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S Letter from the President

John Stephen, CPPO

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I want to thank everyone for a very successful year! I was talking to some of the other Past-Presidents, and they said that it would go fast...and it did.

This year was full of changes...first losing our Programs Chair and then the Treasurer. Thanks to Cindy Joy and Lynn Baca, two highly capable members who stepped-in and took over the positions. Thanks to my Executive Board and Board of Directors, who I bounced many ideas off of and from whom I received many ideas back. They spent many volunteer hours establishing goals, researching better practices, reviewing the By-Laws, and planning for the future.

We started out this year with a very simple 5 year strategic plan. It focused on enhancing Chapter operations to increase the overall value to the membership and to improve Chapter communications and its services to the members. Thanks to the hard work of the board, we ended with a list of accomplishments.

The biggest accomplishment you will see is the new RMGPA website. During this year, the board and membership brainstormed goals and the new webpage includes these goals plus many additional features. We selected a web-designer that has experience completing other NIGP Chapter websites, and we hope to have the new webpage working prior to the 2005 Spring conference so members can register and pay with a credit card, if desired.

Other accomplishments include ...

- Purchase of a digital camera and LCD projector.
- Increased funding of the Scholarship fund.
- Formation of the Rewards Program by Tim Wellman that will allow RMGPA to compete for the NIGP Chapter Showcase this year and financially benefit members.
- Decreased costs for the RMGPA conferences.

But folks, please understand that all of these accomplishments are a direct result of the Reverse Vendor Trade Show (RVTS). None of them would have been possible this year without the funding from the RVTS. Last year's show was a success but you don't know if it will continue until you try it again. This year was a greater success and many think this is just a start. It is important that all agencies participate in this show to demonstrate to the vendors our commitment to add new agencies.

In closing, I want to thank Jim O'Neill, CPPO, FNIGP, for allowing me to pursue this rewarding opportunity to give back to RMGPA. I have truly enjoyed this year and hope that all members consider working on a committee or becoming a board member.

John

The only confirmed class, thus far, for 2005 is:

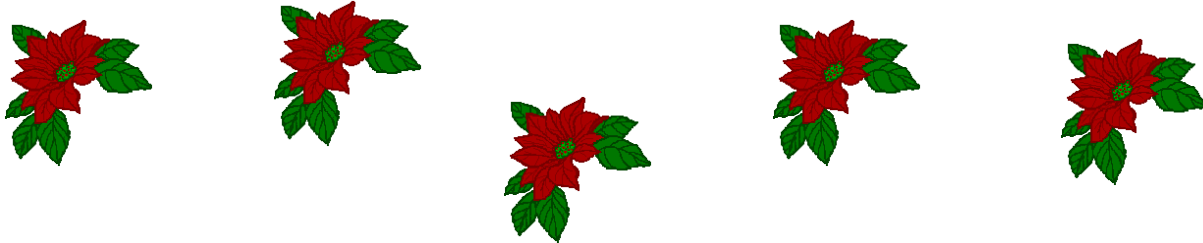
Introduction to Public Procurement.....February 15, 16, 17*

* Requires a minimum of 8 students

All classes will be held at the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building in Golden, Colorado. Course descriptions and registration forms are available on the RMGPA website at <http://www.frii.com/~rmgpa/> You can also send an email to nancy.trontell@lottery.state.co.us Be advised that all classes are contingent upon RMGPA attaining established registration minimums.

NOTE: Effective July 1, 2004 NIGP course fees are:

Three-day course:		Two-Day Course		One-Day Course	
Chapter Member	\$525	Chapter Member	\$300	Chapter Member	\$125
National Member	\$700	National Member	\$440	National Member	\$195
Non-Member	\$800	Non-Member	\$550	Non-Member	\$250



S Achievements through October 2004



New Certifications
Darlene Morrow, CPPB University of Colorado
Erika Scherer, CPPB Douglas County School District
Frederick Mues, CPPB Denver Public Schools

Recertifications	
Colorado	Utah
Mary Jablonski, CPPB Thompson School District #R2-J	R. Bryan Hemsley, CPPB, A.P.P. Salt Lake City Corporation
Tracy Roach, CPPB Denver Public Schools	
Linda Meserve, CPPB Colorado State University	
Carolyn Nemmers, CPPB Douglas County Government	



CONGRATULATIONS

Hello from the Programs Committee. Here are the following dates for the next year's conferences:

Spring Conference - March 17, 2005 City and County of Broomfield

Summer Conference - June 2 & 3, 2005 Glenwood Springs, CO

Fall Conference -Sept. 9th or 10th, 2005 looking into Greeley (*not yet confirmed*)

Winter Conference- December 1 & 2, 2005, have not decided on a location yet.

I want to thank Gina Abbott and the El Paso County staff for putting together a very successful Reverse Vendor Trade Show. Because of their hard work, RMGPA took in over \$26,000.00. Programs will be using part of this money to bring in speakers and to lower the cost to the agencies for conferences.

We had some wonderful speakers at the Winter Conference. I have received requests from people to have Steve Gilliland speak to us again. Programs will see what we can do to get him back. Don Buffum was also very good.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work in putting the Winter Conference together. If you would like to be a part of the programs committee. Please contact me at cjoy@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-6757.

Cindy Joy, CPPB
Programs Chair

Open Forum

For those of you who were unable to attend the conference, we'd like to share some notes from the open forum.

