I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer! Another NIGP Forum in the books is a sure sign summer is on the way out. MPPA was well represented at the 2014 Forum held in Philadelphia with over fifty members in attendance. The Forum provided insights on procurement trends; opportunities to enhance your skill set through workshops taught by knowledgeable professionals; certification points; exposure to best practices; and networking opportunities with colleagues you’ve known for years – and with those with whom you’ll develop new networking connections. We were inspired and encouraged by the key note speakers to “take the high road”, “uncrapify our lives” and “we’ve earned the right to be happy”. In other words, don’t let anyone steal your happy. Stay positive! If you were unable to attend the Forum this year, start making plans to attend in 2015 in Kansas City or, your help will definitely be needed in 2016 when MPPA will again be the host of the Forum at National Harbor, Maryland.

While in Philly, I enjoyed attending the President’s Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by NIGP, where I was seated with other Area 2 Chapter Presidents (no longer Region II under the new NIGP Governance). Awards were presented for annual Chapter achievements. Maryland received honorable mention for competing in the Extra Large Chapter of the Year competition and the award for Extra Large Chapter having the highest ratio of chapter members who also hold national membership in NIPG. I look forward to Maryland being called to the podium on the big stage at the next Awards Gala.

MPPA donated $200 to this year’s, NIGP sponsored charity Cradles to Crayon. This organization whose mission is to provide children from birth to age 12, living in low-income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. I believe dollars well spent.

Our next general membership meeting will be our September crab feast to be held on September 20, 2014 at Maryland Aviation Administration’s Poppinga Park at 7001 Aviation Blvd, Glen Burnie, MD. It will be a fun day to laugh, play games, share stories and eat great crabs all in the MPPA tradition. I hope you can make it and bring the family!

I’m sure by now; you have seen the information about the Reverse Trade Show (RTS). It will be held on November 20, 2014 at Martins West in Woodlawn, MD. I’m hopeful, all the agencies and departments represented by MPPA will sign up for booths. The members of the committee
have been working extremely hard to bring this event together and we all owe them a big thank you. The best way to do that is through your participation! You are encouraged to market this event to your vendors and contractors. If you haven’t begun to share this information about the RTS with your vendors and contractors, please do so now. For further details, see the website or contact Vice President McGill (soon to be Dangerfield), the Chairperson of the RTS event. Remember, you say thanks to the very hard-working members of the committee, for their time and effort, and ensure the success of this event through your participation. **Get involved!**

As I sit here writing my message, I’m overlooking the Miami harbor watching our cruise ship dock. Vice President McGill and I will be boarding this cruise ship headed for her destination wedding in the Bahamas. Now, if that don’t make you happy! I’m reminded of my favorite song ….because I’m happy…clap along! Once again, let no one steal your happy!

See you at the Crab Feast, Bon Voyage!

**Proud to Serve,**

*T. Suzette Moore, CPPO, CPPB, C.M.*

*2014 MPPA President*
Please join your colleagues at MPPA's next general membership meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 12-4 pm at Maryland Aviation Administration’s Poppinga Park at 7001 Aviation Blvd, Glen Burnie, MD.

It’s a Crab Feast!

Please plan to attend this day of fun with your family and friends. We will have food, fun and games; such as horseshoes, volleyball, face painting and M&M Olympics to name a few. $35 per Adult, $15 children 6-13 and children 5 and under are free.

Menu: Crabs and Bar-B-Q

Deadline for registration is Monday, September 15, 2014 @ 2:00pm.

Contact me at 410-263-7944 or bds@annapolis.gov if you should have any questions.

I hope that you are able to join us!

Brian D. Snyder, CPPO
Facilities Chair

The 2014 Maryland Legislative Session has ended. There is a spreadsheet under the resource section of the MPPA website that will allow you to follow the implementation of the bills that have passed.

The spreadsheet has the passed Bill number, Bill title and provides a link to the actual legislation on the Maryland General Assembly website. Please let me know if there is any other legislation passed this session that should be added to this spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet will be updated as the bills are signed and regulations are created. Please assist me in monitoring these pieces of new Maryland law. I am looking for committee members that can help monitor the legislation for the various levels of Maryland governmental entities. Please send me an e-mail if you would like to serve.

Mark E. Miller, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M.
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“Calling all Nominations for the Buyer of the Year and the Manager of the Year Awards”

Do you know a person(s) that has demonstrated his/her contributions to the entity that they serve, made contributions to the institute or profession and/or made contributions to a NIGP Chapter? If the answer is yes, then that person deserves to be nominated for the MPPA's Buyer of the Year Award or the Manager of the Year for their contributions.

MPPA is currently accepting nominations for both Awards (Buyer of Year and Manager of the Year). The application has been updated to a new streamlined process, and is available on the MPPA website (www.mppainc.org), under the Membership Page. All applications must be submitted to the Recognition Chair by November 30, 2014.

