



Central Gulf Coast Chapter

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing

4th Quarter 2010

President's Corner

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Central Gulf Coast Chapter



I hope the City of Springfield made you feel welcome for the October meeting.

Chapter dues of \$35 were reinstated, payable by January 31, 2011. Agency memberships are also available. If you need assistance with dues, similar to currently funded education, contact me. Your participation is important to the success of our organization. No changes have been made to the funding of education. Members in good standing (attend 2 meetings, or 1 meeting and work the Reverse Trade Show) are eligible to seek funding for the education, certification and re-certification.

Our vendor sponsors did a great job presenting useful information. Each vendor confirmed follow up information and copies of their PowerPoint presentations will be sent to me. I have forwarded the ones I have received, and am still waiting to hear from NES.

Fund Raising Opportunities:

- It is anticipated our first vendor training class will be scheduled soon.
- Our website is continuing to gain sponsorships and will soon have animated spaces allowing more opportunities. Several of the sponsors will be with us for the long haul. A few of the vendors have written commitments for 4th quarter 2010 & 1st quarter 2011. We need to let the sponsors know their support is appreciated. Please reach out to them and let them know they have been recognized and that their support helps us fund educational and professional development needs of chapter members. Let me know if you need any help getting sponsors on the website.



A Paypal account has been established to process credit card payments for dues and sponsorships. Once it is working properly the links will be posted to our website.

- The Reverse Trade Show will be at Northwest Florida State College on March 11, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The facility will be open early. Our business meeting and light breakfast will be from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Marcheta Gillespie, NIGP, will be speaking at our meeting, participating in a panel discussion and presenting to the vendors during the show. David Underwood and Keith Roberts will be helping with vendor training classes. They always do a great job. We will need your support and participation to make the training and show a success. In the near future you will be able to reserve your booth space on our website. For now if you are going to man a booth please let me know so we can include you in our next mail out. We are in a gymnasium this year and will need to come up with a theme for our event. Suggestions are requested.

The election results yielded only one change. Bart Bradshaw has done a fabulous job as our treasurer and his years of service are appreciated. Tonia Lawson will be taking over in January and has some big shoes to fill.

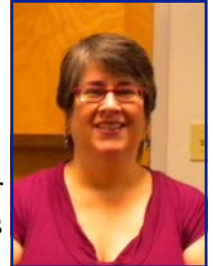
Congratulations



Bob Pacenta, Purchasing Agent, School District of Escambia County achieved certification through NIGP as Florida Certified Contract Negotiator (FCCN).

New Member

Kellie Gore
Purchasing Specialist
Escambia County Sheriff's Office



Kellie has been with the ECSO for 23 years and has seen the items purchased change with the times, from office supplies to ammunition, cars, boats and helicopters. Since she is the only person in her department, the "buck" really does stop with her.

NIGP Online Classes



These are not webinars, they are similar to online college courses. The prices for some of these are very reasonable. Please check them out at <http://www.nigp.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=pd-ep-ot>.

NIGP has adopted new Values and Guiding Principles of Public Procurement as of their October 23, 2010 meeting in Louisville. More information is available at http://www.nigp.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=NIGP&webcode=abt-ppv_gp.

For additional information contact Paul Nobles
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2010 NIGP Forum

The 2010 NIGP Forum was held in San Antonio, Texas on August 12 - 17 at the Marriott Rivercenter . Officers attending were Jon Sewell, Angie Jones, Sandy King and her husband Joe, Tonia Lawson, Emily Weddington and Paul



Emily Paul Debbie Angie Tonia Sandy Joe

Nobles and his wife Debbie. It was a week full of great workshops, seminars, peer to peer groups, keynote speakers, vendor exhibits, networking opportunities and nice hot weather! The event kicked off Thursday night with a rodeo and social event at Knibbe Ranch, complete with bull riding and horse events. All attendees are unanimous in agreeing that this was one of the best forums. The attendees express their appreciation to the Chapter for allowing them to attend.