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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Winter, 2009**

By Catherine Link, CPPB

“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow”—a beautiful song, but in reality it has provided challenges for all of us. From trying to secure salt to making sure

our end users have everything they may need. Winter presents unique challenges to all of us. But, at least we know we won't need salt in July or in August, we will be hoping for a “wind chill”.

I want to remind all of you the deadline for scholarship applications is March 31 at 5:00 pm. The application form and instructions are on the IAPPO website at www.iappo.org

With difficult financial and economic times confronting all of us; it makes sense to apply for a scholarship to assist in costs for your education. Investing in you is one investment that the economy cannot touch.

I wish everyone a safe and happy season and looking forward to seeing you in 2009.

Congratulations to new CPPBs and CPPOs—

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**IAPPO 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE
& TRAINING SESSION**

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS
2009 SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE
NIGP “ETHICS” SEMINAR—MAY 7, 2009
IAPPO BUSINESS MEETING, CMS,
PROCUREMENT LEGISLATION—MAY 8, 2009
CHATEAU HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

IAPPO is offering its chapter members a one-day NIGP seminar, “Ethics—A Survival Kit for Procurement,” at almost half the price that is normally charged by NIGP for a one-day seminar. IAPPO is subsidizing the balance of the fee for its members.

IAPPO Chapter Members	\$85
First-Timer IAPPO Chapter Members	\$75
Retired/Lifetime IAPPO Chapter Members	\$45
Nonmembers	\$125

The “Ethics” one-day seminar will be held in conjunction with IAPPO’s 2009 spring conference at the Chateau Hotel & Conference Center in Bloomington, Illinois. In addition to the Thursday class, the chapter will meet on Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to noon for a chapter business meeting, a CMS update of current contracts, discussion of current legislation affecting procurement, and another session of interest to purchasing officials.

In order to participate in the NIGP “Ethics” seminar, you need to register before April 15, 2009. We won't have an “Ethics” textbook for you if your registration is not received before April 15. Registration forms will be available soon on www.iappo.org and via email. The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center has held its low \$69 per night rate for us, so plan to take advantage of this low-cost training opportunity. You won't find a better value in today's economy.

To learn more about the "Ethics" seminar, go to <http://www.nigp.org/educate/outline/ETH.htm>. NIGP has posted the seminar on its website also.

Your \$85 registration fee will cover the following:

- One-day NIGP "Ethics" seminar on May 7
- Lunch on Thursday, May 7
- Continental breakfasts on May 7 and May 8
- Procurement sessions on Friday morning, May 8

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The University of Illinois-Chicago and the State of Illinois Procurement have generously opened their NIGP seminar offerings to other procurement professionals in the state. Take advantage of these NIGP seminars that are offered so close to home—your travel will be minimal. IAPPO is offering and subsidizing a **discounted** one-day NIGP "Ethics" seminar in Bloomington, Illinois, May 7, 2009, in conjunction with its spring conference.

Below are some educational and professional development opportunities available in our area. Please refer to the following NIGP seminar schedule for registration information: <https://www.nigp.org/common/Seminar/SemSched.asp>

Dates	Location
Sponsored by State of Illinois Procurement	
"CPPB Prep" (limited seating) 02/05-06/2009	Springfield, IL
"CPPO Prep" (changed from CPPB Prep) 02/26-27/2009	Chicago, IL
Sponsored by University of Illinois-Chicago	
"CPPB Prep" 02/17-18/2009	Chicago, IL
"Adding Value to the Procurement Process" 03/10-11/2009	Chicago, IL

"Introduction to Public Procurement" 06/03-05/2009	Chicago, IL
"Contracting for Public Sector Services" 07/14-15/2009 &	Chicago, IL
07/28-29/2009	Chicago, IL
"Performance Based RFPs" 09/08-09/2009 &	Chicago, IL
09/22-23/2009	Chicago, IL

Sponsored and Subsidized by IAPPO

"Ethics, a Survival Kit for Public Procurement"* 05/07/2009	Bloomington, IL
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*Discounted registration fee.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Features members of IAPPO and what you may or may not know about them

This issue features: **Phil Krysek & Anita Juarez**

Full Name: Phillip Krysek

Education: Some College

Employed By: Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

How Long: 22 yrs.

Hobbies: Animal Rescue

Favorite Color: Peaceful Blue

Favorite Food: Greek

Favorite Song: Hotel California

Favorite Animal: German Shepherd

Favorite Sports Team: Chicago Bears

Words of Wisdom: The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.

Full Name: Anita Marie Juarez

Education: 2 years Triton Community College and continuing education at McHenry County College Working towards CPPB

Employed by: County of McHenry

How long: 4 years

Hobbies: Spending time with family & friends, outdoors, traveling, dinner and movies

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Food: Anything Mexican

Favorite Song: "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz

Favorite Animal: Cats

Favorite Sports Team: Chicago White Sox

Words of Wisdom: You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction.

NIGP Educational Corner

NIGP's 64th Annual Forum and Products Exposition

"Gateway to Excellence."

When is the Forum?
August 22-26, 2009

Where?
St. Louis, Missouri

Who should attend?
Anyone involved in the purchasing of goods and services for the public sector.

