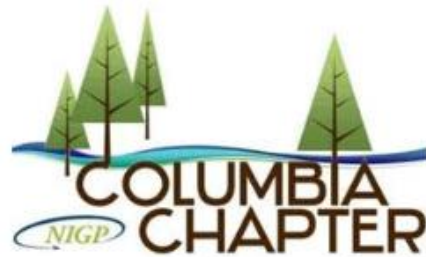


COLUMBIA CHAPTER NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2018



General Meeting - September 6, 2018

The Columbia Chapter General Meeting started back after summer break. As you may know, the Chapter transitioned from a Fiscal Year structure to a Calendar Year. This brings the Chapter into alignment with NIGP and the majority of Chapters. This also helps with reporting, taxes, and terms of officers and directors. To make this adjustment, existing terms were extended for an additional six months through December 2018.

OUR MISSION

To promote the public procurement profession and efficient public procurement while maintaining the public trust by providing educational opportunities, networking, and technical support to its members.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS BEGINS OCT 1.

The Chapter will be seeking candidates for:

- **Secretary** (4 year term consisting of Secretary, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President one year each)
- **Pro-D Director** (3 year term)
- **Logistics Director** (3 year term)

Duties and responsibilities of each Chapter Board member can be found in the [Columbia Chapter NIGP Handbook for Officers and Directors](#) located on the Chapter website.

OUR BOARD

Denice Henshaw, President

Christy Tran, Vice President

Elvis Carter, Secretary

Diane Seaton, Immediate Past President

Anthony Blackmon, Treasurer

Kathi Braeme-Burr, Pro-D Director

Emmanuel Amunga, Membership Director

Suzi Fulcher, Meeting and Logistics Director

Annie Teav, ICP Director

REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!

13th Annual Reverse Vendor Trade Show (RVTS)

October 18, 2018, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holiday Inn, Portland Airport

Have you signed up for a booth or 2 yet? If not, what are you waiting for? Sign up now to reserve your spot! Reach out to your agency departments and bring several people to help staff your booth!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR AGENCY TODAY!](#)

If you are interested in volunteering to help on the event day, please contact Julie Denton at (360) 487-8435 or

julie.denton@cityofvancouver.us

Thank you and see you all there!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meeting - October 04, 2018

Board Meeting - October 17, 2018

NEWLY CERTIFIED

Congratulations to **Erika Lopez, City of Hillsboro** for passing the CPPB exam, Spring 2018.

NEW CHAPTER COMMITTEE

Announcing the **NEW Legislative Committee** chaired by our very own Chapter Ambassador, **Brian Smith, from Multnomah County**. Thank you Brian for all that you do for the Chapter!

For more information about any of the Chapter Committees, please visit the Chapter [website](#).

FORUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Columbia Chapter awarded 2 full scholarships and 3 partial scholarships for the NIGP Forum in Nashville. Congratulations to Mahn Saechow, Rachel Beane, Anthony Blackmon, Craig Johnsen, and Kathi Braeme-Burr!

2018 NIGP FORUM



NIGP coordinated another amazing forum that included a wide range of classes/sessions, great speakers, entertainment, food, networking opportunities, and breathtaking venue.

"This was my third Forum experience, and each time I go I return to work motivated and excited by the connections I have made and the things I have learned. The workshop topics this year were very good, and I had trouble choosing between sessions. I especially enjoyed participating in discussions on emergency management and contract language during a declared emergency and workshops on staff retention in the procurement field. I am inspired by the work of our colleagues and the support participation in NIGP events provides, and look forward to applying some of the things I have learned in my daily work." Emilie Schulhoff, Multnomah County

2018 MEDIUM CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Special guest appearance and announcer of the chapter awards....wait...*Tim McGraw???*



The Columbia Chapter received the 2018 Medium Chapter of the Year award. This is our third year in a row to receive this award. Amazing job everyone!

“To acknowledge the valuable contributions made by Chapters as they strive to support NIGP and its mission to develop, support, and promote the public procurement profession. The Chapter Awards Program recognizes Chapters who have developed programs that educate, provide professional support, and champion advocacy initiatives that benefit the membership, the profession, and constituents.” NIGP

Thank you Columbia Chapter Board and Members for all your work throughout the year.

[Click here to view the 2018 Chapter Application and Submittals](#)

CHARITY EVENT - COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Oregon & SW Washington

[RONALD MCDONALD "MEALS FROM THE HEART" PROGRAM](#)

The holidays are just around the corner and what a better way to start the season then to volunteer your invaluable time to provide warm, home-cooked meals to comfort families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Columbia Chapter is looking to schedule a date sometime in November and will be seeking volunteers to participate. If you do not have the time to participate, we are also accepting money donations that will go towards purchasing groceries to cook the meals. Donations received in excess will be donated to Ronald McDonald House charities.

To learn more about "Meals from the Heart" program, please click the link in the title above.



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VOLUNTEER

8TH ANNUAL QRF SHOWCASE

The Fall Education Forum and QRF Showcase is planned for October 17th this year. The rate is reduced this year to \$75.00. Each attendee will be awarded 7 continuing education certification credits. Refreshments and lunch will be served as well. A full slate of classes is in development, but so far class offerings scheduled include:

- Sustainability in Procurement
- IT procurement for projects less than \$150,000
- the QRF contracting process
- Contract Administration
- QRF Showcase of product & service offerings
- More to come

Space is limited, register today!



8th ANNUAL **QRF SHOWCASE**

Keizer Civic Center
930 Chemawa Rd NE
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Register in iLearn:
<https://ilearn.oregon.gov>

Cost: \$75, includes seven
certification credits

Contact Darvin Pierce for
more information:
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