President’s Message
Suzette Moore, CPPO, C.M.

Aspire to Reach Greater Heights

MPPA members, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It is truly a pleasure to lead this prestigious organization and I appreciate your faith in my ability to do so. I accept this responsibility with humility and gratitude and will represent MPPA with dignity, integrity and respect. I look forward to a challenging and successful year. To the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, thank you for your incredible support thus far. Your dedication and commitment to our profession should be an inspiration to us all.

Keeping the momentum going and building on the remarkable year of accomplishments MPPA experienced in 2013; hosting the 2nd March Purchasing Day event; increasing membership and hosting the NIGP Region II conference; we already have a full calendar of events scheduled for 2014. Vice President McGill and I attended NIGP’s 1st Leadership Symposium on January 31st. The Symposium was an opportunity for chapter leaders to network and share their challenges and successes. It was a valuable experience and a wealth of information. Vice President McGill and I are excited to share some of those re-energized ideas with you over the upcoming months.
One of my many takeaways that I will specifically mention now is a modified approach to developing MPPA’s strategic plan. The SOAR framework, Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results, builds on the positive aspects of the organization. This process reframes the negative issues into opportunities to create a strength-based approach to developing a Strategic Plan. This framework will help define MPPA’s preferred future and will provide measurable results to monitor our progress. Using this new tool and the work of the prior Strategic Planning committee, we are not about to rest on this task. We will get it done! I’ve a laser focus on developing a Strategic Plan for MPPA this year. Because, We Aspire to Reach Greater Heights, we must have a plan that gives us guidance, and sets us there.

March is Purchasing Month. In addition to the general membership meeting, MPPA will host its 3rd annual Purchasing Day event on March 20th at Community College of Baltimore County. Our team has developed a full program that will provide procurement training for both the experienced and the newly appointed procurement professionals. This event will also be open to non-members and in prior years, was directly responsible for increasing our MPPA membership. Thanks to Co-Chairs Ratorya Offer and Carla Tucker for taking the lead on what’s sure to be another successful Purchasing Day event.

The new 2014 Education Calendar is now posted on the website. MPPA is offering a variety of classes to help support the education of our employees. Please remember to take advantage of The Stanley D. Zemansky Educational Aid Program for those who need funding to attend these educational seminars. For your convenience, Education Chair Tina Dagenhart has done a great job recruiting committee members to be her “boots on the ground”, thereby, enabling her to schedule classes in different locations across the state.

Another goal this year is to submit an application to NIGP for the Extra-Large Chapter of the year award. I’ve assembled a small committee led by Recognition Chair Marsha Turnipseed to compile all the required documents and meet the established deadline of May 9, 2014. Considering the accomplishments of last year and the overall solid structure and management of this chapter, MPPA is a great candidate to bring home the gold. We’re going for it! Sometimes you have to toot your own horn, and
we will, loudly! MPPA is good and everyone should know it! The recognition will be much deserved.

This year brings many challenges. I need your help to accomplish all the events and activities we have planned for this year. Through volunteerism and commitment of its members, MPPA will continue to realize its true potential and achieve successes. I challenge each and every member to increase their involvement in MPPA during 2014 and to entice others to get involved. With all engaged, we can continue to move MPPA forward; make the chapter even stronger. We need everyone to get involved, and Aspire to Reach Greater Heights.

Proud to Serve,

T. Suzette Moore, CPPO, CPPB, C.M.
2014 MPPA President

Suzette Moore – President   Linda McGill – Vice President
Hello MPPA Family! I had the pleasure of attending, along with Madame President, Mrs. Suzette Moore, the 1st Annual Chapter Leadership Symposium! The Symposium was full of discussions and exercises intended to help all of us improve our Chapters. As many of you know, one of my main focuses as Vice President is to increase the volunteerism within our Chapter and create opportunities for members to become more active. In an effort to achieve this goal, I went into the Symposium ready to network; looking to find new ways of getting members to actively participate in the organization. After brainstorming with the other Chapter Leaders; we came up with a Mentor/Mentee program. The program would pair up existing active members (Mentors) with two new members (Mentees) in an effort to show the mentee how we actively participate, what made us participate in the first place and what keeps us participating. Pam Jones has volunteered to chair this committee. Pam will be recruiting for a co-chair and committee members. I’m excited about this new committee and I hope you are as well.

