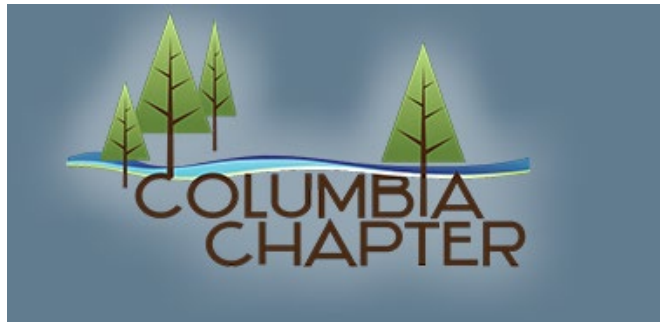
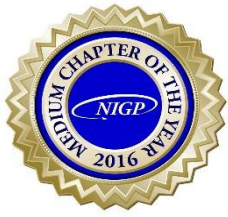


COLUMBIA CHAPTER NEWS – JANUARY 2021



President's Message

Hello Columbia Chapter members! We made it through 2020, a year filled with uncertainty and change. While we weren't able to meet in person for the majority of the year, we have adapted by offering our General Meetings in a virtual format. Our Marketing Committee has also coordinated Virtual Happy Hours to offer an opportunity to socialize. I encourage you to join in on the fun! Our **next General Membership meeting on Thursday, February 4th**! Watch your email for invitations and details.

As I step into the President role for 2021, I want to thank all the board members for their ongoing support. Special thanks goes to our outgoing Board members: **Christy Tran**, for her hard work and dedication as she transitioned through the Secretary, Vice President, President, and Past President roles. She has provided invaluable guidance and support to all. **Emmanuel Amunga**, for his three years of service as our Membership Director.

Please welcome our new board members, **Thomas Lunsford** (Treasurer) and **Patrick Wybert** (Membership Director). **Anthony Blackmon** (Secretary) transitions from his previous role as Treasurer to Secretary, and continues his service on the Columbia Chapter board.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming virtual meetings!

Gina Dowd, President 2021

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.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Mentorship Program is a volunteer program, coordinated by the Chapter Mentoring Committee, pairing experienced procurement professionals (mentors) with members who are looking to develop themselves professionally (mentees).

For more information, please contact Patrick Wybert (Mentorship Program Chair) @ Patrick.Wybert@multco.us

OUR BOARD

Regina Dowd

President

Lee Fleming, CPPB, MCA, OPBC

Vice President

Anthony Blackmon, OPBC

Secretary

Elvis Carter, Jr.

Immediate Past President

Thomas Lunsford

Treasurer

Kathi Braeme-Burr, CPPB, OPBC

Pro-D Director

Patrick Wybert, CCA

Membership Director

Julie Hoffman, CPPB

Meeting and Logistics Director

Celeste King, CPPB, CPPO

ICP Director

Q & A PAGE – ASK A QUESTION

Visit the Chapter's Q&A page where you can post questions, share your insights, strategies and innovations as well as help answer question posted by other Chapter members.



Check it out: <http://columbiachapternigp.org/dwqa-ask-question/>

SIGN UP FOR NIGP MEMBERSHIP

NIGP The Institute for
Public Procurement

[VIEW AGENCY MEMBER BENEFITS](#)

[VIEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBER BENEFITS](#)

[Join NIGP Choose the Membership that is right for you!](#)

NSITE FOR AREA 8 CHAPTER MEMBERS



If you are also an NIGP member, this is for you!
[NSite](#) now has a blog for
Area 8 Members!! Log into NSite and join the group!

PRESENTERS NEEDED FOR COLUMBIA CHAPTER MEETINGS!!

The Columbia Chapter is looking for speakers for our general meetings in 2021. This is a great opportunity to share your procurement knowledge and earn scholarship points at the same time.

If this is something you would be interested in, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact:

Lee Fleming, Vice President, @ 503 988 7540 or lee.fleming@multco.us

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS



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BOARD ELECTION RESULTS



Columbia Chapter elected the following Board members starting in January 2021:

Secretary: **Anthony Blackmon**, Trimet
(4 year rotation, Secretary, VP, President, Past President)

Membership Director: **Patrick Wyberg**, Multnomah County
(3 year term)

Treasurer: **Thomas Lunsford**, Metro
(3 year term)

2021 Virtual Networking Event and Reverse Vendor Trade Show

Save the date: 2021 Reverse Vendor Trade Show

Thursday, October 28, 2021
Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach
909 N Hayden Island Drive
Portland, OR 97217

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

2021 Reverse Vendor Trade Show (RVTS) and the New **Virtual Networking Event “*Working in Partnership*”**

Do you enjoy...Boosting sponsorships? Sharpening your marketing skills? Helping others? Collaborating with other government agencies? Working in a great team to fundraise money for your local NIGP Chapters?

