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INTERESTING NEWS, SHARED PROCUREMENT INSIGHTS, & RECENT EVENTS



Meet Your Board



The Greater Miami Chapter is delighted to announce that the following colleagues have been elected to serve on the Executive Board to serve for a term of two years.



President, Mari Bentancourt

The Miami Chapter of NIGP has always been committed to helping our members achieve their professional goals through information, education and involvement. In 2013 when I first took office, I vowed to find affordable ways for our members to continue their professional. Thanks to many that volunteer their personal time the goal was achieve and the Chapter will continue to find creative ways to reach the goals.

This term we have two new Officer's on the Executive Board, the Vice President and Secretary. In addition to the Executive Board there are newly selected Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. Every one has been working extensively to make sure that the next two years will be better than ever!

Remember, our collective strength and effectiveness is greatly dependent on you and your active participation. We value your ideas and comments. Please, do not hesitate to e-mail me at president@nigpmiami.org with your feedback and ideas.

Vice-President, Maria Estevez

I became an active member to the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP five (5) years ago when I started going to the meetings. It is at these meetings that I became aware of the different networking and professional development opportunities that the Chapter offered for local procurement professionals. Until then, I had been an "inactive and silent" member; never realized the opportunities that I was missing out on. This year, I was excited to be presented with the opportunity to serve on the board and have the possibility of bringing innovation and energy to the Chapter. I want to cultivate and encourage member participation and make sure that GMC re-centers itself around what's key to being a successful chapter, its members!



As newly elected Vice-President, I look forward to continue working with the outstanding individuals and professionals I have met during the past years in the Chapter. I would love to institute the Chapter as a relevant source of information and development for local individuals and agencies in the procurement field. I would like to make a difference in our procurement profession and establish the Chapter as the leading venue to attract new professionals and reconnect with the current "quiet" members to facilitate the space for continued shared growth and experience that will make our procurement profession stronger and more valuable.

I hope to have the opportunity to get to know you and would like to invite you to learn about us and our volunteer opportunities. I am open to any ideas that will make us stronger together!



Treasurer, Joan Chin-Nuke

In completing my role as the treasurer, I will ensure that effective financial procedures are followed and are in line with best practices and legal requirements.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...



Joan Chin-Nuke

It is with great pleasure that I announce the promotion of Joan Chin Nuke to the position of Division Director of Budget and Finance in the Internal Services Department. Joan has been serving in an acting role since October 2017 and has been essential in the budget development process and submission for department. Prior to this assignment, Joan served as our Fiscal Resources Manager where she was responsible for budget development and financial oversight of the department's \$300 million budget. In addition, she also managed the accounting and insurance units which perform centralized functions for the County to include accounts payables and the County's Self Insurance Trust Fund. In her

new role, she will also be responsible for parking operations of all the downtown County owned parking garages and lots and those located in the Civic Center area.

Joan has thirty-five years of experience with Miami-Dade County government and has been an integral member of several important department wide initiatives, including the implementation of the User Access Program, the Procurement Process Improvement Initiative and improved procedures for small purchase orders, accounts payables and accounts receivables. She has a strong financial management background to include invoicing, bank reconciliations, negotiations, grants management, auditing, budget development and forecasting. She has worked as a Fiscal Resources Manager, Controller and a Special Projects Administrator 1. Joan currently serves as the Treasurer of the local Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Barry University and is a Certified Public Purchasing Officer.

I am confident her knowledge, experience and demonstrated leadership will continue to be an asset to the Internal Services Department and Miami-Dade County. Please join me in congratulating Joan on this well-deserved promotion!

Jose A. Galan, Assistant Director,
Miami-Dade County - Internal Services Department

If you want to highlight a member, please send an email to zuleika@miamibeachfl.gov or tbugas@miamibeachfl.gov

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our newest Greater Miami Chapter Members
Kristy Bada, Aneta Kamyczek, Brad Skinner, Laurie Platkin and Brian Webster who successfully passed the UPPCC certification exam (CPPB/CPPO test) in January 2018!!!!



Alert!

The membership committee has been tasked with revamping our registration process and updating members' profiles. If you have any changes or would like to include any new contact information please contact us at memberships@nigpmiami.org

Meet YOUR CHAPTER AMBASSADORS



DAVID E. NASH, CPPQ, CPPB



JOE BENJAMIN, CPPQ, CPPB, FCCM

To show our commitment to chapters, NIGP has appointed Ambassadors who will visit chapters throughout the year. This face-to-face meeting provides chapter members with an opportunity to hear the latest NIGP member benefits, educational opportunities, resources and tools as well as to ask questions of these individuals. Chapter leaders can share success stories, governance issues, etc. and all stories, thoughts, concerns will be communicated to the elected Member Council of NIGP. Two way communication between the Institute and its chapters at it's best.

