Message from the President

Hello!

Wow this year has sure flown by, can you believe it's already mid-December? I hope you all have the chance to enjoy some time with your loved ones during this busy holiday season.

As I reflect back on 2018 with IPPA, I am so proud of how far we have come. Our Board has really done a tremendous job executing a variety of events and trainings this year. Most all of my goals and visions I had this year came to fruition including receiving Small Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row from NIGP (Yay!!), executing a successful Reverse Vendor Trade Show, and getting higher attendance at a variety of events throughout the year. I think we have done a great job showing more people the value of being involved in IPPA and that we have a lot of fun. We also are continuing to be at our highest membership of 68 members in 2018! Make sure you renew your memberships this month and share the value with your friends and colleagues!

With 2019 just around the corner we hope to get even more dialed down including a Strategic Plan for the Chapter, adopt an official budget for the first time, as well as continue to have a variety of offerings throughout the year. I will be hosting for the first time a “Leadership Retreat” for our Board in January where we will hash out all of these things in a half day and set personal goals for each of our roles on the Board as well as the Chapter as a whole. I am so excited to see what we come up with.

Thank you again for everything you do and being involved in this great organization. Without each and every one of you we wouldn’t be able to relish in the successes we have experienced. From invaluable networking, education and leadership opportunities, I am sure you would agree it’s been a great year!

- Alyssa Ellington, CPPB, IPPA President

2019 Area 8 Regional Training in Sunriver, OR

Get ready because the 2nd installment of our Area 8 Regional Training is coming up quick—May 23-24, 2019—and OPPA will be heading it up again! As the Idaho Chapter of NIGP, we are excited to participate once again in this collaborative training and vendor showcase with all of our fellow northwestern chapters. This time the training will be held in picturesque Sunriver, OR, the Pacific Northwest’s premier destination resort and residential community. The training will be held at the beautiful Sunriver Resort Conference Center, pictured below. Hopefully many of our IPPA members can represent us at the training! More information will be coming out soon on how to register for this rewarding and dynamic event!
‘JUMPing’ into our 7th Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show

Just like that, another Reverse Vendor Trade Show went down in the books. We had another successful show of networking, education, and fun!

This year’s 7th Annual RVTS was a great success thanks to all of the agencies who participated this year and all of our amazing volunteers who helped behind the scenes to plan and program the show. We were proud to have a larger turnout than in the past – 150 vendors and 71 buyers (23 agencies represented). Thus far, our numbers have grown a little each year, which is always the goal. We especially appreciate the new involvement of the Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Commerce, and the Idaho Division of Veterans Services! We always receive good feedback from our vendors when they see new agencies represented, so we hope you all had a great time. Also, we couldn’t have done it without the help of our amazing sponsors; so THANK YOU!! Did you admire those beautiful Buyers Directories designed by Red Couch Creative and printed by Fishers Technology? We were extremely excited to partner with a graphic designer this year to create a new look and more professional format to our Buyers Directories. Elle Phillips, Owner and Creative Director of Red Couch Creative, stepped in and fashioned an amazing directory with a cohesive theme. We can’t thank her enough for her services! We hope to be able to partner with Elle and her company again next year.

We did want to mention that we greatly appreciate those who brought donations for CATCH, our philanthropy partner for the show; we ended up being able to send them with $169 in cash donations, as well as multiple gift...
cards for families to purchase needed items, and five bins full of donated items (pillows, welcome kits, hygiene supplies, and other needed items from their wish list) for the families moving into their new homes! They were so gracious to accept the donations from us and we hope that we can continue to have successful partners like this with our RVTS in the future.

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback and took our survey. Overall it was positive and we believe people are still getting out of it what they expect – networking and making new connections for purchasing decisions.

The Board is continually trying to improve and evolve this show so that we can continue to grow and offer a beneficial event to agencies and our vendor community; thus we are taking to heart the thoughts you have shared. Please keep spreading the word to your colleagues and vendors you work with if you enjoy this event!

As of now we have made the decision to host at a new venue in 2019 and we think Boise Centre will be a great fit for what we are needing. We hope to expand our break-out session offerings as well as bring a new dynamic and influential keynote speaker. More information will be coming your way but for now, mark your calendars for October 29, 2019! If you have any ideas, suggestions, and/or want to be involved, please send us an e-mail at ip-pa@nigp-idaho.org!
I support the general operations of the University with two other buyers in my section. I support Facilities, Operations and Maintenance (FOAM), Athletics Services, Vehicle Maintenance, as well as Parking & Transportation. As a Sponsored Project Purchasing Specialist, I support Federal/State/Private funded research (grants). In short, whatever the researchers need I help them get, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant. I love this part of my job as it affords me the opportunity to put my Federal purchasing experience to use.

