

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF NIGP

NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement

This is to certify that this Chapter charter has been granted to:


MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF NIGP


Chapter Member List:

William Ruge, CPPO, CPM Hennepin County	Al Bach FIE Area Technical-Sales Institute	Patricia Brattholmer City of Elk River
Gary Dikson Washington County	William F. Farns City of Cross Lake	Don Wickman State of Minnesota
Charles Hanson City of Elk River	John Blum City of St. Anthony	Carol B. Johnson City of St. Anthony
Charles Johnson City of Duluth	Harold Kruse St. Louis County	Warren L. Larson, P.A. Independent School District #251
Mark Madison City of Ramsey	Tom Maffei Bloomington School District #275	Don Mahon Independent School District #351
Gordon Mink City of Fridley	Charles Mink Metropolitan Airport Commission	Edward J. Monson Independent School District #14
Chris Olson City of Northfield	Richard Pearson, CPPO County of Anoka	William E. Pave, CPPO, CFCM CPM City of St. Paul
Nathan Peck City of St. Cloud	Lloyd Schaele City of Ramsey	Bill Scott County of Carver
Mark Stander City of Savage	Jim Smith Scott County	David Stevens Metropolitan Transit Commission
Mike Vele E.D. #109 - Board of Education	Chris A. Wadsworth Regional Development Commission	Mark Watson City of Anoka
	Bert Wadsworth City of Minneapolis	

The granting of this Chapter charter under this name constitutes the contribution of a duly authorized Chapter member to participation in the activities of the Institute. This Charter has been granted and shall remain in full force and effect subject to the provisions of the By-Laws of the National Institute of Government Purchasing.

In testimony whereof, the seal and signature have been placed hereon to be signed by the duly authorized officers and sealed with its official seal, this Twelfth day of June, 1981.

 THE INSTITUTE
for PUBLIC PROCUREMENT


Rick Graham, CPPO, CPFB
Chief Executive Officer



1981 - 1982



**The Official
Character**

NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement

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MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF NIGP

Chapter Members thereof:

William Binger, CPPO, CPM Hennepin County	Al Bock 916 Area Vocational-Tech Institute	Phyllis Boedigheimer City of Elk River
Ginny Dirksen Washington County	William F. Fettes City of Coon Rapids	Don Hackman State of Minnesota
Charlie Hansen City of Robinsdale	John Holter City of Richfield	Carol B. Johnson City of St. Anthony
Chester Johnson City of Duluth	Herbert Krause St. Louis County	Warren L. Larson, P.A. Independent School District #281
Merle Medissen City of Ramsey	Tom Medly Bloomington School District #271	Dan Mehleis Independent School District #191
Gordon Middag City of Fridley	Claude Mika Metropolitan Airports Commission	Edward J. Munson Independent School District #16
Curtis Olsen City of Northfield	Richard Pearson, CPPO County of Anoka	William E. Peter, CPPO, CPCM, CPM City of St. Paul
Norbert Posch City of St. Cloud	Lloyd Schnelle City of Ramsey	Bill Scott County of Carver
Hank Sinder City of Savage	Jim Slavik Scott County	Dave Stevens Metropolitan Transit Commission
Mike Viele I.S.D. #709 - Board of Education	Craig A. Waldron Region 9 Development Commission	Mert Watson City of Anoka
	Herb Wurdelman City of Bloomington	

The granting of this Chapter charter under this name constitutes the continuation of a duly authorized Chapter entitled to participation in the activities of the Institute. This Charter has been granted and shall remain in full force and effect subject to the provision of the By-Laws of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

In testimony whereof, the said association has caused this charter to be signed by its duly authorized officers and sealed with its official seal, this Twelfth day of June, 1981.

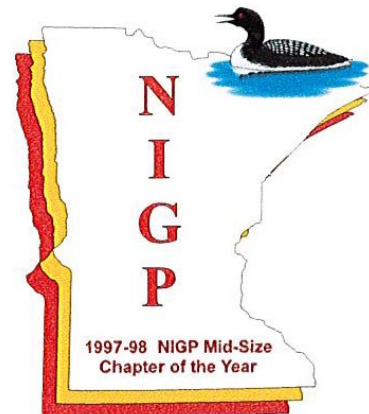



Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB
Chief Executive Officer

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S 1981 – 1991

At the time the chapter formed, the annual meeting was in September, and officers were sworn in immediately following the election.

