Letter from the President

Hello!

I’m back in the office! As many of you know I had a little one recently, we were excited to welcome our first little girl in March. Our Vice President, Carrie Champlin, did a great job holding down the fort while I was out. And now, it’s my favorite time of year, warm days and long nights are here to stay and the smell of BBQ is in the air.

While we are on the topic of summer, I am excited to say we have some really fun events coming up including my personal favorite, our first IPPA Garden City Brewery Tour! We will be taking the same entertaining tour bus as last year for the winery tour with Bus-A-Moov Idaho and visiting 5 different local breweries. It should be a great time to have fun in a social setting with other IPPA members and friends. It does fill up quick so hurry and check our website if you plan on attending! We’ve also got our Summer Dinner Meeting BBQ later in July - again be sure to check the website for all the details. Lastly, the NIGP Forum is in Austin, Texas this year. If you’re lucky enough to attend this amazing event it’s going to be a great opportunity for education, networking, and lots of fun!

We’ve had a full calendar so far in 2019 including several trainings, a lunch & learn and a full month of Procurement festivities in March for Procurement Month; I’d like to give a special thanks to all who we’ve seen around at these events. Without your participation we wouldn’t be able to continue to see the successes we have seen each year. I also hope you loved our little treat of donut deliveries if you were one of the lucky agencies to receive them for Procurement Month. Our Board is committed to continue to do as much as we can to appreciate our members!

Hopefully you saw the announcement about our 8th Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show on October 29th. We listened to your concerns and this year we are moving it over to Boise Centre to allow for more room and to switch it up. We hope you’ll be there this year representing your agency. We are excited to have more options in the way of training break-out sessions that we can’t wait to tell you about soon, as well as an amazing keynote speaker!

Thank you again for all you do for our organization and the procurement profession!

- Alyssa Ellington, CPPB, IPPA President

Meet Your 2019 Board Members!

In January 2019, we held our annual Winter Meeting to induct our new board members and chairs, as well as have a fun evening reviewing all the amazing things we did the previous year.

This year, we hosted the meeting at the delicious Asiago’s in downtown Boise and we had great fun and some authentic Italian fare. The turn-out was great too! We kicked off the meeting by inducting Karl Augustine from the Ada County Highway District as Director-at-Large for a one-year term and Robyn Swaney from Ada County Procurement, as the board’s Secretary, which is a two-year term.

Alyssa Ellington, our President, also acknowledged three newly appointed chair positions: Shannon Shaffer from Ada County Highway District as the Special Events Chair, Sue Heathman from the College of Western Idaho as the Elections Chair, and Teanna Christiansen from Ada County Highway District as the Marketing Chair.

We also honored our awesome outgoing secretary, Janet Gonzales, thanking her for all her hard work and dedication to our association in her role as Secretary over the past three years. Since she is an attorney...
2019 Board Members Continued

and has a vast amount of experience with contracts, she brought a wealth of knowledge to our board. We want to offer a great thanks to Janet for all her amazing work and ideas!

Also, Jason the Awards Chair, presented all present board members with certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the IPPA Board in 2018 (those not present received them later). The rest of the meeting was saved for officer updates and just having fun networking with our membership.

We would like to give a big thanks to all who helped with promoting IPPA’s mission last year! We hope to make an even more significant impact this year.

*Alyssa Ellington, President appears in all photos

Robyn Swaney, Incoming Secretary/Communications Chair (top left), Karl Augustine, Director-at-Large (middle left), Janet Gonzalez, Outgoing Secretary (bottom left), Jason Skelton, Awards Chair (bottom right)
Legislation Station

By Keith Watts, Legislative Chair

Greetings fellow purchasing professionals. Your IPPA staff has been hard at work working with legislators and various associations to improve your ability to get the job done, efficiently and as smoothly as possible. During the last legislative session we were successfully able to repeal and replace the statute for cooperative purchases (67-2807). Governor Brad Little signed SB1047 into law on March 3, 2019, which will go into effect on July 1, 2019. This will allow political subdivisions the ability to purchase off of some the largest and most appealing cooperatives in the country, saving your agencies time and money in the process. We have created a flyer to assist you in navigating some of the new cooperatives available to you. You can view the flyer and the new law on IPPA’s website.

