



## Columbia Chapter General Meeting

**DATE & TIME:**

April 1, 2021  
11:30am-1:00pm

**LOCATION:**

Join virtual meeting:  
<https://meet.google.com/ioq-czsj-pvh>

- 11:30 Welcome and Introductions – Gina
- 11:35 Chapter Announcements / Reminders
- Treasurers Report - Thomas
  - Pro-D Updates – Kathi
  - Membership updates – Patrick
  - ICP Updates – Celeste
  - RVTS Updates – Diane
  - Legislative Updates – Brian
  - Scholarship Updates –Elvis
- 12:00 Guest Presenter – Darin Matthews, Director for Negometrix USA – Diversifying Your Construction Spend (see bio and description below)



- 1:00 Adjourn – Gina Dowd

*Cost for non-members to attend is \$25. One time guests welcome at no charge.*

**Next Meetings:**

Columbia Chapter ICP Joint Meeting - May 6, 2021  
Columbia Chapter General Meeting - May 6, 2021

## **Diversifying Your Construction Spend**

This session will examine the world of construction contracting and discuss various strategies for ensuring diversity at both the prime and sub-contract level. Through effective outreach and training, organizations can help level the playing field for small and diverse contractors. The power of small businesses in the US will be shared, as well as the many benefits of promoting diversity in procurement.

Successful programs from leading organizations will be highlighted including Old Dominion University, University of Illinois, and Whistler, British Columbia. Assuming a posture of equity and inclusion is an important part of supplier diversity, as well as measuring and reporting diverse supplier participation.

**Darin Matthews, FNIGP, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, CPSM, C.P.M.** is a director for Negometrix USA and also a faculty chair for the University of California, Santa Cruz. He spent 30 years as a chief procurement officer for several public agencies and is past president of NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement. Darin is the author of several books and articles on procurement and speaks throughout the world on leading procurement practices. He is the host of the podcast, The Evolution of Procurement.