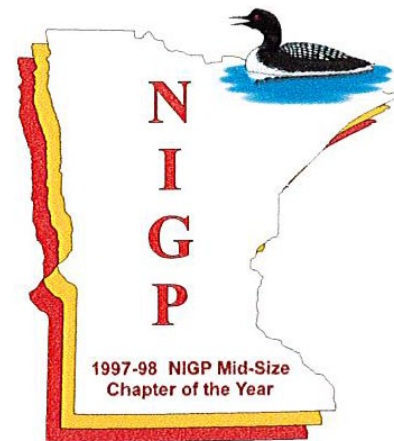
President Name	Term
Bill Peter	September 1, 1981 - September 1, 1982
Richard Pearson	September 1, 1982 - September 1, 1983
Richard Pearson	September 1, 1983 - September 1, 1984
Janet Guiliani	September 1, 1984 - September 1, 1985
Jim Slavik	September 1, 1985 - September 1, 1986
Mike Scanlan	September 1, 1986 - September 1, 1987
Jay McCleary	September 1, 1987 - September 1, 1988

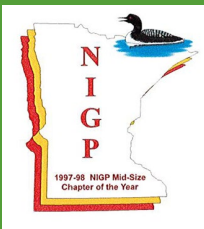


CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S 1992 – 1995

In 1990 it was discussed and voted to change board term to January 1st thru December 1st

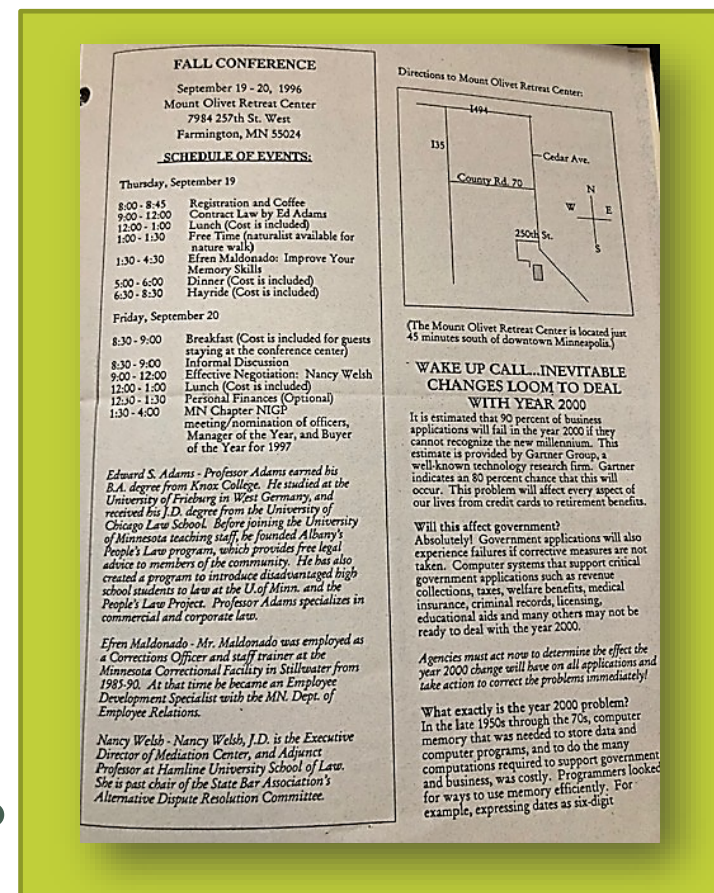
President Name	Term
Richard M. Slivik	September 1, 1988 - September 1, 1989
Mike Vogel	September 1, 1989 - September 1, 1990
Carolyn Belen	September 1, 1990 – December 31, 1991
Claude Mika	January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992
Dan White	January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
Lee Nelson	January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
Mickey Ferrian	January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

