



## High Notes

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### \* Letter from the President

John Stephen, CPPO

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Hello RMGPA Friends,

For all of those not able to attend the Summer Conference in Winter Park, it was a very enjoyable and educational time. I want to thank Cindy Joy, CPPB, Jefferson County School District, for stepping in to chair the Programs Committee. This conference was her first and she did a wonderful job. Thanks Cindy!!

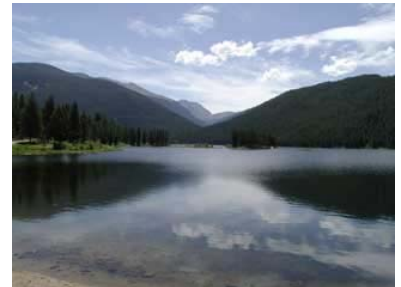
Included at the Conference was a breakout session for RMGPA members to help advise the Board of Directors regarding the strategic plan. The Board of Directors did a short presentation that reiterated the goals that we felt were important. During and after the presentation, we had valuable input from the membership with some great ideas that were recorded on a flipchart. Ideas included:

#### 1. Number of meetings/cost due to Membership Budget Constraints

- One big yearly meeting which included review/change of Bylaws in order to allow
- Three meetings per year
- Video conferencing
- Decrease conference costs

#### 2. Webpage update

- Include agency links
- In the future, have library with local bids and RFP information
- Contract webpage development to 3<sup>rd</sup> party i.e., Demand Star or Bid Net
- Include job openings like our existing webpage



If there are other ideas from the members that were present and we did not capture those, please send me or Tim Wellman an e-mail, so they can be included. For all of the members that were not present, please send us your ideas. The additional information will be reviewed by the board and may be added to the constantly changing strategic plan.

The Board's job now is to prioritize and establish an estimated time frame for the various categories. We have already completed some of the tasks as noted in the previous newsletter and hope to have the webpage upgraded by the end of the year.

Ron Watkins, your 2004/2005 NIGP President, gave an update on NIGP at the summer conference which will be available in the business meeting minutes. He wanted me to pass along some information to the membership going to Biloxi, Mississippi to attend the NIGP Forum. Captain Ron is going to have an open house Sunday evening at the Presidential Suite in the Beau Rivage Resort for RMGPA members. Please contact me if you are going to the Forum so I can forward complete information to you.

I hope that everyone has a great summer and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Budweiser Events Center, located between Fort Collins and Loveland.

*John*

# \* Education

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Procurement Protests: They Can Happen to You  
How to Write an RFP (**Note: RESCHEDULED FROM JULY 14**)  
Inventory & Warehouse Management  
Strategic Planning: An Evolving Role for the Procurement Professional

August 16  
August 31  
Sept 23, 24  
October 13\*\*

\*\* Requires a minimum of 20 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](mailto:nancy.trontell@lottery.state.co.us). Be advised that all classes are contingent upon RMGPA attaining established registration minimums.

**NOTE: Effective January 1, 2004 NIGP course fees will be:**

Three-day course:	Two-Day Course	One-Day Course
National Member \$550	National Member \$330	National Member \$135
Chapter Member \$660	Chapter Member \$440	Chapter Member \$195
Non-Member \$770	Non-Member \$550	Non-Member \$250



# \* Spotlight

Meet the new Programs Committee Chair..... Cindy Joy

I have been employed at Jeffco Schools since 1992, the last 5-1/2 of those years as a Buyer. I earned my CPPB certification in May of 2001. I have been a member of the Programs Committee since January of 2003 and took over the position of Programs Chair in March of 2004.

I never knew how much time and effort was involved in planning a conference until I volunteered for the Programs Committee. My first official conference was the Summer 2004 conference and although there were some problems, I found that with the membership of RMGPA they were easily solved. I have met so many new and interesting people since being on the programs committee. The committee has a great and diverse group of individuals and I know, if it wasn't for them, this job would be very difficult.

I am looking forward to a long and successful run as the Programs Committee Chair. Every opportunity is a learning process for me and I look forward to the conquests and challenges that lie ahead.

I work part-time at the Pepsi Center in Guest Relations. I have a daughter who attends UNC and is a junior and another daughter who will begin classes at CU this fall. I am looking forward to my empty nest, although I know that, being the Programs Chair, I will keep busy.

Cindy Joy  
Programs Chair

## \* Achievements through April 2004

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### New Certifications

#### Colorado

**Harry Baker, CPPB**  
El Paso County

**Julie Forsyth, CPPB**  
Jefferson County Public Schools

**C. Richard Pennington, CPPO**  
Colorado State Purchasing Office

### Recertifications

#### Colorado

**Patricia Lyman, CPPB**  
Littleton Public Schools

**Bruce Hartmetz, CPPB**  
City of Northglenn

**Karen Herman, CPPB**  
City of Durango

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!**



An investment in  
knowledge always  
pays the best  
interest.

~ Benjamin Franklin

## \* Awards

Mary Kirschmer [Mary.Kirschmer@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Mary.Kirschmer@dcsdk12.org)

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This year, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Jennie Readey, former Manager of Procurement and Contract Services with CDOT. Jennie has been a great asset to the purchasing profession. She is both CPPB and CPPO certified. Jennie has also contributed immensely to NIGP. She has been on several of their committees including the NIGP Forum, NIGP Ethics, NIGP Education and NIGP Diversity committees, to name a few. Jennie has also mentored for the NIGP Home Study Program and is a Master Instructor for NIGP. In 1999, Jennie developed and presented a seminar on "How to Write RFPs." She also presented a workshop at the NIGP Forum. She likes to be referred to as "Mother" or "The Tall Cute One" and her favorite expression is, "Arms and legs will not fall off."

**CONGRATULATIONS, JENNIE, AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!!**

## \* Awards - Continued

### 2003 BUYER OF THE YEAR

Ricky Smith, CPPB, Senior Buyer for the Denver Public Schools, has contributed greatly to the purchasing profession. He has served on various committees for RMGPA, CEPC, MAPO and MATES (Metro Area Transportation Efficiency Study) and has, from time-to-time, chaired some of them. Ricky is viewed as a man of unquestionable integrity. He has won the respect of the Operations/Maintenance and Transportation Departments, who had "previously viewed Purchasing as an obstacle with which they didn't have time to bother." It was a pleasure to present Ricky Smith with the Buyer of the Year Award at the Spring Conference, where he had the support of his entire Department.

### CONGRATULATIONS RICKY!!

Once again, the Awards Committee apologizes that we are unable to list a Manager of the Year for 2003. Unfortunately, the applicants did not meet the minimum criteria that were required by RMGPA.

We continue to encourage individuals to apply for Buyer and Manager of the Year. Please keep in mind that, along with the great honor of being selected as Buyer and Manager of the Year, each individual will also receive an award of \$300 to be used toward any RMGPA or NIGP class or registration to NIGP's annual forum.

**No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor was given for what they gave.**  
~ Calvin Coolidge

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