I would like to say “Thank You” to the Board, all of my Chairs, Co-Chairs and committee members (Ratonya Offer, Carla Tucker, Thomas Dawson, Stephen Ports, Margie Gordon, Brian Snyder, Marsh Turnipseed, Pam Jones, Mark Miller, Diana Cox, Tony Reed, Brandi Naugle, Bill Davis, Harry Bain, William Ward, Tina Dagenhart, Rose Harrell, and Debbie Meehan) for volunteering your time. We truly could not make this Chapter as great as it is without the endless hours of hard work each of you put into your committees.

If any member would like to become more involved, please feel free to contact me at lmcgill2@bwiairport.com or reach out to one of the board members or committee chairs. You can always serve as an episodic volunteer. These volunteers serve on committees as needed. As Madame President would say, “Aspire to reach greater heights!”

Always here to serve,

Linda D. McGill, CPPB
MPPA Vice President
The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Maryland Aviation Administration, 7001 Aviation Blvd, Potomac Room in beautiful Glen Burnie, MD. Cost of the meeting is $20 and all members must register at www.mppainc.org. If paying by cash or check at the door, please indicate check payment. **Deadline to register is Monday, March 10 at 2 p.m.** Buffet lunch will be served at 12 Noon. Menu includes: Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Shredded beef BBQ, cole slaw, pasta salad, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, sodas & water, desserts, condiments, rolls and bread. Questions may be directed to me at bds@annapolis.gov or 410-263-7944.

January’s meeting at BWI Airport was attended by 49 members and guests. The crowd enjoyed an excellent meal and a fine view from BWI’s Observation Gallery. NIGP’s CEO, Rick Grimm, traveled from VA to install our new 2014 officers and directors.

Future meeting dates and locations:
May 15 – Location to be determined
July 10 – Location to be determined
September – Date and location to be determined
November – Date and Location to be determined

Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome. Contact me directly.

**Brian D. Snyder, CPPO**  
Facilities Chairperson
Congratulations to all Newly Certified CPPB’s and CPPO’s

Congratulations to Suzette Moore, who was awarded the 2013 Stanley Zemanky Award. And Congratulations to Anna Lawsaw, who was awarded the 2013 MPPA Distinguished Service Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!**

**Stanley D. Zemansky Educational Aid Program**

MPPA offers scholarships for courses and reimbursement for certification exams to help members meet their educational and professional goals. MPPA members can apply for available scholarship funds for classes by filling out and submitting an application. Information and the scholarship application are available on MPPA’s website: [www.mppainc.org](http://www.mppainc.org). The Stanley D. Zemansky Educational Aid Program.

**Reimbursement for Recertification of CPPO, or CPPB**

MPPA offers reimbursement for recertification for CPPO or CPPB.

Reimbursement will be limited to candidates who pay for the recertification themselves with no financial support for the recertification fee from their employers. Candidates will be reimbursed for the recertification fee only. Upon successfully obtaining the recertification, candidates must submit the application for reimbursement to the Recognition Chairperson.

Members should request reimbursement within eight (8) weeks of obtaining their recertification. Upon receipt and proof of recertification, the Recognition Chairperson shall request reimbursement of the member from the Treasurer.

If reimbursement is denied, the member shall be so notified in writing by the Recognition Chairperson as the reason(s) for denial.

The Recognition Chairperson shall maintain a record of all member reimbursement requests and shall report such to the Board of Directors. Information concerning recertification reimbursement will be available on MPPA’s website [www.mppainc.org](http://www.mppainc.org).