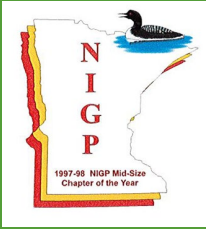




HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1996

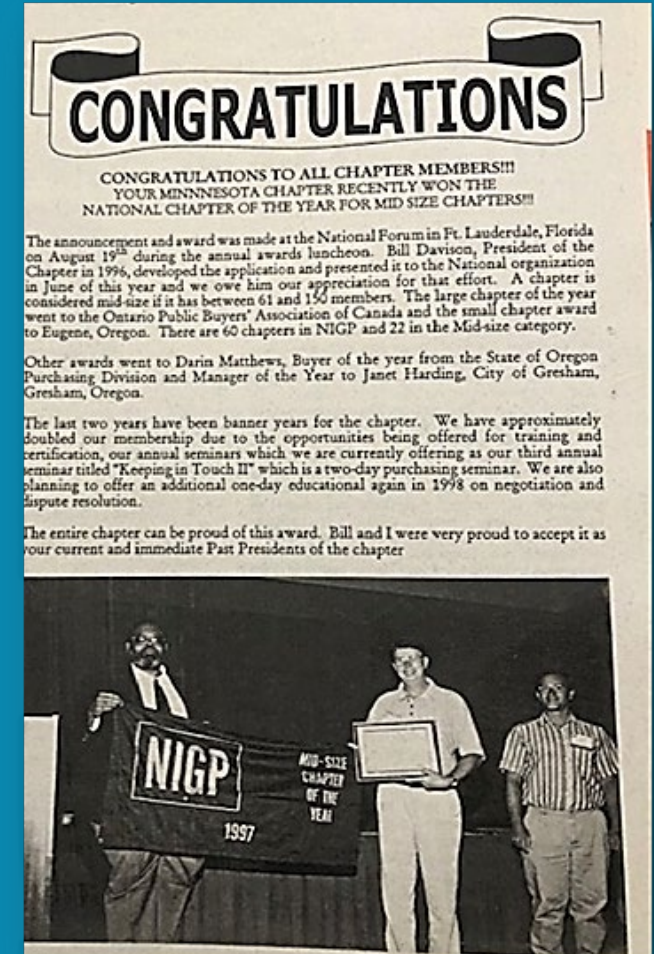
- President Bill Davison, January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996
- Chapter Officers
 - Don Olson, Vice President
 - Dick Florey, Secretary/Treasurer
 - Rodger Lindgren, Board Member
 - Dale Meyer, Board Member
 - John Holter, Board Member
 - Jim Slavik, Board Member
- 54 Number of Active Members as of December 31, 1995
- 106 Number of Active Members as of December 31, 1996

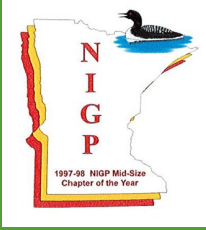




HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1997

- President Donald (Don) Olson, January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997
- Chapter Officers
 - Dick Florey, Vice President
 - Cindy Olson, Secretary/ Treasurer
 - Roger Lindgren, Board Member
 - Dale Meyer, Board Member
 - Barb Stein, Board Member
 - Brenda Thielen Willard, Board Member
- 106 Number of Active Members as of January 1, 1996
- 131 Number of Active Members as of December 31, 1997
- Received National Chapter of the Year for Mid Size Chapters

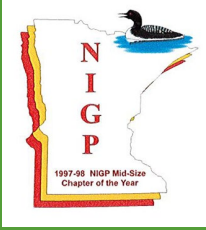




HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1998

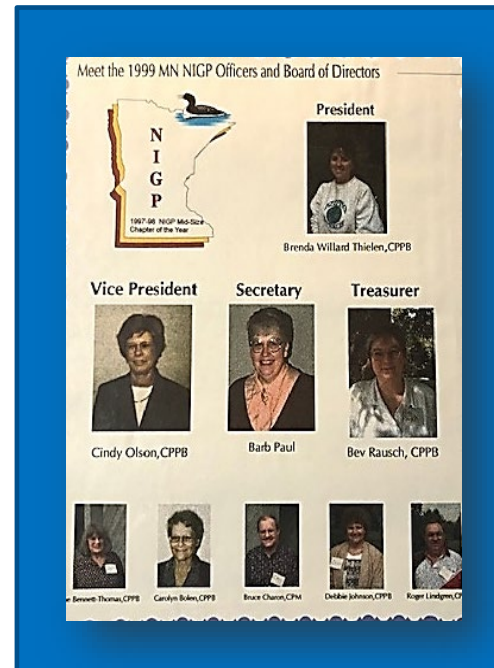
- President Dick Florey, January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998
- Chapter Officers
 - Brenda Thielen Willard, Vice President
 - Sue Kable, Secretary
 - Cindy Olson, Treasurer
(new position in 1998; was split from Secretary)
 - Bruce Charon, Board Member
 - Debbie Johnson, Board Member
 - Barb Stein, Board Member
 - Carolyn Bolen, Board Member
- Received Mid Size Chapter of the Year Award