The winners of these Awards will be presented at the MPPA Officer's Installation Dinner held in January, 2015.

**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, 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.

*Marsha Turnipseed*

*Recognition Chair*
MPPA welcomes the following professional purchasing practitioners who were accepted into membership at the meeting of the MPPA Executive Board on August 14, 2014:

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Membership

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. All members are in some fashion a part of the Membership Committee. Please continue to refer any potential new members to the Membership Chair, and if they have questions.

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.

Michelle S. Frierson, CPPB
Membership Chair

Membership is about people.

When you join MPPA, you connect with procurement professionals from your state, federal government, surrounding cities, provinces, counties, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other public agencies in your area. MPPA offers you the opportunity to improve skills, formulate new directions and strengthen your career options.

- Professional Development
- Connection and Communication
  - Discounts
  - Conferences
  - Networking
- Professional Certification

MPPA helps you close the gap with the resources you need to realize your professional development goals!
Attention Members! MPPA is looking for a Volunteer / Volunteers to fill the Membership Chair. If you are interested in filling, this position please contact Suzette Moore @ smoore2@bwiairport.com

Duties Include: Actively promote continued growth of the Association. Review the eligibility of prospective new members and carry out membership policies set by the President and the Executive Board.

Specific Responsibilities:
• Select a committee of members to assist in carrying out the duties of the committee.
• Contact governmental purchasers and other prospective members and invite them to a membership meeting.
• Distribute applications for membership.
• Carefully review all applications to ensure that membership requirements and eligibility standards are met. Have each approved application signed by the Membership chair.
• After approval by the chair, forward copy of prospective member applications to the Executive Board with the committee’s recommendation for acceptance. In the event the applicant is rejected by the committee or the Executive Board, the committee chair shall advise the applicant of rejection.
• Initiate letters of welcome to new members, outlining the purpose of the Association and list services available. Also arrange for preparation and distribution of membership certificates.
• Contact members who have not attended several meetings to try to determine reason for absence and report comments to the President.
• Advise Treasurer and Secretary of new members for purpose of record and roster maintenance.
• Furnish information relative to the Association’s membership status as may be required by the Secretary and Treasurer for the submittal of required annual MPPA income tax returns.
• For purpose of nominating of the Association for NIGP Chapter of the Year, maintain data, effective the first day, also the last day of each calendar year, including: number of Association members, and number of NIGP national agency memberships, and individual Associate memberships held by Association members.
• Turn over to the succeeding chair Association records and materials relating to the committee’s work and responsibilities including membership files, and any other information helpful in performing the committee’s work.
The Historical Committee remains very interested in obtaining MPPA historical information. If you have, have access to, or know where I might obtain MPPA historical information, please contact me at 1badd@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


**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.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

University of Maryland, 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


**NIGP-related Sites**

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.nnjigp.org

Southern New Jersey Chapter of NIGP  
www.snjigp.org


**Federal Government Sites**

United States Department of Homeland Security  
www.dhs.gov

United States Postal Service Zip Code Directory  
www.usps.com

Consumer Price Indexes (U.S. Department of Labor)  
www.bls.gov


**Other Sites of Interest**

Cooperative Purchasing Organization  
www.baltometro.org

eMaryland Marketplace  
emaryland.buyspeed.com

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

Maryland General Assembly  
mgaleg.maryland.gov

State Government - Procurement (P2) Legislation by Session  
Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC)  
www.uppcc.org


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WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO BIDS: STRATEGIES FOR ENSURING A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
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

TRAIN THE TRAINER
Sep 24 - 26, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Maryland Aviation Administration
Potomac Room, 1st Floor 7001 Aviation Blvd
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

WAREHOUSING & INVENTORY
Oct 6 - 7, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Center for Continuing Education
17301 Valley Road Valley Mall Training Center
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

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

LEGAL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
Nov 5 - 7, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wor-Wic Community College
32000 Campus Drive Building & Room TBA
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

TOOLS FOR ENSURING CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
Mon, Nov 17, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Center for Continuing Education
17301 Valley Road Valley Mall Training Center
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

DEVELOPING AND MANAGING RFPS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
Dec 1 - 3, 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
Dec 3 - 5, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Anne Arundel County - Heritage Office Complex
2660 Riva Road Patuxent Conference Room, 3rd floor
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For more details and class descriptions please visit the MPPA website.
https://mppainc.org/insidepages/meetings/
**CONGRATULATIONS TINA!** Effective December 16, 2013 she earned her Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shepherd University. Her Commencement ceremony was held May 2014.
**Expand the Possibilities!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us at MPPA’s 3rd Reverse Trade Show
November 20, 2014