Marsh Turnipseed – Recognition Chair
MPPA welcomes the following professional purchasing practitioners who were accepted into membership at the meeting of the MPPA Executive Board on February 20, 2014:

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Recruiting in 2014

I thank everyone for their assistance in forwarding potential new members to me. As always, members are encouraged to promote MPPA membership to public purchasers who aren't members of the association. I consider all members to be part of the Membership Committee. Please continue to refer any potential new members to me, and if they have questions.

I am continuing the emailing of invitations to NIGP Members and also to Colleges and Universities that are in Maryland to join our Organization. As always, I still need your input to help recruit members. Whenever you happen to be attending a Procurement type meeting, seminar, or function, strike up a conversation with someone at this meeting, seminar or function and then during your conversation ask them if they are a member of MPPA and if they aren’t, ask them if they would be interested. Emphasize to them or to your co-workers that our Association is promoting education as one our benefits for joining and you might even suggest that they browse the MPPA Website for further information about our Organization. Since everyone across the country is feeling the budget crunch, some employers may not pay for educational training. MPPA has funds available to help members with their education through scholarships and reimbursement so that you may further your careers in the field of Procurement and consider becoming certified as a CPPB or CPPO

Margie J. Gordon, CPPB
Membership Chair

The following has passed the Senate and is moving to the House:

SB0197 (HB0804)

The following bills have been given favorable committee votes:
SB0123
SB0238
HB0149

The following have been given unfavorable committee votes:
SB0135
SB0277
SB0316
HB0547

I have not had a chance to look for any new bills. Don’t forget to help me on identifying who is affected by each bill.

Mark E. Miller, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M. - Public Affairs Chair

For more information visit the MPPA Website www.mppainc.org
Under Member Services, in the File Archives will find a full description of these bills.
ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
"MARCH IS PURCHASING MONTH"

FREE 1-DAY PROCUREMENT TRAINING

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday,

MARCH 20, 2014

At the
Community College of Baltimore County
Catonsville

Great Educational Opportunities!
Congratulations to the newly installed officers for the 2014 year. The Historical Committee is still through the wealth provided by Ms. Debbie Meehan, and Mr. John Wall through Ms. Darla Herbold. Even as we go through what we have in hand, we become aware of missing information which would helpful as we move to set up a historical database for posterity. Consider the following article written by Ms. Darla Herbold as an example of the kind of information such a database would make available to us:

**From The Fine Print and Meeting Minutes Archives of MPPA**

Submitted by Darla Herbold, CPPO, CPPB, Howard County, Maryland

**In January/February 1999...A LOOK BACK**

Brian Snyder, CPPO (City of Annapolis) was president, Mike Haifley, CPPO, C.P.M. (Frederick County), was vice-president, Marlo Townsend (Maryland Department of Environment) was secretary, Karen Elvidge, CPPB (University of Maryland, College Park), was treasurer. The Immediate Former President was Lucy Light Slaich, CPPO, C.P.M., CPCM (University of Maryland, College Park).

Joyce Tucker Stokes (City of Baltimore) chaired the membership committee. Four new members were added to the roster in February 1999. The new members were: Diana Cox (Anne Arundel County), Mark Berry (Department of Motor Vehicles), Robert Garvey (Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission) and Michael Thomas, (Montgomery County). MPPA’s treasury stood at $14,611.

Planning for the NIGP Forum 2000 in Baltimore, Maryland, August 13-16, 2000 was well under way. The Forum 2000 Chair was Ella Pierce, CPPO, C.P.M. (City of Baltimore). Committee chairs were established for the Host Committee, Finance/Fund Raising Committee, Golf Outing Committee, Entertainment Committee, Food Committee, Promotional Committee, Logistics Committee and Transportation Committee. The NIGP Forum 2000 balance was $45,033.

