



"We're planting seeds and growing stars..."

# HONOR ROLL

- ★ Host city for the "2001: Odyssey to the Heartland" NIGP National Forum.
- ★ NIGP 2002 Mid-Sized Chapter of the Year Runner Up.
- ★ NIGP 2004 Mid-Sized Chapter of the Year.
- ★ NIGP 2005 Mid-Sized Chapter of the Year Runner Up.
- ★ NIGP 2006 Mid-Sized Chapter of the Year Runner Up.
- ★ NIGP 2008 Mid-Sized Chapter of the Year Runner Up.



**\$25.00**

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

**\$10.00**

**STUDENT & RETIREE MEMBERSHIP**

THAT'S RIGHT... For a minimal investment, you and your associates can enjoy all the privileges of membership in our growing family... all the networking, all the professional development, all the certification opportunities... all yours **just for joining CO-OPP.**

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**The Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers (CO-OPP) is a not-for-profit organization comprised of purchasing professionals from public entities, such as townships, cities, counties, state, federal, schools and higher education involved in procurement and materials management.**

**CO-OPP, a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc., (NIGP) since 1994, is dedicated to providing continued professional development and certification opportunities to its members while maximizing value to their entities; committed to saving money through cooperative purchasing; fostering the interchange of knowledge and experience; and, promoting high ethical standards.**



# Membership Opportunities

"So it's starting to look interesting, but, let's cut to the chase, what do we really gain from our investment of money and TIME in this organization?"

The **BENEFITS of REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** in our organization are many, but, measures of such involvement can be found in:

- Five (5) annual General Membership meetings (JAN, MAR, MAY, SEP, and NOV), which usually include professional speakers representing a myriad of discussion topics.
- Discounts on NIGP Accredited Seminars, held throughout the year.
- Discount on NIGP's Annual Forum & Products Exposition, held in a different city every summer.
- CO-OPP's Annual Luncheon in November which is also our Election of Officers to which members can pursue.
- CO-OPP's Annual "March Is Purchasing Month" celebration and the numerous educational and fun activities that are part of it.
- Monthly Newsletters:- *Early Bird* (FEB, APR, JUN, JUL, AUG, OCT, DEC) and *The Procurement Edge* on those remaining months when there is a General Membership meeting.
- Availability to participate on the *Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Committee* (ICPC) whose purpose is to reduce the costs of goods and services by providing public entities with an opportunity to utilize Cooperative Purchasing Contracts. The *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission* (MORPC) has partnered with ICPC to engage in broadening the reach of this benefit.
- Numerous professional development opportunities offered all year long in a variety of classroom settings: on-site, online, brown bag lunches and webinars.

# Participation Opportunities

"Okay, I see where there is some real benefit to being a member, and, I can certainly see that the investment is a bargain for myself and my associates... but, what if I want more, what if I want to be part of the process?"

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of this Chapter and will be an executive board consisting of no more than sixteen (16) members, including five (5) Officers (elected by the General Membership to 2 year terms) and the Chairs of eleven (11) Standing Committees (chosen by the Chapter President for 2 year terms).

## OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Code of Regulation Committee
- Education & Professional Development Committee
- Membership Committee
- Program Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Awards & Scholarship Committee
- Legislation Liaison Committee
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Committee (ICPC)
- Nominating Committee
- Conference Committee

*These Standing Committees may be changed/modified at the President's discretion.*

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

*The Chapter President may appoint special (ad hoc) committees at his/her discretion.*



# Development Opportunities

"I can see where all of those positions and committees do the behind the scenes work that sometimes gets overlooked in an organization such as this... and, if every committee has 3 or 4 members then you're looking at 50-100 more people that might be needed to keep this running at its best. Speaking of running at our best, how can CO-OPP help in the development of its membership to be their most productive in their Chapter and in their respective work environments?"

CO-OPP is a local chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). As a member of NIGP, our organization and the members that comprise enjoy special member only discounts to the wide array of professional development and educational opportunities NIGP provides. One of the most highly acclaimed measures of the success of these learning opportunities is CERTIFICATION.

Certification is the process by which the Public Purchaser demonstrates a level of competency for the benefit of the public and themselves. NIGP's many educational opportunities prepare candidates to sit for the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council's (UPPCC) **Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB)** and **Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO)** certification examinations.

A third certification opportunity was just announced this year, the **Executive Certificate in Public Procurement**, which integrates a Capstone Experience in one of five (5) Procurement Specialties: Contract Management, Leadership, Planning, Solicitation Development and Supply Management. The procurement specialist utilizes the wealth of their own knowledge for one final opportunity of case studies and research leading up to their presentation, which will be critiqued by fellow classmates and a Professor from the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and their reward, the ultimate final certification level of achievement.



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