ASPIRE INTRODUCING ASPIRE, NIGP'S NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCE

YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY

Over the next year, we are enhancing member learning with the launch of Aspire, our learning experience. Aspire will enable members to connect with peers and easily access quality content using a variety of learning methods. It's all about providing each one of you a unique experience tailored to your needs with the flexibility to learn anywhere, anytime, anyway. ***Aspire provides learning that's as powerful and personal as your individual aspirations.***

Here's what to expect:

- The NEW Aspire Learning System will be released in October. You can access all our learning offerings, quickly register for courses and explore the many learning paths to personalize your learning experience. This will replace the current MyLink.
- Leadership Development: We have heard from members on the need for a robust Leadership Development Program. Over the next year, we will roll out a 3-tier program.
 - o **Tier 1: Self-Paced** – Access to online leadership development content that you can take at your own pace. Set to release with the Aspire Learning System in October.
 - o **Tier 2: Leadership Reimagined for Chapters** – Provide Chapter Leaders the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas and best practices. Scheduled to launch in February 2019.
 - o **Tier 3: Leadership Development for Members** – Bring together a cohort of NIGP peers in both a virtual and in-person setting. Set to release at Forum 2019.
- Virtual Web Conferences: We recognize that travel costs and time away from the office can often impact professional development. To help, we want to bring the learning directly to your desktop through our new virtual conferences. Our first conference is being offered on November 8th and 9th.
- Content Enhancements: We are updating and enhancing our content to improve your overall learning experience. One area you will notice is that our content is being delivered in smaller "chunks". This allows greater flexibility and ease when trying to fit professional development into a busy schedule.

Please reach out if you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve your learning experience and help you aspire.

I look forward to designing and delivering this new learning experience together.

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IN THE NEWS

UPPCC To Launch Certification Management System

The Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of its new Certification Management System (CertMS).

This modern, user-friendly, cloud-based system will link applicants, candidates and certificants to their CPPO/CPPB records through an online self-service portal accessible from the UPPCC Website.

Self Service Benefits

Through the MyUPPCC Self-Service Portal, UPPCC customers will be able to:

- Effectively and efficiently manage their certification processes
- Access their individual account profile
- Manage their contact information
- Order products, view invoices and make payments

Streamlined Experience for Applicants, Candidates & Certificants

Users will have access to many great features - all online and completely paperless!

- Apply for certification
- Check the status of an existing application
- View exam results
- View certification status and recertification dates
- Log continuing education and professional development activities
- Apply for recertification
- And more!

What's Next

In the coming weeks, UPPCC will be inviting all existing customers with valid email addresses to create individual user accounts in the new system. The email communication will provide specific instructions on how to access an individual account and create a password for continued access.

Give it a Try

UPPCC encourages all customers to take a few moments to review existing contact information and make any necessary updates during this initial visit. Updated contact information will allow the UPPCC to keep customers apprised of new system features and functionality as they are made available.

SPCM Section on Procurement and Contract Management



Introducing NIGP's Partner Organization: American Society for Public Administration Section on Procurement & Contract Management

Did you know that NIGP has a sister organization under the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)? Well, we are happy to introduce ASPA Section on Procurement & Contract Management (SPCM). This organization brings together practitioners and academics with a passion for public procurement. The section was established in 2016 and aims to connect the procurement community by offering networking and research opportunities, as well as, panels, workshops and symposia at regional and national conferences.

Earlier this year, section members participated in several procurement panels at the ASPA annual conference and SPCM hosted the panel titled, Strategic Procurement: Building Capacity to Achieve Public Sector Solutions. SPCM also plans to submit proposals from members to include in our panel submission at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA). Lastly, if you are attending the NIGP Forum in Nashville later this year, be sure to check out SPCM sponsored session, Public-Private Partnerships (P3s): A Hot Topic is Getting Hotter! featuring Dr. Lawrence Martin, Professor, University of Central Florida.

For more information on who we are, what we do, and how to become a member, please check out our website and social media!

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www.aspanet.org/procurement

*Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/aspaspcm/>

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