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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Winter 2006

By Larry Widmer, CPPB

Greetings! Allow me to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years. I am grateful for this opportunity and your choosing me to be IAPPO's

new President. I look forward to serving with our newly elected Officers: Vice-President, Cathy Link, McHenry County, CPPB; Darcy Garza, DuPage County, Treasurer, CPPB; Joan Morange, DuPage County, Secretary, CPPB; and Board members: Jeff Dansdill, Village of Arlington Heights, CPPB; Theresa Dobersztyn, West Central Municipal Conference, C.P.M.; Cindy Krebs, State of Illinois, CPPB; Darryl Marcy, Secretary of State, CPPB; Ray Restarski, Village of Winnetka, CPPB, CPPO; and Cheryl Stine, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, CPPB, C.P.M.

Next, I wish to thank those of you who have shared with me their wisdom, ideas and most of all your friendship over the years. I know I can count on your continued support in all of IAPPO's future endeavors. This is an opportunistic time in IAPPO's history due to the increase in our membership, which has grown to approximately 324 members! With such a larger number of members, we have the chance to increase involvement and continue the enhancement of our association's development.

To this end and to increase vendor participation, the current IAPPO Board has decided to change locations of the 2006 spring and fall conferences. The Spring Conference will now occur in Springfield and the fall conference in the northern region of Illinois. Volunteers are needed for the first annual fall Chicagoland Vendor Fair for the fall conference. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at LWidmer@NWMC-cog.org or call me at 1-

847-296-9200 extension 28. I also invite you to volunteer for the spring and fall conference committees; Education and Professional Development, Membership, Nominating, and Scholarship committees.

At this time I am pleased to report that the rejuvenation of the Legislative Review Committee is complete. We need to take a more active role in Springfield to advocate for purchasing efficiency across the state. We will work closely to draft and support legislation that eliminates barriers and stimulates the development of efficient purchasing policies and procedures.

By volunteering for an IAPPO committee, you give yourself the opportunity and ability to articulate the priorities that direct our association. I challenge you to not only volunteer yourself, but to ask fellow IAPPO members to volunteer.

As an individual we can lead by example, but as an IAPPO member we can achieve success with our collective efforts. IAPPO's success depends on the collective will of the membership. I am confident that together we will build on the successes of our association.

NIGP LEAP SEMINAR

The Illinois Association of Public Procurement Officials (IAPPO) is hosting the NIGP three-day seminar, "Introduction to Public Procurement," March 15-17, 2006, at the Naperville Municipal Center, Naperville, Illinois.

You can download the course description and registration form on our website at www.iappo.org under Educational Opportunities.

EDITOR'S BRIEFING

Let's congratulate the following IAPPO members for receiving their CPPB certification: Jeff Dansdill from the Village of Arlington Heights; Maria Calamia from

DuPage County Purchasing; Darcie Garza from DuPage County Purchasing and Rania Serences from the Village of Oak Brook. Way to go!

BUYER/MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

March is Purchasing Month and is right around the corner. Please start thinking about the "Buyer/Manager of the Year" Awards, which are given to the winners at the Spring Conference. Nomination forms are emailed to the members in February. Remember, everyone has an opportunity to nominate your peers for outstanding achievements in Public Procurement. Be a part of the process and nominate a fellow IAPPO member for their achievements in 2005.

NEW MILEAGE RATES FOR 2006

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2006 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning January 1, 2006, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 44.5 cents per mile for business miles driven;
- 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, other than activities related to Hurricane Katrina relief.

The new rate for business miles compares to a rate of 40.5 cents per mile for the first eight months of 2005. In September, the IRS made a special one-time adjustment for the last four months of 2005, raising the rate for business miles to 48.5 cents per mile in response to a sharp increase in gas prices, which topped \$3 a gallon.

Revenue Procedure 2005-78 contains additional information and limitations on the use of the standard mileage rates.

Link: [Revenue Procedure 2005-78](#)

IAPPO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Committee has amended the program criteria and application for 2006.

The Chapter President must receive applications for IAPPO scholarships before 5 p.m. on the last business day in March 2006. These documents can be viewed and downloaded from the IAPPO website at www.iappo.org.

HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

With the new year, it's that time again for the annual mailing of IAPPO membership dues invoices. Please insure that your entity clearly states on the check what the payment is covering; membership dues, seminar, etc. Membership dues need to be paid in a timely manner in order to avoid being dropped from the membership rolls. We don't want to lose members but at the same time, membership benefits are for dues paying members only.

The following documents can be downloaded from the IAPPO website at www.iappo.org under "Membership": membership invoice, membership data form and sample invoice.

Let's all give Darcie a break and make sure our membership dues are paid for 2006.

PLEASE update a **membership data form** if any of your information has changed. I continue to receive approximately 15-20 undeliverable email messages when I send out requests for information to the membership. There are approximately 324 IAPPO members with over 300 in the original membership email group, so the members have been split up into four different groups, according to regions. The updated form should be returned to Darcie Garza @ darcie.garza@dupageco.org in order to continue receiving membership information through the U.S. mail and by email.



"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise; risking more than others think is safe; dreaming more than others think is

practical and expecting more than others think is possible." Author unknown.

IAPPO SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

The spring conference will be held at the Springfield Hilton, 7th and Adams (Downtown) on May 17, 18 and 19. The Conference Committee is still working on the agenda. Please contact Marilyn Kresse @ MKresse@ILSOS.net if you have any ideas for topics to be covered. The Education & Professional Development Committee is trying to plan a one-day class for Wednesday, May 17th. Contact Patti Huth @ PHuth@villageoflisle.org or Bobbi Tolston-Brown @ btolston-brown@cityofevanston.org with suggestions. Also, Mike Knauer is trying to determine if there is enough interest to schedule a golf outing on May 17th. Contact Mike if you are interested in golfing at mknauer@idoc.state.il.us.

"LEGISLATIVE CORNER – Michael Bevis, CPPB, CPPO, C.P.M., Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Naperville, Chairperson

The following update was forwarded to me by Patti Huth, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager for the Village of Lisle:

Effective August 10, 2005, Public Act 94-0515 amended the Prevailing Wage Act by requiring the contractor and each subcontractor participating on public works projects to submit monthly a certified payroll to the public body in charge of the project. Certified payrolls have long been required on Federal-aid projects; however, certified payrolls are now required on all state and locally funded projects as well.

For projects on state lettings or any federal-aid project, BDE Special Provision 80154 "Payrolls and Payroll Records" should be inserted into all contracts. Contractors and subcontractors should use the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises form SBE 48 or approved facsimile.

For locally let projects using only state and local funds, LR Special Provision 107-3 "Wages of Employees on Public Works" should be inserted into all contracts. Contractors and subcontractors should submit the certification in a format approved by the local authority. The local authority is required to keep the certification records submitted for a period of not less than three years. Furthermore, these records, except an employee's address, telephone number, and social security number, shall be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

ARTICLES FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

While I am honored to serve as the IAPPO Newsletter Editor since spring 2003, I need help from the membership. Please submit any articles of interest to me for incorporation in a future IAPPO Newsletter. Please forward to:

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Together, let's make this newsletter for the membership, by the membership. A great big "thank you" goes out to Patti Huth, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Manager for the Village of Lisle who continues to send me articles for the newsletter.

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