

News and Views

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Winter/Spring, 2010

By Catherine Link, CPPB

Another winter is almost behind us and spring is ready to get sprung. Spring is a time for rebirth and growth and as an organization; we are experiencing some rebirth and definitely are growing.

2010 Invoices have been mailed to our membership. We have purchased new software and have implemented all information that we had into the program. If you receive your invoice and any information is incorrect, please contact Patti Huth via email phuth7@comcast.net and we will get it corrected for you.

New Board members and Committee members have been elected and appointed. Please visit our website at www.iappo.org to view those who have graciously accepted the responsibility of serving IAPPO in many capacities. We are always looking for additional volunteers (and you can earn recertification points). If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact me at celink@co.mchenry.il.us and I will be glad to assist you.

We now have a new mailing address and you will find that immediately after my message. We also have switched all the IAPPO Bank accounts to Bank of America and will take advantage of the opportunities of on-line banking and debit cards to better serve the membership.

And on a personal note, I would like to thank all of you that thought of me during my recent surgery and recovery. I am almost back to 100% now and I appreciate all the phone call, cards and good thoughts that were sent my way.

NEW IAPPO MAILING ADDRESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

All correspondence, invoice payments, etc. should now be sent to the new IAPPO Address listed below:

**IAPPO
PO Box 9032
Naperville, IL 60567-0032**

Please change your records to reflect the new address.

Congratulations to new CPPB's and CPPO's—

IAPPO would like to officially congratulate members of the organization who have recently completed all qualifications to earn their CPPB and CPPO designations.

2010 Scholarship Program Requirements and Criteria

Scholarships may be used for any of the following functions:

1. Registration fees for any NIGP or IAPPO sponsored educational seminar.
2. Registration fees or expenses associated with the NIGP National Forum.
3. Registration fees or expenses associated with any NIGP or IAPPO Chapter Vendor Exposition and Training Conference.
4. Oral and written certification examination fees (CPPO and CPPB only), particularly if the applicant's entity has denied the funding.
 - Any active "Regular Member" (as defined in the Bylaws) for a period of not less than one (1)

year may apply for a scholarship. All applicants must be a member in good standing of the IAPPO Chapter of NIGP with dues current for a minimum of one (1) year.

- Scholarship awards are based on a point system. Applications for scholarship must be accompanied by a letter stating that application for funds was first made to the requestor's entity (agency).
- The Chapter President must receive applications for scholarships before 5 p.m., on the last business day in March of each year to be eligible for consideration. Late submittals will not be considered. Points will be considered for activities during the preceding calendar year. Scholarships will be awarded as soon as practicable, and recipients will be notified by mail.
- Scholarship points are nontransferable.
- Evidence or supporting documentation of points earned must be submitted with application.
- Only the points shown on the application will be used.
- Points may be awarded only for accomplishments within the calendar year immediately preceding the application (with the exception of points for certifications such as CPPB, CPPO, CPM, etc.).
- Applications must be submitted by the established deadline. No late applications will be considered.
- Applications will be reviewed by the committee and recommended to the President for approval, whose decision will be final.
- Awards will be based on the highest score. In cases of tie scores, the IAPPO Board reserves the right to determine the final scholarship awards at its discretion based on a majority vote of the Board.
- The number of Scholarships awarded will be based on budgeted funds. IAPPO reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships awarded per person per year. IAPPO anticipates awarding up to three (3) scholarships for the current application period. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the point system established.
- Scholarships will not cover meals.
- The scholarship award must be used within one (1) calendar year from the date of the award, unless a prescheduled NIGP seminar or other function has been canceled. Failure to use the awarded scholarship shall forfeit the individual's rights to said funds, and the funds shall be returned to the IAPPO Scholarship Program for future applicants.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 6-7, 2010

IAPPO Spring Conference

To be held at the:

**Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center—
Springfield, IL**

NIGP SEMINAR “WORLD CLASS PROCUREMENT PRACTICES”—ONLY \$95

8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. – 8.0 CONTACT HOURS

IAPPO is offering its chapter members a one-day NIGP seminar, “World Class Procurement Practices,” at a huge discount from what is normally charged by NIGP for a one-day seminar. IAPPO is subsidizing the balance of the fee for its members. Darin Matthews, CPPO, C.P.M., will be teaching the class.

The NIGP one-day seminar will be held in conjunction with IAPPO's 2010 spring conference at the Northfield Inn, Suites, & Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois. In addition to the Thursday class on May 6, the chapter will meet for a half day on Friday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon for a chapter business meeting, a CMS update of current contracts, discussion of new FOIA rules, and Senate Bill 51.

In order to participate in the NIGP “World Class Procurement Practices” seminar, you need to register before **April 5, 2010**. The seminar will be canceled if we do not have at least 20 students. NIGP is handling the entire seminar registration process through its web site. [Click here to learn more about the “World Class Procurement Practices” seminar.](#)

Your \$95 registration fee will cover the following:

- One-day NIGP seminar on May 6
- Continental breakfasts on May 6 and May 7
- Procurement sessions on Friday morning, May 7

There is no price adjustment for individuals attending only the Thursday NIGP seminar and are not attending the Friday morning sessions.

Questions? Contact Patti Huth, CPPO, CPPB, IAPPO Education and Professional Development, at 630.357.8601 or phuth7@comcast.net.