John Miller, CPPO, Educational Development Chairperson, reported that workshops were scheduled as follows for 1999:

- March 11 - How to Write RFPs
- May 12, 13, 14 – General Public Purchasing
- September 15, 15, 17 – Advanced Public Purchasing
- November 3, 4, 5 – Intermediate Public Purchasing
- December 10 – Review for CPPB Exam

Theresa deGrasse, CPPO (Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission) was our Recognition Chairperson that year. Debbie Meehan, CPPB, was the Social Chairperson and had planned at outing at an Orioles baseball game on May 22, 1999 against the Texas Rangers. The Facilities Chairperson was Lynda Kundrat and MPPA was regularly meeting for lunch at Snyder’s Restaurant.

Joyce Stokes was the Membership Chairperson. Joyce reported two new CPPB certifications: Norma Scalf, CPPB (Maryland Rehabilitation Center) and Annette Jones-Mann, CPPB (University of Maryland, College Park).

Joe Zissimos, CPPO, C.P.M. (City of Baltimore) was the editor of the newsletter.

**AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS...JANUARY/FEBRUARY1999**
Continued Historical –

Thanks, Ms. Darla!

I am very excited about the information we have now but I am still very hopeful other MPPA members, or former members, might have or have access to material/information needed to capture and assemble the kind of information required to be in compliance with the MPPA guidelines. We are closer now but I appeal to you for help in the hope that the old adage, “ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you” holds true. In short, I am looking for your help. If you have, have access to, or know where I might obtain MPPA historical information, please contact me at tbadd@msn.com.

For an idea of the kind of information needed please see the scope of responsibilities for the Historical committee or check the MPPA web site: https://mppainc.org/chapters/nigp-mppainc/documents/Procedures%20Manual.pdf, page 12.

Specific Responsibilities:
- Select a committee of members to assist in carrying out the duties of the committee.
- Establish criteria for types of information to be collected, including: MPPA Buyer, and Manager of the Year.
-Honorary members;
- Years in which MPPA won national Chapter of the Year awards; Stanley D. Zemansky awardees;
- Distinguished Service awardees.
- Officers, directors, committee chairpersons (including date(s) of service to MPPA).
- Special events, such as year(s) MPPA hosted NIGP annual Forum; members who have held national office and received national awards (e.g. NIGP’s Albert Hall award, and Distinguished Service recognition).
- Verify information and data, to the extent possible to be made a matter of record for the Association. In the event data, such as that which predates the committee is not authenticated in Association minutes or other records, make appropriate notation that the information is deemed correct based upon collaborative interviews with (name the) authorities.
- Collect, catalog, and file the information for future Association purposes.
- Inform the Executive Board in advance for purpose of planning regarding upcoming special programs or ceremony as may be appropriate, e.g., for the 25th Association anniversary.
- Coordinate with other Association committees as appropriate such as Program, Recognition, and Information and Research regarding announcements, programs, special events, and awards.
- Turn over to the succeeding chair Association archives, records and materials relating to the committee’s work and responsibilities.

William A. Davis, CPPO, CPPB
Historical Chair
## Education

### INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

**Mon, Mar 17, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex  
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### CPPP PREP

**Mar 31 - Apr 1, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Center for Continuing Education  
17301 Valley Mall Road, Valley Mall Training Center  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

### CONTRACTING WITH FEDERAL FUNDS / GRANTS

**Apr 3 - 4, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex  
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### CPPO PREP

**Apr 7 - 8, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Center for Continuing Education  
17301 Valley Mall Road, Valley Mall Training Center  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

### INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

**May 19 - 21, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Wor-Wic Community College  
32000 Campus Drive Bldg. & Room - TBD,  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

### PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, METRICS & MGMT. STRATEGIE

**Fri, Jun 13, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex  
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

**Jun 16 - 18, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Center for Continuing Education  
17301 Valley Mall Road, Valley Mall Training Center  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

