lives in Greeley. When asked about her interests outside of work, Sharon enthusiastically mentioned drag racing at Bandimere, a sport shared with that same son (who lives in Greeley) and his adopted daughter. "Thunder," drag racing... sounds like there's a theme here.

When not purchasing or drag racing, Sharon enjoys movies and family activities and is a huge fan of cruises. Her favorite destination to date was St. Thomas, but she and Bob will be heading to the Mexican side of the Caribbean in June. This is made even more interesting by the fact that she isn't a swimmer and is claustrophobic. Obviously there is not much that can stop Sharon from barreling down the track of life full-throttle!
The following classes are scheduled to be held at the Jefferson County Courts & Administration Building in Golden, Colorado, unless otherwise noted:

⇒ **Adding Value to the Procurement Process** - October 10 at the Aurora Municipal Building
⇒ **World Class Procurement** - October 30
⇒ **Managing Your End Users and Suppliers: It's About Relationships** - November 14

Please visit the website (http://www.rmgpa.org) for detailed information and to register for a class.

- **UPPCC Certification Changes**

Scholarship Update:

The following members were granted scholarship funds:

⇒ Skeet McCracken with Poudre School District
⇒ Michelle Ratcliff with the City of Aurora
⇒ Angie Young with the City of Aurora
⇒ Leah Yeckel with Colorado Department of Human Services

Members are encouraged to put the RVTS funds to good use and apply for scholarships if funding is tight in your agency.

The first cycle of the new test format through UPPCC will be held October 20-25 at Prometric Testing locations. The next test cycle is May 2009 – the application deadline for that test is February 2, 2009. All the details are on the UPPCC website. If you have specific questions regarding the changes, contact UPPCC directly and let me know if I can help.

- **MAPO / CEPC UPDATE**

The next MAPO/CPEC meeting will be held on November 18, 2008. The meeting will be held at:

**City of Longmont— Water Utility Center Training Room**

**1251 Bowen Street in Longmont, Colorado.**

Topics of Discussion:

- Rocky Mountain Bid System Review Board
- CDOT Cooperatives
- State Agreement Updates

The meeting begins at 9:00 am. (Refreshments and networking begins at 8:30). We look forward to your participation!
Achievements - June 2008- August 2008

Congratulations to the following individuals for successfully completing the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC) certification requirements!

**NEW RECERTIFICATIONS:**

- **Diane Archerd, CPPO**  
  Wyoming Dept. of Transportation
- **Tim Arnett, CPPB**  
  Garfield County
- **Paul Christman, CPPB**  
  Casper College
- **Suanne Gallegos, CPPB**  
  Jefferson County Public Schools
- **Steven Gess, CPPO**  
  City of Colorado Springs
- **SherryGrams, CPPB**  
  City and County of Denver
- **Brad Kemper, CPPB**  
  Canon City School District
- **Kevin Klatt, CPPB**  
  Douglas County School District
- **Tracy Kline, CPPB**  
  City of Longmont
- **Mary Ann Schmidt, CPPB**  
  Larimer County
- **John Stephen, CPPO, CPPB**  
  City of Fort Collins
- **Mike Thomas, CPPO**  
  Denver Public Schools
- **Tim Wellmann, CPPB**  
  City of Arvada

There are no new certifications to report for this time period.
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Attention: Human Resources

Joe Smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found hard at work in his cubicle. Joe works independently, without wasting company time talking to colleagues. Joe never thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and he always finishes given assignments on time. Often Joe takes extended measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee breaks. Joe is an individual who has absolutely no vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Joe can be classed as a high-caliber employee, the type which cannot be dispensed with. Consequently, I duly recommend that Joe be promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be executed as soon as possible.

Regards,
Project Leader

e-mail two
Attention: Human Resources

Joe Smith was reading over my shoulder while I wrote the report sent to you earlier today. Kindly read only the odd numbered lines [1, 3, 5, etc.] for my true assessment of his ability.

Regards,
Project Leader

Have a safe Halloween!
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