2010 Spring Conference Committee Chair: Cindy Krebs, CPPB, 217.785.1638 or cindy.krebs@illinois.gov.

Northfield Inn Reservations: 866.577.7900 or 217.523.7900
- \$75 (single/double for IAPPO Blocked Rooms)
Reservation Deadline: **April 14, 2010**

MANAGER AND BUYER OF THE YEAR

IAPPO MANAGER AND BUYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS DUE SOON!!!!!!

PURPOSE. The purpose of these awards is to recognize the individual candidates that have made significant contributions to the advancement of purchasing and professional development as demonstrated by the criteria set forth in the application. The awards are presented at the annual IAPPO Spring Conference.

ELIGIBILITY. Candidates for Manager and Buyer of the Year awards are chosen from nominations submitted by the IAPPO membership. The nominees must be actively employed in public purchasing. The definition of "Purchasing Manager" is limited to supervisory and management level professionals in the organization. The definition of "Buyer" is limited to the rank and file buyer, and does not include supervisory management professionals in the organization.

NOMINATION CRITERIA. Nominations shall be made by submission of the Manager/Buyer of the Year application and shall include information for each activity being submitted. The criteria shall include:

- Contributions to Purchasing
- Contributions to Professional Development
- Contributions to the entity he or she serves
- Professional Certification
- Contributions to IAPPO and/or NIGP

The Manager and Buyer of the Year are chosen from nominations submitted by the chapter's membership. The Nominating Committee must receive all submissions by **March 15, 2010.**

APPLICATIONS. Send nominating applications to the Chair of the Nominating Committee via one of the following methods:

Mail: Anita Juarez
 County of McHenry Purchasing Dept.
 2200 N. Seminary Avenue #200
 Woodstock, IL 60098
Fax: 847.334.4680
Email: amjuarez@co.mchenry.il.us

Application forms and further information can be found on the IAPPO Website at www.iappo.org

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This issue features:
 Maria de Lourdes Coss and Dennis Smith

- Full Name:** Maria de Lourdes Coss
- Education:** Master's Degree in Public Administration
- Employed By:** University of Illinois at Chicago
- How Long:** 3 years with the University; 20 years with the City of Chicago
- Hobbies:** Dancing, tennis, golf
- Favorite Color:** Red
- Favorite Food:** Pizza
- Favorite Song:** Fur Elise
- Favorite Animal:** Dog (small)
- Favorite Sports Team:** Chicago Bulls
- Words of Wisdom:** Strive to be the best in whatever you do!

- Full Name:** Dennis Smith
- Education:** Stephen Decatur High School, Illinois State University
- Employed By:** IL Dept Central Management Services
- How Long:** CMS 17 yrs, State of Illinois 26 yrs
- Hobbies:** Gardening, hiking, volunteering
- Favorite Color:** Red
- Favorite Food:** My wife's Indonesian Satay
- Favorite Song:** "The Dream", David Sanborn
- Favorite Animals:** The ones that live with us: Goban, a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier, and Keira, a Kerry Blue Terrier
- Favorite Sports Team:** St. Louis Cardinals
- Words of Wisdom:** "It's your life, you have to live it."

It's spring fever. That is what the name of is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you *do* want, but just fairly makes your heart ache, you want so! ~Mark Twain

NIGP Annual Forum and Products Exposition

NIGP's 65th Annual Forum and Products Exposition takes place August 12-17 in San Antonio, Texas!

You owe it to yourself and to your agency to attend! One innovative new idea could save your agency thousands of dollars! Close the gap by attending pertinent educational sessions, networking with peers & finding the latest products and services in the products exposition. Take this opportunity to enhance your skills, expand your knowledge and develop leadership skills by networking with experts in your field.

The NIGP Annual Forum and Products Exposition is the largest North American conference exclusively for individuals in Public Procurement and is NIGP's educational highlight of the year! Shouldn't you be there to get your share of new ideas and be the very best procurement professional you can be?

Questions?

Call 1-800-FOR-NIGP x227 or x242 or email us at forum@nigp.org

Legislative Committee Review by Larry Widmer, CPPB

We will bring any legislative updates to you at the Spring Training Conference in May.

IAPPO Education and Professional Development

NIGP Seminar Schedule

IAPPO – Sponsored: “World Class Procurement Practices”

May 6, 2010 Springfield, Illinois

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR IAPPO MEMBERS!

All registration will be handled through the NIGP website:

http://www.nigp.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&WebCode=InstEvent&Reg_evt_key=d38c729d-e871-464c-967d-5dfc6d965a26

NIGP Seminars Co-Sponsored by the University of Illinois-Chicago and NIGP

“Customer Service, the Key to Success in Procurement”

August 2 and August 4, 2010 – Chicago

“Managing End-Users and Suppliers”

September 16 and September 17, 2010 – Chicago

“Principles and Techniques of Problem Solving”

November 11 and November 12, 2010 – Chicago

To register for the University-sponsored seminars, please visit the University of Illinois website at

<http://training.obfs.uillinois.edu/index.cfm?campus=n>.

Should you have any questions, please contact the university's local seminar coordinator, Nancy Reynolds, at nreynold@uillinois.edu

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FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit any articles for the next newsletter by May 15, 2010. You may submit articles to Catherine Link via email at

celink@co.mchenry.il.us

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

If you have anything that changes your membership, such as address, email, phone number, etc., please email Patti Huth at

phuth7@comcast.net

This way we make sure you are receiving all IAPPO correspondence in a timely fashion. Thank you!