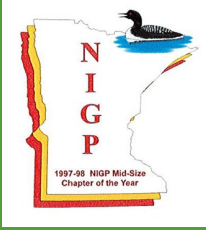




HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1999

- President Brenda Thielen Willard, January 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999
- Chapter Officers
 - Cindy Olson, Vice President
 - Barb Paul, Secretary
 - Bev Rausch, Treasurer
 - Jane Bennett-Thomas, Board Member
 - Bruce Charon, Board Member
 - Debbie Johnson, Board Member
 - Rodger Lindgren, Board Member





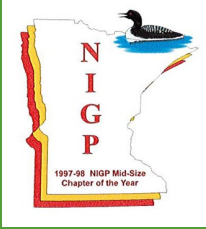
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2000

■ President Cindy Olson, January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000

■ Chapter Officers

- Debbie Johnson, Vice President
- Barb Paul, Secretary
- Bev Rausch, Treasurer
- Bruce Charon, Board Member
- Rodger Lindgren, Board Member
- Barb Stein, Board Member
- Jane Bennett-Thomas, Board Member

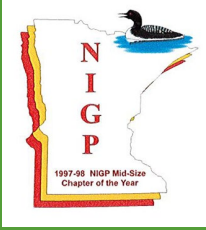




HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2001

- President Debbie Johnson, January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000
- Chapter Officers
 - Jane Bennett-Thomas, Vice President
 - Barb Paul, Secretary
 - Michael Scanlan, Treasurer
 - Andrea Bolstad, Board Member
 - Bruce Charon, Board Member
 - Nancy Prymus, Board Member
 - Barb Stein, Board Member
- 150 Number of Active Members as of January 1, 2001
- 159 Number of Active Members as of December 31, 2001

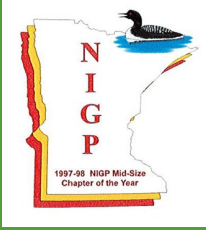
2001 MN NIGP BALLOT	
Section I: Vote for 1 - Vice President Barb Paul <input type="checkbox"/> _____(write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	Section II: Vote for 1 - Secretary Kim Scheu <input type="checkbox"/> _____(write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>
Section III: Vote for 2 - Board Members Jerri Desjarlait <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Palmer, CPPB <input type="checkbox"/> Bernie Vogel, CPPB <input type="checkbox"/> _____(write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Section IV. Select one individual for Purchasing Manager of the Year Debbie Palmer, CPPB <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Thielen-Willard, CPPB <input type="checkbox"/> _____(write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Section V. Select one individual for Buyer of the Year Lisa Braegelmann, CPPB <input type="checkbox"/> Duane Kroll <input type="checkbox"/> _____(write-in) <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____	
PLEASE FAX YOUR BALLOT TO: Debbie Johnson, CPPB at (651) 430-6247 By: Tuesday, November 6, 2001 12:00 Noon	



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2002

- President Debbie Johnson, January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002
- Chapter Officers
 - Barb Paul, Vice President
 - Kim Scheu, Secretary
 - Mike Scanlan, Treasurer
 - Andrea Bolstad, Board Member
 - Debbie Palmer, Board Member
 - Nancy Przymus, Board Member
 - Bernie Vogel, Board Member





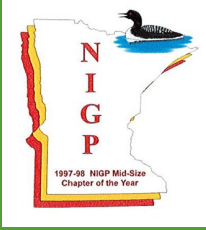
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2003

■ President Barb Paul, January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