With the success of our 2nd consecutive legislative effort, we are already looking into a few minor changes for the 2020 legislative session. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding your Idaho purchasing statutes please feel free to contact me at legislation@nigp-idaho.org or 208-489-0417.
Member Spotlight: Kelly Ollivant

You know how we all say things like "I didn’t go to school thinking I was going to end up in procurement?" I didn’t either. I was a naïve kid growing up in Idaho Falls thinking that I wanted to change the world, so I went to school to work in politics. Yup, that’s right. I was sure I was going to be a legislative director for a senator or chief of staff for a governor - a career doing something good for people. After graduating from Carroll College in Helena, Montana with a degree in History & Political Science, I spent the next 5 years traversing across the country working mostly as a Finance Director on campaigns for various congressional, gubernatorial, presidential and local office candidates. Politics is hard - you develop, very quickly, a tough skin going door-to-door asking people to vote for someone while asking them for campaign donations as well. So, when people on planes asked what I did for a living, I started telling them I was a preschool teacher, driving instructor, janitor, or import/exporter just so I wouldn’t have to defend working for a politician. That’s when I decided that maybe the world of politics wasn’t for me. I decided to make the jump across the street from the Kansas State Legislature to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Health & Welfare) to work in a program for Home and Community Based Services that helped people with Developmental Disabilities. I managed a federal grant that implemented IT programs into the system of care. That’s when I worked on my first RFP, and despite the fact that it was for an IT project (so we were about 6 months over our deadline), I decided that’s what I wanted to do. After my grant was completed, I moved back to Idaho to be closer to my family and started working for the Idaho Transportation Department on the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternatives Program where I approved applications to local governments to make sidewalks around schools so that kids can get to school safer. After being at ITD for about a year, I moved to the Department of Health and Welfare as a Grants/Contracts Officer. I’ve been here for a little over 4 years and work with a fantastic team in the Contracts and Procurement Services department. I love that we have so many different programs and services that we all work on, and it’s always interesting to figure out how to procure services for everything from immunization services to the Medicaid Management Information System.

At home I have a 2-year old daughter (Lucy) whose biggest interest is bullying her 5-year old sister (Natalie). My husband Drew and I are avid college football fans. As a lifelong fan of Notre Dame and with a husband who is a University of Alabama graduate, we usually can be found arm-wrestling over which game we’re going to watch Saturday afternoons during the fall season.

According to PERSI, I’m not able to retire until 2046, so I’m sure I’ll have the opportunity to meet and work with many of you in some way or another! I’m happy I found a life still doing something good for people and am interested to see where the future of procurement in Idaho is heading!
# Upcoming Trainings

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If you have any training or lunch and learn topic suggestions, please send them to Professional Development Chair Bob Perkins, at training@nigp-idaho.org

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 to: communications@nigp-idaho.org

“Connect” with IPPA!
Procurement Month 2019

This year, Procurement Month was another wonderful chance to recognize the hardworking professionals in our field. We tried to honor them even more this year by showing our appreciation for their contributions in different ways.

As in years past, the Communications Chair sent out a membership-wide announcement letting everyone know our plans for the month. Our first form of celebration was hosting an NIGP class titled, “Strategic Procurement Planning in the Public Sector,” which was taught by Ed Condon from Anne Arundel County in Annapolis, Maryland. Also, he was kind enough to prepare a speech on category management for our annual Spring Dinner Meeting, at Smoky Mountain Pizza this year.

After the class and dinner meeting, Professional Buyer’s Day occurred on March 13th. Again, we created an IPPA proclamation for Professional Buyer’s Day and our President sent out a heartfelt thank you to our members and prospects.

In addition to our Professional Buyer’s Day Proclamation, many of the agencies that have employees that are IPPA members were able to have their governing boards issue proclamations that March was Procurement Month for their agency! The agencies included Ada County, Ada County Highway District, and also the governor for the State of Idaho issued a proclamation.

We were lucky enough to offer two trainings during Procurement Month! Our second was the Lunch & Learn on Warranties, Insurance, and Indemnification. The Risk Manager from the City of Boise and an Ada County Prosecutor provided their expertise on a panel regarding these topics. There was a great turnout and this was the first Lunch and Learn where we offered remote access so that agencies across the state could watch and field questions. It was one of our best Lunch and Learns yet!

The 2019 Individual Award Winners were announced as

Professional Buyer’s Day Proclamation
tasty donuts and materials about IPPA and Procurement Month! Members of the board signed up for each donut delivery and it was fun and rewarding to meet members face-to-face and check out their offices. We visited Boise State University, the Department of Health and Welfare, Boise School District, and West Ada School District. We hope to do this again next year and visit more and different offices in the area.
We’re excited to announce that Tammy Rimes will be our Keynote Speaker at our 8th Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show on October 29, 2019 at Boise Centre. She will be our first female keynote speaker in the history of this event!

