

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT

Please forward articles of interest to the Editor

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March 17-21, 2014
Celebrate Purchasing Month

Quote:
Optimism
is the
foundation
of
courage.

-Nicholas Murray Butler

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Miami Chapter of NIGP has always been committed to helping our members achieve their professional goals through information, education and involvement. With this goal in mind, in the very near future, we will be launching an updated web site designed to support your success in the field of public procurement.



Our Chapter's primary goal is providing education to our members and facilitating ways in which to achieve professional success. The chapter invites you to [become a member](#), to share your knowledge and experiences, to network with your peers, to further your education and to help us accomplish our goals through your volunteer work.

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 mbetan@miamidade.gov with your feedback and ideas.

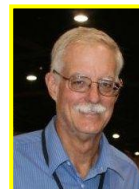
2013 CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

As The Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP, Inc. reflects on 2013 achievements, we look at what the Board and the Chapter accomplished:



- At the 68th Annual 2013 NIGP National Forum Jill Klaskin Press, CPPO was honored with 2013 Spirit of NIGP Award which is presented to public procurement professionals across the country who demonstrates leadership, service, and dedication to the purchasing profession. Jill was recognized for her national leadership role in guiding legislation efforts in the US House and Senate and her relentless pursuit to open up Federal GSA Schedules for State and Local Government use. Ms. Klaskin served as president of our Chapter from 1996-1999.

- Also honored at the 2013 NIGP National Forum was Thomas F. Blaine, Jr., CPPO, FCPA, FCPM for 40 years of NIGP Membership. Mr. Blaine has been part of our Chapter since 2003.
- The Chapter held 9 Board Meetings.
- Conducted 3 General Meetings.
- Provided one (1) NIGP Class and four (4) Workshops.
- We welcomed 5 new members to the Chapter.
- Held the 5th Annual Reverse Trade Show at North Miami Beach and it proved to be a true success generating \$22,678.44 in revenues. 30 agencies and 160 vendors participated in the event.
- We would like to congratulate our New Certified CPPB's and CPPO's members:
 - Annie Perez, CPPO
 - Caroline T. Burgos, CPPB
 - Helen M. Cordero, CPPB
 - Lluís Gorgoy, CPPB
 - Stacy A. Dunn, CPPB
 - Xinitia Rubio-Rojas, CPPB
 - Yadissa A. Calderon, CPPB
 - Yuly Chaux-Ramirez, CPPB



2014 Calendar at a Glance

February 10:	Board Meeting
February 21:	Meet and Greet
March 10:	Board Meeting
March 21:	1 st General Meeting
April 7:	Board Meeting
May 2:	Reverse Trade Show
May 19:	Board Meeting
June 6:	2nd General Meeting
June 16:	Board Meeting
July 14:	Board Meeting
August 11:	Board Meeting
September 8:	Board Meeting
September 19:	3 rd General Meeting
October 20:	Board Meeting
November 17:	Board Meeting
December 5:	End of Year General Meeting
December 8:	Board Meeting

Committees and Chairs/Vice-Chairs

- Advisory & Nominating: Brian K. O'Connor, C.P.M., A.P.P.
- Bylaws/Parliamentarian: Jill Klaskin Press, CPPO
- Chapter Relations/ Strategic Planning: Alex Denis, CPPO
Vice Chair: Tom Blaine, Jr., CPPO, FCPA, FCPM
- Communication/ Marketing: Ana Hassun
Vice Chair: Maritza Suarez, CPPB, FCPA
- Finance/Specification Library: Mohammad Haq
Vice Chair: Dorothy Wise, CPPB
- Honors and Awards: Theo Carrasco, CPPO, CPPB
Vice Chair: Ana Hassun
- Liaison to NIGP/Principles & Practices: Beth Goldsmith, CPPB
Vice Chair: Tom Blaine, Jr., CPPO, FCPA, FCPM
- Membership: Josh Brown
Vice Chair: Mohammad Haq
- Professional Development (Pro-D Chair): Vivian Walters, Jr.
Vice Chair: Maria Estevez, CPPO, CPPB
- Program: Yadissa A. Calderon, CPPB,
Vice Chair: Shirley Thomas and Armando Corbett
- Social Media: Annette Vazquez
Vice Chair: Xinitia Rubio Rojas, CPPB
- Website: Rona M. Sandler, CPPB
Vice Chair: Mari Betancourt, CPPB

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT - JOIN NOW

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Keep us Strong

BE AN "ACTIVE" MEMBER TODAY

Join Now!

VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.nigpmiami.org

Annual Renewal/New Membership

Fees: \$25.00; \$35.00 after March 31

Retired or Student Members:

No charge

Membership Requirements

General Membership shall be open to employees of Federal, State, County, municipal, township, public school systems, colleges, universities, not-for-profits and any other political subdivision or independent governmental agencies, who are primarily engaged in a procurement, purchasing or materials management functions. General members shall be entitled to vote, hold office, may serve on all committees and shall pay membership dues.

Associated Membership

Associate Membership shall be open to employees of Federal, State, County, municipal, township, public school systems, colleges, universities, not-for-profits and any other political subdivision or independent governmental agencies, who are not primarily engaged in a procurement, purchasing or materials management functions, but who are interested in supporting the objectives of the Corporation. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office, may serve on committees and shall pay membership dues.

Why Join G.M.C. of NIGP?

The Primary function of public sector professional purchasing is the successful acquisition of true value for all supplies, services, and construction secured for the requesting organization. Membership in GMC of NIGP shows us and our colleagues how to improve our performance and get more value for the tax dollar. Participation in our numerous programs helps sharpen our skills in the complex and rapidly changing world of public procurement.

Become a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) or Certified Professional Procurement Officer (CPPO).

For requirements on how to become a certified CPPO or CPPB go to: <http://www.uppcc.org/>

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND EXAM DATES:

Exam Dates	Apply by:	Apply w/ late fee by:	Register for exam by:
May 5-17, 2014	Feb 3	Feb 18	Mar 31
Oct 20 - Nov 1, 2014	Jul 14	Jul 28	Sep 8

THE PRO-D SPEAKS ON EDUCATION

2014 Professional Development Initiatives

Pro-D Chair: Vivian Walters, Jr.

We have an exciting line-up of Training, Seminars, Certification Opportunities, and General Meetings lined up for our Membership in 2014.

The Chapter continues to emphasize the provision of educational and training opportunities to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of our members. With that in mind, we have created a 2014 Calendar of Events to assist you in your planning and budgeting needs.

Place the following information on your Calendars today, and refer to our website at www.nigpmiami.org for more details.

We look forward to our enhanced learning experience during 2014!

2014 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE SCHEDULE

February 26: Specification Writing (3 hour Session)

Location: City of Miami Beach Training Room

1755 Meridian Ave, 3rd Floor (Bldg next to City Hall)

Presenter: Tom Blaine, Jr., CPPO, FCPA, CPM Miami Beach, FL 33139

Contact hours: 3

Fee: \$75.00/Non Local Members

2 Sessions: (Morning) 9am - Noon (Afternoon) 1pm - 4pm

March 26-28: Introduction to Public Procurement (8 hour Session/Day: 8am-5pm)

Location: Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department

9300 NW 41st Street,

Miami, FL 33178

Presenter: Tony Reed, CPPO

Contact hours: 24

Fee: \$660.00/Local Chapter Members \$860.00/Non Members

To assist our new members with registration for available NIGP scheduled courses, please click on the following link: <http://www.nigp.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=SemSched>



Annual tuition reimbursement for up to \$200 is available to the first 10 members that apply through the G.M.C. of NIGP Scholarship Program. For additional information, please visit our website.

Win a trip to the 69th Annual 2014 NIGP Forum

Forum will be held in Philadelphia, PA on August 23-27, 2014. Become a Volunteer Value Hours (VVH) member and earn the chance to meet great colleagues from all over the United States and Canada.

1st Price: The member with the most point earned from January 2013 to December 2013, will be declared the trip winner at the 1st General Meeting. March 7, 2014 is the deadline to submit your volunteer hours.

1st Runner up will win a three (3) day seminar class.

2nd Runner up will win a two (2) day seminar class.

3rd Runner up will win a day (1) seminar class.

Requirements:

- Volunteer your time for a Chapter Event, each hour worked (1 VVH)
- Attend Board/General Meeting (2 VVH)
- Bring a new member. Must provide proof of payment (3 VVH)
- Have a current NIGP CPPO or CPPB certification (5 VVH)
- Volunteer to be on a committee (5 VVP)
- Initiate a new revenue producing idea for the Chapter and have it implemented (10 VVH)
- Bring in a Sponsor for Reverse Trade Show (10 VVH)
- Recertify your CPPO or CPPB certification (10 VVH)
- Volunteer to be a Vice Chair (10 VVH)
- Earn your NIGP CPPB, CPPO certification (15 VVH)
- Volunteer to be a Committee Chair (15 VVH)