■ Chapter Officers

- Nancy Przymus, Vice President
- Kim Scheu, Secretary
- Mike Scanlan, Treasurer
- Ed Chromey, Board Member
- Debbie Palmer, Board Member
- Bernie Vogel, Board Member
- Brenda Willard, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2004

- President Nancy Przymus, January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

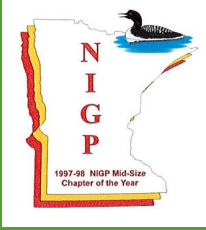
- Chapter Officers

- Cindy Dahl, Vice President
- Bill Trcka, Secretary
- Michael Scanlan, Treasurer
- Ed Chromey, Board Member
- Brad Johnson, Board Member
- Bernie Vogel, Board Member
- Brenda Willard, Board Member

- Member Dues are Increased

- Dues go from \$50 to \$60 for individuals and agencies





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2005

- President Cindy Dahl, January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005

- Chapter Officers

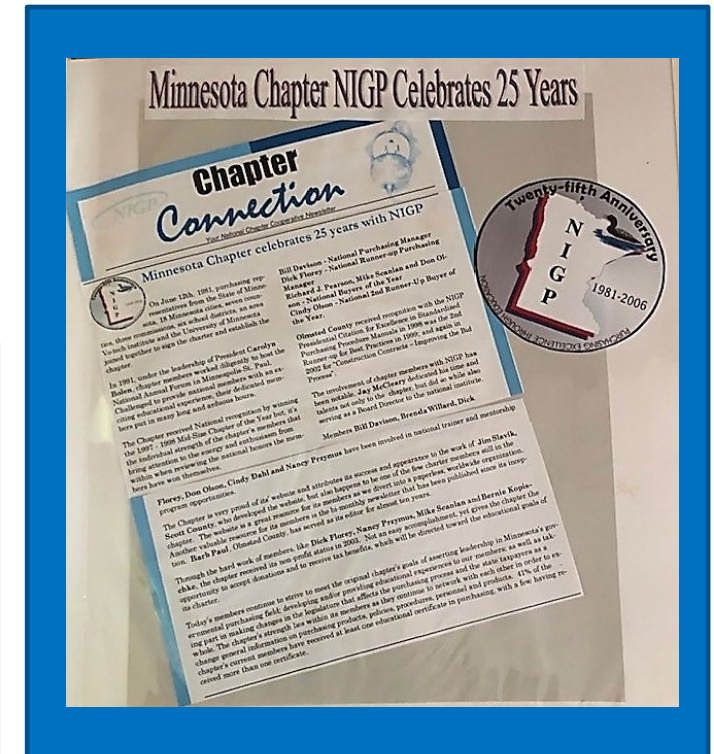
- Andrea Bolstad, Vice President
- Bill Trcka, Secretary
- Rose Hanson, Treasurer
- Sandra Beckey, Board Member
- Brad Johnson, Board Member
- Bernie Kopischke, Board Member
- Marianna Sobek, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2006

- President Andrea Bolstad, January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006
- Chapter Officers
 - John Sullivan, Vice President (resigned)
 - Cindy Dahl, Vice President (completed term for John Sullivan)
 - Michael Scanlan, Secretary
 - Rose Hanson, Treasurer
 - Sandra Beckey, Board Member
 - Jerri Desjarlait, Board Member
 - Susan Groth, Board Member
 - Debbie Johnson, Board Member
- Chapter Celebrates 25 Years!





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2007

- President Aundrea Bolstad, January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007
- Chapter Officers
 - Jerri Desjarlait, Vice President
 - Michael Scanlan, Secretary
 - Rose Hanson, Treasurer
 - Susan Groth, Board Member
 - Bob Ledeburh, Board Member
 - Mary Pittelko, Board Member
 - Cheryl Groettum, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2008 - 2009

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

- President Jerri Desjarlait
- Chapter Officers:
 - Michael Scanlan, Vice President
 - Chris Marquette, Secretary
 - Rose Hanson, Treasurer
 - Susan Groth, Board Member
 - Larry Bruckner, Board Member
 - Mary Pittelko, Board Member
 - Cheryl Groettum, Board Member