You’d most likely never guess it, but English was my third language. Spanish was my first as I was born in Santiago Chile. We moved from Santiago in 1993 to the Treasure Valley. My Dad was born in Boise and my Mom is Brazilian, resulting in Portuguese being my second language. I live in Boise with my wife, we got married in 2016. We are excited to start a family as we have a baby on the way; due April 2019! When I’m not at work or reading baby books, you’ll most likely find me training Jiu Jitsu, DJing, or enjoying a rare quiet evening home. Three years ago I started training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and I absolutely love it. To me, it’s a chance to perform high-level complex problem solving, with dire physical consequences. Keeps me in shape, makes otherwise stressful situations easier by comparison, and it provides me with bonding friendships.

First thing I said after I hung up the phone, “won’t be getting that job”. The interview for what would be my first job in purchasing was less than enjoyable. The job title, Contract Specialist at the 124th Wing, Mission Support Group, Contracting Office at the Idaho Air National Guard. I interviewed while I was in Hawaii for training and I all the thought of getting the job was laughable to me. Life went on, returned home, and I went back to business as usual. When I got the call that I had been offered the job, I was ecstatic. Two weeks later, I made the lateral move from Finance and Accounting to Contracting.

Today, I’m at Boise State University as a Buyer/Sponsored Project Purchasing Specialist. As a Buyer, I support the general operations of the University with two other buyers in my section. I support Facilities, Operations and Maintenance (FOAM), Athletics Services, Vehicle Maintenance, as well as Parking & Transportation. As a Sponsored Project Purchasing Specialist, I support Federal/State/Private funded research (grants). In short, whatever the researchers need I help them get, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant. I love this part of my job as it affords me the opportunity to put my Federal purchasing experience to use.

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## Upcoming Trainings

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**“Connect” with IPPA!**

If you would like to share any public procurement news such as employee promotions, certifications, or anything exciting happening at your agency on our social media platforms, send it on over to communications@nigp-idaho.org
Knowing my superiors value me and my continuous education is gratifying; given the opportunity to attend the 2018 NIGP Forum in Nashville, TN was exciting news. As the days lead up to my departure, I started to prepare myself by means of watching past forum videos, downloading the forum app, attending the First Timers webinar, selecting which classes to attend, and scheduling out my days.

Unsure of what exactly to expect I was nervous as I walked through the doors of the Gaylord Opryland Resort; the sights and sounds took me back a bit just knowing that I, a Purchasing Specialist for only a year and half was about to attend a week-long conference with some of the best in the profession. Not to mention, this would probably be the BEST hotel I would ever stay at. The morning of the kickoff breakfast I had thoughts of my outfit choice and wondered whether I would be able to interact with so many people who have years of experience. At the very moment of self-doubt, I walked into one of the ballrooms, picked up a plate ready to serve my breakfast and noticed so many people representing many states were smiling and talking to me. Interactions as such were very reassuring to me that I chose the right profession to be a part of.

All the sessions that I attended were very valuable and informative. I gained so much encouragement from each session, especially from Carrey Lohrenz, the forum’s closing speaker. She inspired me to brainstorm current processes and evaluate additional options to alleviate my supervisor’s workload and challenge the status quo. My time at Nashville’s forum was a wonderful experience; I interacted with many people from around the country and made new friendships within our NIGP Chapter, IPPA. Gaining top-end Procurement knowledge, sitting in on superior discussions, gathering valuable materials, strolling through downtown Nashville with some of IPPA’s best, sharing laughter and taking in the diverse sounds of multiple bands, roaming through Country Music’s Hall of Fame, and building professional relationships; will be an astonishing lifelong recollection of my very first NIGP Forum. As a “First-timer,” I would say to other organizations, NIGP Forum should be experienced by all Procurement professionals sometime throughout their career.
Membership Renewals & Elections for 2019 Board

Membership Renewals are coming up quick! Please make sure to renew your membership or the membership for your whole team by December 15, 2018!