For more details and class descriptions please visit the MPPA website.  
[https://mppainc.org/insidepages/meetings/](https://mppainc.org/insidepages/meetings/)
ETHICS: A SURVIVAL KIT FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Mon, Aug 4, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Center for Continuing Education
17301 Valley Mall Road, Valley Mall Training Center
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKING

Tue, Sep 9, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Center for Continuing Education
17301 Valley Mall Road, Valley Mall Training Center
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO BIDS: STRATEGIES FOR ENS

Fri, Sep 12, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

CONTRACTING WITH FEDERAL FUNDS / GRANTS

Oct 9 - 10, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Testimonials from registrants:

“Tony is an outstanding instructor. He is a wealth of knowledge with 40 plus years in the procurement field, and presents the course in a very informative and easy to understand method. A side of humor is also thrown in. I would highly recommend Tony and this course to anyone fairly new in the profession.”

– Brian Mohnley, Baltimore County Government

“After the Intro to Public Procurement class, I am much better equipped with the resources needed to handle my job. Understanding the basics will certainly help me progress in a way that will provide the best possible value to taxpayers.”

– Daniel Taylor, Hagerstown Community College

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Tips for Class

Dress Comfortably / Business Casual
Bring Pen/Pencil/Highlighter/Notepad/Folder for handouts
Bring a sweater and Arrive 5-10 minutes early.

For more details and class descriptions please visit the MPPA website.
https://mppainc.org/insidepages/meetings/

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Chapter Member Sites

City of Annapolis
www.ci.annapolis.md.us

City of Baltimore, Bureau of Purchases
www.ci.baltimore.md.us

Anne Arundel County Purchasing
www.aacounty.org

Baltimore County Purchasing Office
www.baltimorecountyonline.info
www.baltimorecountymd.gov

City of Frederick, Maryland
www.cityoffrederick.com

Frederick County Government
www.co.frederick.md.us

Harford County Purchasing
www.co.ha.md.us

Howard County
www.co.ho.md.us

Montgomery County
www.montgomerycountymd.gov

Towson University Procurement
www.towson.edu

UMD, College Park, Procurement & Supply
www.purchase.umd.edu

Carroll Community College
www.carrolltraining.com

Washington County
www.washco-md.net

Maryland Department of Transportation
www.mdot.state.md.us

Frederick Community College
www.frederick.edu

Columbia Association
www.columbiaassociation.org

eMaryland Marketplace
www.emarylandmarketplace.com

State of Maryland General Assembly
mlis.state.md.us

Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission
www.wssc.dst.md.us

Better Business Bureau
www.bbb.org

Dun & Bradstreet
www.dnb.com

National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO)
www.naspo.org

National Contract Management Association (NCMA)
www.ncmahq.org

National Association of Counties (NACo)
www.naco.org

Institute for Supply Management (ISM)
www.ism.ws

National Procurement Institute (NPI)
www.npiconnection.org

National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)
www.nigp.org

Pennsylvania Public Purchasing Association
www.pappainc.org

The Delaware Public Purchasing Association, Inc.
www.state.de.us

The Metropolitan Washington Chapter - NIGP
www.nigpmwc.org

Northern New Jersey Chapter of NIGP
www.nninigp.org

Southern New Jersey Chapter of NIGP
www.sjinigp.org

Cooperative Purchasing Organization
www.baltometro.org
Recipes that make you THINK SPRING!

Spring Pizzas

Ingredients
1 pound pizza dough
All-purpose flour, for dusting
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing and drizzling
6 ounces ramps or scallions, trimmed
Kosher salt
1 cup ricotta cheese
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
Coarse sea salt
Coarsely ground black pepper
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
Grated parmesan cheese, for topping

Directions
Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Divide the dough into 4 pieces on a floured surface. Brush a baking sheet with olive oil. Stretch the dough into four 6-inch rounds; place on the baking sheet and bake until golden, about 12 minutes.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Toss the ramps or scallions with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season with kosher salt. Saute until just wilted, about 1 minute. Transfer to a cutting board and cut into pieces.