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

- President Michael Scanlan
- Chapter Officers:
 - Rose Hanson, Vice President
 - Chris Marquette, Secretary
 - Andy Doran, Treasurer
 - Susan Groth, Board Member
 - Larry Bruckner, Board Member
 - Bob Ledeburh, Board Member
 - Andrea Bolstad, Board Member



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2010 - 2011

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

- President Rose Hanson
- Chapter Officers:
 - Deb Palmer, Vice President
 - Andrea Bolstad, Secretary
 - Jody Jacoby, Treasurer (finished Andy's Term)
 - Bev Rausch, Board Member
 - Barb Paul, Board Member
 - Bob Ledeburh, Board Member
 - Jerri Desjarlait, Board Member



President Hanson inducts
Jody Jacoby

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

- President Deb Palmer
- Chapter Officers:
 - John Sullivan, Vice President
 - Andrea Bolstad, Secretary
 - Jody Jacoby, Treasurer
 - Bev Rausch, Board Member
 - Barb Paul, Board Member
 - Heidi Solheid, Board Member
 - Carole Wiese, Board Member



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2012 - 2013

January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

- President John Sullivan
- Chapter Officers:
 - Micky Gutzmann, Vice President
 - Rose Hanson, Secretary
 - Jody Jacoby, Treasurer
 - Ben Jackson, Board Member
 - Bob Ledeburh, Board Member
 - Heidi Solheid, Board Member
 - Carole Wiese, Board Member

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

- President Micky Gutzmann
- Chapter Officers:
 - Rose Hanson, Vice President
 - Neil Normandin, Secretary
 - Jody Jacoby, Treasurer
 - Ben Jackson, Board Member
 - Bob Ledeburh, Board Member
 - Heidi Solheid, Board Member
 - Sam Powers, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2014 - 2015

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

- President Rose Hanson
- Chapter Officers:
 - Jody Jacoby, Vice President
 - Neil Normandin, Secretary
 - Heather Boettcher, Treasurer
 - Ben Jackson, Board Member
 - Andrea Bolstad, Board Member
 - Heidi Solheid, Board Member
 - Sam Powers, Board Member

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

- President Jody Jacoby
- Chapter Officers:
 - Heidi Solheid, Vice President
 - Neil Normandin, Secretary
 - Heather Boettcher, Treasurer
 - Ben Jackson, Board Member
 - Andrea Bolstad, Board Member
 - Marie Ozanne, Board Member
 - Life Verlooy, Board Member (resigned)



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016

■ President Heidi Solheid, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

■ Chapter Officers

- Deb Lesmeister, Vice President
- Neil Normandin, Secretary
- Lenny Schmitz, Treasurer
- Tina Folch, Board Member
- Jessica Brokaw, Board Member
- Marie Ozanne, Board Member
- Ginger Line, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017

■ President Deb Lesmeister, January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

■ Chapter Officers

- Jessica Brokaw, Vice President
- Glen Carpenter, Secretary
- Lenny Schmitz, Treasurer
- Tiffany Audette, Board Member
- Susan Kahle, Board Member
- Marie Ozanne, Board Member
- Ginger Line, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

■ President Jessica Brokaw, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

■ Chapter Officers

- Ginger Line, Vice President
- Glen Carpenter, Secretary
- Lenny Schmitz, Treasurer
- Tiffany Audette, Board Member
- Sally Dybdal, Board Member
- Neil Normandin, Board Member
- Abigail Malkerson, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- President Ginger Line, January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
- Chapter Officers
 - Tiffany Audette, Vice President
 - Glen Carpenter, Secretary
 - Lenny Schmitz, Treasurer
 - Jessica Richardson, Board Member (resigned)
 - Kristi Anton, Board Member (completed term for Jessica Richardson)
 - Nicki Castro, Board Member
 - Sally Dybdal, Board Member
 - Abigail Malkerson, Board Member





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020

- President Tiffany Audette, January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
- Chapter Officers
 - Glen Carpenter, Vice President
 - Abigail Malkerson, Secretary
 - Emily Connolly, Treasurer
 - Tiffany Audette, Board Member
 - Laura Kearns, Board Member
 - Pam Marszalek, Board Member
 - Kris Anton, Board Member