Also, if you keep toying with the idea of joining our association, you should do it now. There are many benefits to joining such as unparalleled educational opportunities sponsored by NIGP, Lunch and Learns, and other agencies. Also, joining gives you the opportunity to network with other procurement professionals in your area and around the State of Idaho. Finally, we have a lot of fun at IPPA too! We have had some new social events in the past couple years including a Snake River Valley Wine Tasting Tour and going to The Hawks games. There are a multitude of reasons to become a part of IPPA, so sign up now! You can see additional details about our organization and how to join/renew your membership at this link: https://nigp-idaho.org/join.php

IPPA’s elections for our 2019 Board of Directors just completed and we would like to extend congratulations to our newly elected board members for 2019!

- **Director-at-Large (1-year term):** Karl Augustine
- **Secretary (2-year term):** Robyn Swaney

We still have some open chair and committee positions, so if you are interested in a fun leadership role, contact president@nigp-idaho.org

NIGP Recognized IPPA

The 2018 NIGP Annual Forum served to be a great conference this year! A good chunk of our chapter was able to attend this year AND we also were honored with some prestigious awards:

- **2018 Small Chapter of the Year**, for the 2nd year in a row!!
- **High Percentage Increase in Membership Award**
- **High Percentage of NIGP Members Award**

I want to extend congratulations to our entire chapter for all of their hard work, continued participation, and dedication to the Idaho chapter of NIGP. We couldn’t keep this chapter going without the help of all of you. Let’s keep up the great work everyone!
2018 Wrap-Up!

The second half of 2018 was quite eventful for IPPA. We have had 6 events since the beginning of the summer and are about to have our 7th with the Boise Rescue Mission Ministries Christmas Banquet coming up this Friday, December 14th. Many people were excited about this event and signed up, so IPPA will be well represented at Cathedral of the Rockies.

Moving into the fall, IPPA sponsored an interesting Lunch and Learn on cybersecurity with panelists speaking on the topic from Ada County, Ada County Highway District, College of Western Idaho, and the State of Idaho I.T. departments. This provided for engaging discussions on what it means for procurement professionals when we are making I.T.—related procurements.

Finally, our 6th and most major event of the year was our Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show. We rounded out the year on a high note!

To start off next year, IPPA’s Annual Winter Dinner Meeting will be on January 17th, 2019. We are looking forward to hanging out with all our members and installing our 2019 Board. See you then! Here’s to another successful and fun year with IPPA in 2019!!

Right on the heels of our fun wine tasting tour, we held our Summer Dinner Meeting at Kleiner Park in Meridian. It was more of a laid back social event, where everyone could bring their families and eat some tasty barbecue and relax.

Then IPPA offered a CPPB/CPPO Study Group Class for the second year in a row, again taught by the wonderful Rob Rickard. There were two eager attendees, planning to take their certification exams in the fall of 2018 and spring 2019.

Next on the agenda was another NIGP sponsored course on Adding Value to the Procurement Process, with instructor Darin Matthews. As always, Darin provided engaging instruction and helpful information on how to enhance relations with customers and suppliers.

Next up we had our Fall Dinner Meeting with a presentation by Vern Jones, C.P.M. from NASPO ValuePoint on “Cooperative Purchasing and You.” Vern explained the concept of cooperatives, including how NASPO ValuePoint works, along with many other cooperatives across the nation.
There have been several promotions and exciting updates with our members this year! See below for more details:

- **David Dickman** was hired as the Buyer/Sponsored Projects Purchasing Specialist at Boise State University
- **Drew Evans** is now the Procurement Manager at the Idaho Department of Lands
- **Kristen King** is now a Buyer at Boise State University
- **Stephanie Wildman** is now the Grants/Contracts Officer at the Idaho Transportation Department

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**2018 IPPA Board**

- **President**
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- **Treasurer**
  Megan Harvey
- **Director-at-Large**
  Karl Augustine, CPPB
- **Director-at-Large**
  Tina McBride, CPPO, CPPB
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- **Professional Development Chair**
  Bob Perkins, CPPO, CPPB
- **Scholarship Chair**
  Jennifer Pope

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**Member Updates!**

We'd like to welcome our New Members!

- David Dickman, Boise State University
- Kristen King, Boise State University
- Doug Adams, City of Nampa
- Sue Heathman, College of Western Idaho*
- Glyn Roberts, Idaho Department of Water Resources*
- Trevor Hall, Idaho Military Division*

*New 2019 Member

Happy Holidays!