Mix the ricotta, lemon zest, the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil and some sea salt and pepper in a bowl. Brush the crusts with olive oil (this will protect them from getting soggy), then spread with the ricotta mixture and season with sea salt. Top with the ramps or scallions. Return to the oven until warmed through, about 2 minutes.

Top the pizzas with basil, parmesan and a drizzle of olive oil.

Photograph by Con Poulos

Spring Pasta Salad

Ingredients
Dressing:
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey
1 clove garlic, grated
1 lemon, zested and juiced
Salt and freshly cracked black pepper

Pasta:
12 ounces cavatappi pasta, cooked to package instructions and shocked under cold water
4 ounces asparagus, blanched and thinly sliced on the bias
1 box frozen peas, defrosted
One 12-ounce jar roasted yellow peppers, chopped
1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
1 shallot, minced
1/2 cup fresh dill, chopped
Ricotta salata, for garnish

Directions
For the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, Dijon mustard, honey, garlic, lemon zest and juice, and season with salt and pepper.

For the pasta: Toss the pasta with the asparagus, peas, roasted peppers, tomatoes, shallots and dill. Pour the dressing over the salad, tossing to coat. Let the salad hang out for a bit to soak up all of the flavor.

When ready to serve, bowl it up and shave some ricotta salata over the top to seal the deal.

http://www.foodnetwork.com/topics/spring.html
No one looks forward to spring-cleaning. But think how much better your house will feel when it's done! Here are a few tips from the pros to make it efficient and effective.

1. **Work down**
   
   Always start at the top of your house and work down. You don’t have to do the whole house in one go—pace yourself. Start with the tidying, and then go on to dust, clean, and vacuum, in that order.

2. **Shed**

   Clear out your junk! If you haven’t used it in the past year, you don’t need it. Contribute good clothing and toys to charity or hold a yard sale.

3. **Curtain call**

   Don’t forget the curtains. If you don’t clean them thoroughly at least once a year they will rot. Dry-clean velvet, tapestries, brocades, chenille, and interlined curtains. Cotton and similar textiles can be washed. Just remember to remove any hooks.

4. **Deep clean**

   Give your carpets a deep clean at least twice a year. If you aren’t up to doing it yourself, hire a carpet cleaner or rent a carpet-cleaning machine.

5. **Thwart moths**

   Clean the inside of your drawers and wardrobe, and then wipe the insides with cedar wood oil. Kill moth larvae by washing clothing at the highest temperature possible—or you could stick your clothing in a plastic bag and freeze them for 24 hours.

6. **Brighten up**

   Turn off your lights and remove their shades, globes and bulbs. Wash the removable parts with regular dish soap and wipe the fixed parts with a damp cloth.

7. **Turn over**

   Flip your mattress every three months and switch head and foot as well, which will help it maintain its shape. Vacuum your mattress on a low setting.

8. **Freshen the beds**

   Launder all of your quilts, duvets, and pillows. Both natural and synthetic fibers can be washed, but you may have to head to the Laundromat for big enough machines. Tumble dry.

9. **Cheer upholstery**

   Loose upholstery covers should be washed or dry-cleaned and then placed back on the furniture while still damp to reshape them.

10. **Share the load**

    Don’t do all of the work yourself! Enlist the entire family to chip in, or hire a cleaning service.

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How sick of SNOW are we? Spring is just around the corner and it cannot come fast enough. What better way to welcome spring than to get out of the office for some Procurement Training. The upcoming 1-Day of FREE training hosted by MPPA will be a great way to get us out of our winter funk. Informative Topics, Knowledgeable Speakers and Great networking opportunities ALL FREE OF CHARGE. And let’s not forget that Regional is right around the corner, April 30-May 1 to be held in Atlantic City hosted by North & South New Jersey. Take advantage of these Education Opportunities! THINK SPRING!

In celebration of March is Purchasing month I would like to thank my fellow Procurement Professionals for a job well done!

Happy Purchasing Month!

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