**Where:**

The beautiful Martin’s West in Woodlawn MD

**Why Attend?**

**Purchasing** professionals from across Maryland including the Maryland State government, counties, cities, local municipalities, schools, higher educational institutions and many more will gather (exhibit) to provide you, the vendor, with information on how to do business with their agencies;

**Meet face to face** with various government purchasing professionals – no cold calls, no hang ups, no voicemails, no internet surfing or appointments - all under one roof in one day;

**Gather** each agency’s business information, current bid/contract solicitations, contact information, upcoming procurement opportunities, etc.;

**Take home** the 2014 Agency Directory;

**Learn** each agency’s procurement regulations and procedures;

**Attend informative workshops** of your choice – 4 from which to choose, presented by procurement professionals; and

**Network at the Business Luncheon** with government procurement professionals and other business vendors.
Terrifying Twice-Baked Mummies

**Ingredients**

3 – Baking potatoes (8 to 10 oz each
12 – Frozen cooked Italian style meatballs, about 1-inch each
1 – Cup tomato paste sauce
6 – Slices (3/4 oz each) mozzarella cheese
12 – Small pimiento-stuffed olives
1 – Dill pickle, cut into twelve 1x1/4 – inch pieces

Heat oven to 375°F. Wrap each potato in foil. Bake about 1 hour or until fork-tender. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes or until easy to handle. Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, cook meatballs and pasta sauce over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes or until meatballs are hot, stirring frequently. Cut each potato in half lengthwise. With spoon, scoop out pulp from each potato, leaving 1/4-inch shell. Discard pulp or reserve for another use. Place 2 meatballs and about 2 tablespoons sauce in each potato half; place on ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan. Cut cheese into 1/4-inch wide slices. Arrange cheese slices over meatball filling crossing back and forth to completely cover and resemble “bandages;” tuck ends inside potatoes. Bake about 2 minutes or just until cheese softens; do not melt. Place 2 olives on end of each potato to resemble eyes; place 2 pickle pieces at opposite end to resemble feet.

Pizza Mummy Muffins

**Ingredients**

1-1/2 - Cups original Bisquick mix
¾ - Teaspoon Italian seasoning
1-1/2 - Cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 oz)
½ - Cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 oz)
½ - Cup chopped pepperoni (2 oz)
½ - Cup condensed tomato soup
1/3 - Cup milk
16 - Ripe olive slices

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 8 regular-size muffin cups with shortening or cooking spray. In large bowl, stir Bisquick mix, Italian seasoning, 1/4 cup of the mozzarella cheese, the Cheddar cheese and pepperoni. Stir in tomato soup and milk just until blended. Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling almost full. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Immediately sprinkle remaining 1 1/4 cups mozzarella cheese on muffins to look like mummies. Place 2 olive slices close together in center of each muffin for eyes. Bake 2 minutes longer or until cheese begins to melt. Cool 5 minutes; remove muffins from pan to cooling rack. Serve warm.

http://www.bing.com/search?q=halloween+recipes&src=ie9tr
Dedicated in honor of the worker, it is also appropriately called the "workingman's holiday". The holiday is dedicated to you in respect and appreciation for the work you do in or outside of the home, union or non-union, big company, small companies, or government. As long as you work somewhere at something, this holiday is for you!

The first Labor Day was held celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882 and was started by the Central Labor Union in New York City. In 1884, it was moved to the first Monday in September where it is celebrated today. Labor Day quickly became popular and one state after another voted it as a holiday. On June 28, 1894, the U.S. congress voted it a national holiday.

Labor Day is also viewed as the official end of summer. While the Fall Equinox is still a couple of weeks away, kids go back to school and summer vacations are over.

**Labor Day tradition:** This day is celebrated with a day off and union sponsored parades. Many people celebrate this weekend with one last picnic. It is also the date that many people close up the pool, and put away the boats.

**Was it McGuire or Maguire?** Either Peter McGuire or Matthew Maguire is the Creator of Labor Day. Peter J. McGuire, was an active labor organizer. He was also general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. He was believed to be the first to suggest a day be dedicated to American workers and their accomplishments. Matthew Maguire however, was secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York in 1882 and many believed that he proposed the holiday in 1882.

Letter From the Editor

The 69th NIGP Annual forum just concluded. We were 51 Marylanders strong! Way to go Maryland! Way to support our sister chapter of Pennsylvania! Pennsylvania did a fantastic job! What a success! Perfect location, great food and wonderful company!

Now that we are back to the office just a few quick reminders. Crab Feast September 20. MD Food Bank Drive September 27 and the Reverse Trade Show November 20. Mark your Calendars!

Once again I encourage all of you to send me your news! WE WANT IT! This is your newsletter so tell me what you want to see!

Brandi

“Although all days are equally long regardless of the season, some days are long not only seasonally but by rewards they offer.”

– Dejan Stojanovic

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