IF SO, this is the perfect opportunity for you and we encourage you to volunteer for the
2021 Virtual Networking Event and/or Reverse Vendor Trade Show

The RVTS is an annual fall event that gives vendors the opportunity to meet face to face with public purchasing professionals throughout Oregon/SW Washington.

This show is a great fundraising event for Columbia Chapter, NIGP and Oregon Public Purchasing Association.

We have volunteer opportunities joining our committees with various time commitments as well as day of volunteer opportunities.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact:

Diane Seaton diane.seaton@portlandoregon.gov or (503) 823-6987

Anthony “Tony” Blackmon blackmoa@trimet.org or (503) 729-6327

Thank you for your consideration in joining our team!

Our Best Regards,

RVTS Steering Committee

Anthony Blackmon, Event Coordinator Co-Chair * Diane Seaton, Event Co-Coordinator
Lynn Faulkenberry, Marketing & Outreach * Thomas Lunsford, Registration
Destinee Strickland, Directory * Stacey Thomson, Sponsorship
Bethany Wachtler, Treasurer

Save the Dates!

April 28, 2021 (Virtual Networking Event for early bird sponsors)
October 28, 2021 (Reverse Vendor Trade Show) at Red Lion by the River – Jantzen Beach
Registration is open at www.oppaweb.org

CHAPTER AWARDS

NIGP Performance Standard Seal: Platinum Chapter 2020!!

Columbia Chapter is one of 7 Chapters to receive NIGP's highest Performance Standard Seal, Platinum, in 2020. Congrats to all the Chapters that received this award!



CarolinAs Association of Governmental Purchasing
Central Florida Chapter
Columbia Chapter
Copper Chapter
Oregon Public Purchasing Association
Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association
Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing

Thank you to the Columbia Chapter membership for making this award possible! Your membership and participation throughout the year matters!

Congratulations!!

CHAPTER COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS

The most valuable contribution you can make to an organization is your time and commitment. An organization is only as strong as those members who support its goals. Through our committees, we continue to serve our members by promoting the public procurement profession. We encourage you to take the time to review the committees listed below and let us know if you could help.

To join, contact the Committee/Program Chair person below or the Chapter President.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than two members appointed by the President. The audit shall be performed no later than July 30 of each year. At least two of the members serving on the committee shall also be members of the Board. This committee shall report its findings to the membership at the next meeting of the members. This report will give a statement of accounts based upon actual expenses incurred and income received for the prior year.

Suzi Fulcher, Chair

suzi_fulcher@co.washington.or.us

Members: Emmanuel Amunga, Bethany Demello, Patrick Wybert, Julie Hoffman.

Board Nominating Committee

The Board Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three members appointed by the President. At least two of the members serving on the committee shall also be members of the Board. The Chair of the committee shall be appointed by the President.

The committee shall receive and evaluate recommendations from the members regarding individuals suggested for candidacy for a position as a regular director or director-at-large.

The committee shall select at least one candidate for each position on the Board for which a term is expiring. This slate of nominees will be turned over to the President no later than five days prior to the meeting at which Board members are to be elected.

No changes in nominees on this slate may be made after submission to the President except at the request of the nominee.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual membership meeting, but only if the nominee has given express permission that his name be placed in nomination.

Anthony Blackmon, Chair

blackmoa@trimet.org

Members: Christy Tran, Lee Fleming

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee is chaired by Chapter President. Committee members shall include, but not be limited to, the Past President and the Treasurer. This committee reviews Columbia Chapter's revenues and expenses to propose an annual budget to the Board for adoption.

Gina Dowd, Chair

gina.dowd@pcc.edu

Members: Celeste King, Elvis Carter Jr., Thomas Lunsford, Lee Fleming, Anthony Blackmon.

Buyer and Manager of the Year Committee

The Buyer & Manager of the Year (BOY/MOY) Committee consists of 2 Board members and the Buyer and Manager of the Year from the previous year. The committee calls for nominations for the BOY/MOY from Chapter members. The committee reviews and verifies the accuracy of the criteria forms and required documentations submitted by the nominees. Recommendation to award a Buyer and Manager of the Year is given to the Board for final decision.

Anthony Blackmon, Chair

blackmoa@trimet.org

Members: Brian Smith, Kathi Braeme-Burr, Thomas Lunsford, Celeste King, Gina Dowd, Emmanuel Amunga (previous BOY), Travis Allison (previous (MOY)).

Outstanding Chapter Awards/Chapter Performance Standard Seal

This is a new committee chaired by the President. Members shall include but not be limited to the Vice President, Past President and Secretary. With the President taking the lead, the committee compiles, drafts and reviews the application for Chapter of the Year. The President completes and submits the completed application to NIGP each year.

Gina Dowd, Chair

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Members: Lee Fleming, Anthony Blackmon, Elvis Carter Jr.

Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee maintains the Chapter's Handbook for Directors and Directors at Large. This committee reviews the Handbook and makes recommendations to the Board if needed. The Handbook is intended as a resource to enable members and Directors to provide consistent leadership of the Chapter and encourage future leadership within the Chapter. It contains the duties and responsibilities of the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Anthony Blackmon, Chair

blackmoa@trimet.org

Members: Christy Tran, Diane Seaton, Julie Hoffman, Kathi Braeme-Burr, Elvis Carter, Lee Fleming

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee plays a central role in creating a presence and increasing the influence of the practitioners' voice in the Oregon legislative process. Committee goals include: educating members on the legislative process, distributing proposed legislation impacting public procurement, providing timely bill tracking reports during legislative sessions, and promoting active involvement of public procurement professionals in the legislative process.

The Legislative Committee maintains a presence with individuals and groups who are significantly influential in Oregon's legislative process. This includes the State's Departmental Purchasing Officers and specific lobbyists who work with cities, counties, schools, and special districts. These contacts lead to greater information sharing, coordination and inclusion of practitioner voices in legislative bill drafting, committee testimony, and a positive impact in the legislative process.

Brian Smith, Chair

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Members: Linda Niman, Nick Thibodeau, Celeste King.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee will assist with coordinating and facilitating marketing and communications for the Chapter including researching, purchasing, promoting, advertising, selling and distributing Chapter branded merchandise/items to increase visibility and growth of the Chapter.

Tessa Paul, Chair

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Members: Emmanuel Amunga, Anna Hathorne, Anthony Blackmon, Gina Dowd, Kathi Braeme-Burr.

Mentorship Program

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Emmanuel Amunga, Chair

emmanuel.amunga@portlandoregon.gov

Scholarship Program Committee

The Scholarship Committee is chaired by the Past President. The committee evaluates scholarship applications received from members of the Chapter. This committee is good for any volunteer who wants to learn how they might qualify for and utilize Chapter Scholarship funds made available by the Chapter.

Elvis Carter, Jr., Chair

elvis.carterjr@portlandoregon.gov

Members: Christy Tran, Diane Seaton, Anthony Blackmon, Patrick Wybert, Emmanuel Amunga.

Social Media Committee

The Social Media Committee was established to facilitate Columbia Chapter communication via social media outlets. This committee oversees the primary social media outlets of Facebook and LinkedIn. The content produced by this committee is official representation of the organization. Content on social media outlets are updated frequently.

The purpose of the Social Media Committee is to:

To foster and facilitate Columbia Chapter community-building among its members through social media.

To grow and maintain Columbia Chapter's online presence in order to keep current members informed with communication and to attract potentially interested members in joining our community.

To maintain the Columbia Chapter Social Media pages.

To raise awareness and make it easier for newcomers and current members to understand how and where to interact with Columbia Chapter online.

To promote training opportunities hosted by our own Chapter or other related organizations that may interest public procurement professionals

To promote and let people know about Columbia Chapter branded items available such as clothing and pens.

Anthony Blackmon, Chair

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Members: Elvis Carter, Christy Tran, Shawn Postera, Celeste King, Gina Dowd.

Student Outreach Program

The Student Outreach Program is a volunteer program, coordinated by the Professional Development Director designed to promote career paths in public procurement. Representatives of the Chapter attend student functions – job fairs, career discussions, etc. to introduce public purchasing to students at the high school and college levels. As a part of this discussion, the program will promote and encourage interested students to become a student member of the Chapter.

Kathi Braeme-Burr, Chair

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Members: Anthony Blackmon, Tessa Paul, Emmanuel Amunga.

Website Committee

The Website Committee maintains the Chapter's website and works with the Chapter President, Chapter Board Members, and Chapter Committees to update content and resolve issues involving the website as the first points of contact.

Christy Tran, Chair

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Members: Suzi Fulcher, Kittie Kong, Shawn Postera, Emmanuel Amunga.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

YOUR JOURNEY TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BEGINS HERE

NIGP Course Offerings

NIGP Pathways courses are designed for busy procurement professionals, offering flexible options to meet diverse learning needs. On-demand classes offers 100% self-paced sessions that are accessible 24/7. Virtual instructor-led classes are remotely accessed live sessions taught by NIGP-certified instructors who encourage active participation. In-person classes are also led by NIGP-certified instructors and offer a classroom learning experience, including group work and hands-on collaboration with other students. Click link above for NIGP training options.

Would you be interested in joining a **certification study group** (CPPB, CPPO, or NIGP-CPP). Please reach out to Kathi Braeme-Burr to express interest or to get more information about training opportunities.

Kathi Braeme-Burr, CPPB OPBC
Professional Development Director
Columbia Chapter of NIGP
Multnomah County Central Purchasing
Sr. Procurement Analyst
503-988-7550

QUICK LINKS - LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