Tammy has a wealth of public procurement experience from serving as a Purchasing Agent for the City of San Diego and working with the Professional Association for Cooperative Procurement. She also has her own procurement consulting firm and is a published author. According to her website, “her presentations combine 3 essential qualities: entertainment, information and motivation.” Combined with that and her experience in the public procurement field and especially cooperative procurement, I am sure she will make for a wonderful keynote speaker! Check out Tammy’s website below for information about her and our RVTS Save the Date below!

http://www.tammyrimes.com/

Member’s Area

The Member’s Area on our website has now been amped up! Now when you log in as a member to the website, the below image will appear and any important announcements or information will be posted, related just to members. So if we have had a date change for an event (as you see below), or registration is now live for a class, you can now see that here. Of course all the other information that you get when logged in is still available, so make sure to take advantage of those links (see menu at right). You can see where you’re at with your member dues, update your contact information, or access our internal calendar of events. Whatever it may be, you can find it here!

Registration will be open for RVTS soon!

8th Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show
“Collaborate, Cooperate, and Communicate”

October 29, 2019
9:30 am—3 pm

Don’t know what your log-in is, contact ippa@nigp-idaho.org!
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IPPA’s New Scholarship Program

Idaho Public Purchasing Association (IPPA) Scholarship Program launched in January 2019

The Idaho Public Purchasing Association (IPPA) Scholarship Program has been established to provide financial assistance to members who are interested in furthering the development of their procurement and material management skills.

Scholarships must be used for professional development at a Chapter-sponsored seminar/conference or attendance at another training that is reviewed and recommended to the Board by the Committee, and approved by the Board. A scholarship may not be applied toward the cost of a past event or accomplishment.

Instructions, the application form, and the points tally sheet can be found at the IPPA Scholarship Program Page: https://nigp-idaho.org/Scholarship_Program

Scholarship questions can be sent to: scholarships@nigp-idaho.org

This is Jennifer Pope, your Scholarship Chair!

Kicking Off Summer with Brews & BBQ!

We are kicking off summer 2019 with a bang! On July 13th, we will be hosting our first ever IPPA Brewery Tour in Garden City. The first winery tour was last year, so we’re excited to be able to offer a brewery version this year. We will be stopping by Barbarian Brewing/Meriwether Cider, Bella Brewing, County Line Brewing, Crooked Fence Brewing, and Western Collective. There are still some spots left, so sign up on our Events Page!

https://nigp-idaho.org/meetinginfo.php

Then, on July 24th, our annual Summer Dinner Meeting will be held at Kleiner Park by The Village in Meridian. It will be a fun-filled barbecue like last year, where you can bring your families and friends and interact with all your IPPA buddies. Come prepared for some fun in the sun!
The second Regional Training for Area 8 of NIGP was amazing once again! The Oregon Public Purchasing Association or OPPA hosted in Oregon again this year, working with all the other chapters in Area 8 to pull off a wonderful training and vendor showcase. This year it was set in the beautiful Sunriver, OR.

A few folks from IPPA were able to attend, including members from ISP, ACHD, the City of Lewiston, Department of Lands, DEQ, Ada County, and Health & Welfare. It was great fun to visit with others across the state of Idaho and the pacific northwest.

The first day offered the ever popular golf tournament and a class instructed by Darin Mathews. The first night when the Idaho folks made it, they put on a “Young Professionals Social,” which was a great way to meet other up-and-comers in the public procurement field. The next day started off with a great introduction from NIGP President, Rick Grimm, in which he discussed the new NIGP Pathways training and certification program. The rest of the day offered some beneficial and educational breakout sessions and the amazing Chad Hymas as keynote speaker. In the evening, the Awards Banquet occurred where IPPA was lucky enough to formally present our individual award winners with their 2019 plaques. Car r i e Champlin and Ginny Justini-ano said some wonderful words about the honorees. The night finished up with an 80s themed casino night! Everyone was decked out in their 80s garb and had a blast listening to 80s hits and playing all the casino games. What a night and what a conference!
There have been several promotions and exciting updates with our members this year! See below for more details:

- **Carrie Champlin** was promoted to Grants/Contracts Officer at DEQ
- **Megan Harvey** is now a Purchasing Specialist at the City of Boise
- **Missy Grothaus** is now the Purchasing Supervisor for the City of Boise
- **Laura Sanders** is now a Buyer for the City of Boise
- **Rusty McNeill** now works at the Department of Corrections
- **Diane Morrison** retired from the City of Boise