1. Very professional set-up.
2. Would like to see more reference to RMGPA on marketing materials and signage.
3. Agencies should be required to stay for the full duration of the trade show and not leave before the show closes at 5:00pm.
4. Agency Participation:
 - A minimum number of agencies are supporting a program that all agencies are benefiting from.
 - More agencies need to participate in the program
5. The RVTS was a huge value to our small agency. Last year's show sourced a vendor that resulted in a 50K savings last year.
6. Invaluable to the future of the organization and individual members:
 - Additional Scholarships
 - Low registration fees
 - Additional provisions at conferences
 - Technology/web page development for additional member resources
 - Future rewards program
7. The values to participating vendors:
 - The value and opportunity to have so many contacts at a single location
 - \$75 registration fee vs. the cost of a single sales call (\$212?)
 - Business opportunities
 - Seeing the evolution of a profession that has, in the past, been more of a "hands off" approach
8. Vendor comments:

- Would like to have an all day event w/predetermined arrival times to alleviate long lines and strain on agency participants.
 - More agencies
9. RVTS consultant observations:
- Increase promotion/marketing of event
 - Announce earlier
 - The potential for growth is incredible (4x-5x more vendors)
 - Get the word to the right folks
 - Consider a cost increase (\$200)
 - Discussed the value to his firm.
10. Membership would like to the program marketed to vendors and agencies thru website.

Tim Wellmann, CPPB
RMGPA Vice President

S Awards

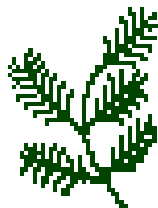
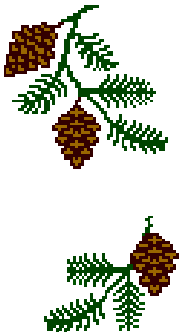
Mary Kirschmer

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This year, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Karen Devereaux, former Assistant Director of Colo. Department of Human Services at the North Central Procurement office. Karen has been a great employee and a great asset to the Purchasing Profession. She is both CPPB and CPPO certified. Karen has contributed greatly to both NIGP and RMGPA. She has been an instructor for NIGP since December 2001. In August 2004, she became an NIGP Consultant through the Procurement Management Assistance Program. From 1998-2000, Karen was the Chair of the Educational and Professional Development Committee. Since 2001, Karen has continued on as a Committee Member of the Educational and Professional Development Committee. Karen was instrumental in getting her agency recognized as 100% certified by the UPPCC in 2003. She was also instrumental in instituting the P-Card program and audit system with her agency.

CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN, AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!!



*Ring out the old,
ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells,
across the snow:
The year is going,
let him go;
Ring out the false,
ring in the true.*
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850



Attached is the nomination form for Buyer/Manager of the Year.

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveller, thousands of miles away, back to his own fire-side and his quiet home!

~Charles Dickens, The Pickwick Papers, 1836



NOMINATION FOR AWARD

INDIVIDUALS MAY NOMINATE ANY RMGPA MEMBER, INCLUDING THEMSELVES.
NOMINATION IS DUE BY JANUARY 7, 2005. PLEASE FAX NOMINATION FORM TO MARY
KIRSCHMER AT (303) 387-0309.

NOMINATION FOR () MANAGER OF THE YEAR
() BUYER OF THE YEAR

ALL NOMINEES WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.

NAME OF NOMINEE:

AGENCY:

AGENCY ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME AND PHONE
NUMBER OF PERSON
SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

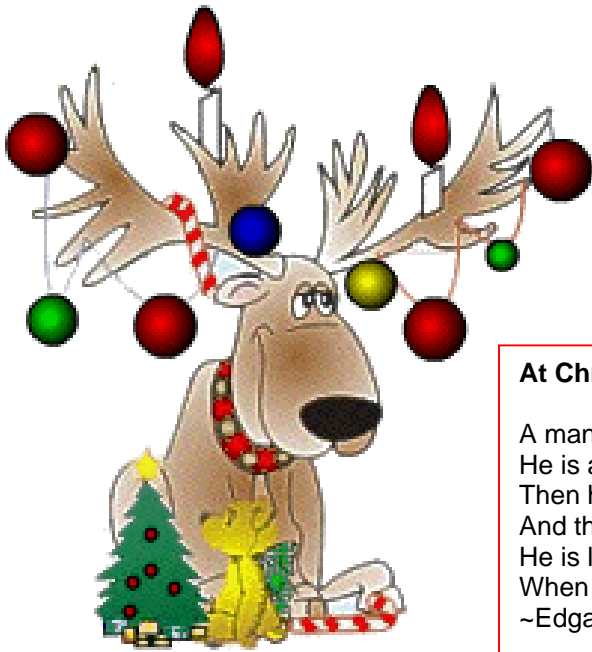
CRITERIA:

- CONTRIBUTION(S) TO THE PROCUREMENT PROFESSION
- CONTRIBUTION(S) TO THE PERSON'S AGENCY
- CONTRIBUTION(S) TO THE CHAPTER (RMGPA)
- CONTRIBUTION(S) TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (NIGP)
- PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION(S)

THE SELECTED BUYER AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR WILL RECEIVE A \$300 AWARD TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE COST OF ANY RMGPA OR NIGP SPONSORED CLASS, OR REGISTRATION TO NIGP'S ANNUAL FORUM.

USING THE CRITERIA LISTED ABOVE AS THE BASIS FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATION, PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PERSON. (A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER MAY BE ATTACHED, IF NECESSARY.)

PLEASE FAX NOMINATION FORM TO MARY KIRSCHMER, 303/688-0750.



At Christmas

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;
 He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;
 Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,
 And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.
 He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
 When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime...
 ~Edgar Guest

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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