How can I register?
Watch the NIGP Website for registration information

www.nigp.org

Why should you attend?
The NIGP Annual Forum and Products Exposition is the largest North American educational conference **exclusively** for individuals in Public Purchasing! This is a once-a-year opportunity to engage in professional development and to discover new products and services in the Products Expo. Get your share of new ideas, innovative techniques and network with your peers to find out what they are doing to meet the demands placed on them by their customers and constituencies.

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

Legislative Committee Review by Larry Widmer, CPPB & Rick Hughes, CPA JD, Co-Chairs

At this time there are no updates. However, updates will be provided at the Spring Conference in Bloomington.

Ethics Corner – by Catherine Link, CPPB County of McHenry

It's not really ethics, but I thought we could all use a few tips on becoming more green:

- **Check your tires** — If all the cars on the U.S. roads had properly inflated tires, it would save nearly two billion gallons of gas a year.
- **Re-use water bottles** — Bring your own travel cup to Starbucks. Americans throw away 25 billion styrofoam coffee cups each year and 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles.
- **Make your recycle bin bigger than your garbage can** — 84% of a typical household's waste, including food scraps, yard waste, paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, can be recycled. 5% of the world's population lives in the U.S., but Americans produce 50% of the world's waste. The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years.
- **Recycle the paper** — If every American recycled just 1/10 of their newspapers, it would save 25 million trees a year.

- **Be careful what you print** — The average office worker goes through 10,000 sheets of paper a year. Make it a habit to print on both sides or use the back side of old documents for drafts.

- **Recycle print cartridges** — According to Office Depot, each remanufactured toner cartridge keeps approximately 2.5 pounds of metal and plastic out of landfills and conserves about a half gallon of oil.

- **Check the faucets** — A leak can waste up to 6,000 gallons of water a month or 72,000 gallons a year.

- **Take showers instead of baths** — A five minute shower uses less water.

- **Wash clothes in cold water** — Save 80-90% of energy costs. Do loads back to back.

- **Take bags to the grocery store** — Use canvas bags.

- **Use "green" detergents** — Switch laundry detergent from the commercial petroleum based products to green detergents that are plant based (note from the editor — *Trader Joe's* liquid laundry soap is great).

- **Use biodegradable dryer sheets** — Commercial dryer sheets are filled with harsh chemicals and fragrances. Try new dryer balls that can be reused or buy biodegradable dryer sheets.

- **Turn off the computer at night** — You're still using electricity even if you're not burning the midnight oil so to speak.

- **Set your computer to go to sleep** — During short breaks, this can cut energy use by 70%. Screen savers don't save energy.

- **Turn off lights when leaving a room** — Consider timers or motion sensors that shut off lights when they are not needed.

["Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together."](#) -author unknown

Purchasing Events January to March 2009
January-Check MAPP Website

February-Check MAPP Website

March
Purchasing Month

31 IAPPO Scholarships due by 5 p.m. to President Link

Articles of Interest

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CEO OF NIGP

Dear Friends,

The year 2008 has left an indelible imprint on all of us. The economic highs and lows will be with us for some time. As we begin the New Year with the optimism of a fresh start, NIGP understands that members are experiencing travel restrictions as well as budget, salary and hiring freezes.

Despite the economic challenges and budget cuts, your value and professional development should never be minimized. I would like to take this opportunity to point out how NIGP is working within your tight budget constraints to provide quality educational opportunities.

- **Onsite professional training** – our subject matter experts travel to you and customize your professional training
- **Increased web based professional development** (Webinar) offerings (a Webinar Rewards program will be announced later this year)
- **Comprehensive Certification Preparation Program** with online assessment tool
- **2009 member dues and all classroom training held at 2008 prices**
- **First annual virtual trade show in April**
- **New easy to navigate website coming next month**
- **Access to specification library and right now resources**

These are just a few of the ways in which NIGP can help 'close the gap' on your budget constraints and professional development. In the coming year, the 'close the gap' message will be prominently emphasized and has become our new marketing campaign. Why 'close the gap'? I think this message effectively captures how NIGP can help you, the procurement professional, 'close the gap' – whether it is your professional development, your paycheck, or your revenue and cost centers.

On behalf of NIGP, thank you for your commitment to NIGP and for what you do each day to ensure the best for your community. If you would like to discuss 'close the gap' opportunities, please call me at 800-367-6447 x235 or email me at rgrimm@nigp.org.

Sincerely,
Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB

2009 GREEN PROCUREMENT EXPOSITION AND CONFERENCE

Once again IAPPO will be sponsoring the 2009 Green Procurement Exposition & Conference - Midwest, on June 3 & 4, 2009, at Navy Pier in Chicago. We were very pleased with our inaugural event last year and appreciated the help, guidance and participation you and your organizations provided. We created a new agenda for the 2009 show that includes two morning general sessions, a speaker luncheon, a welcome reception and more naturally integrated educational opportunities woven between the exhibit hall hours. I think you'll find our new schedule more traditional in nature and more conducive to social networking in a relaxed atmosphere. Please take a moment to go to www.thegreenexposition.com and see what the new schedule looks like.

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FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit any articles for the next newsletter by March 15, 2009. You may submit articles to Catherine Link via email at

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CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Thank you!