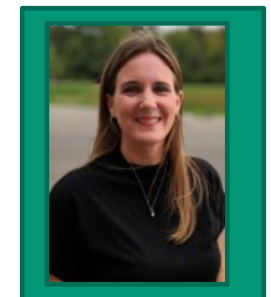
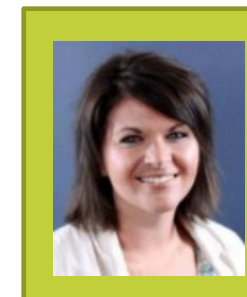
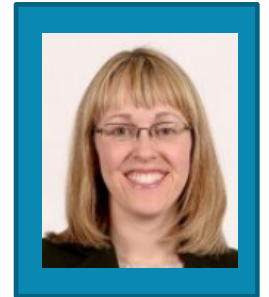
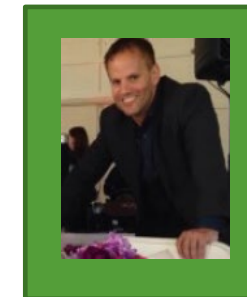
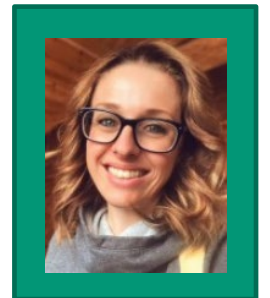
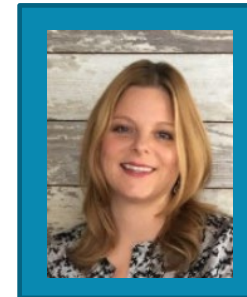
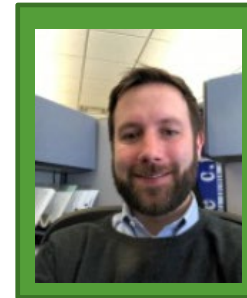


HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- President Glen Carpenter, January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

- Chapter Officers

- Nicki Castro, Vice President
- Jill Zenzola, Secretary
- Emily Connolly, Treasurer
- Kim Austin, Board Member
- Laura Kearns, Board Member
- Pam Marszalek, Board Member (resigned)
- Ryan Normandin (completed term for Pam Marszalek)
- Marie Ozanne, Board Member
- Kris Anton, Board Member



FALL CONFERENCE FUN

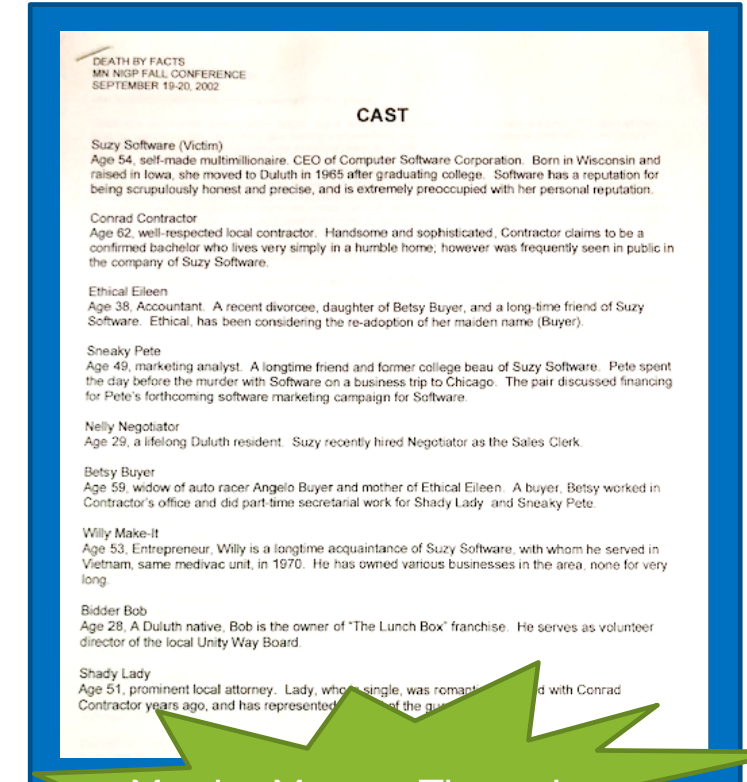


BLAST
from the **PAST**



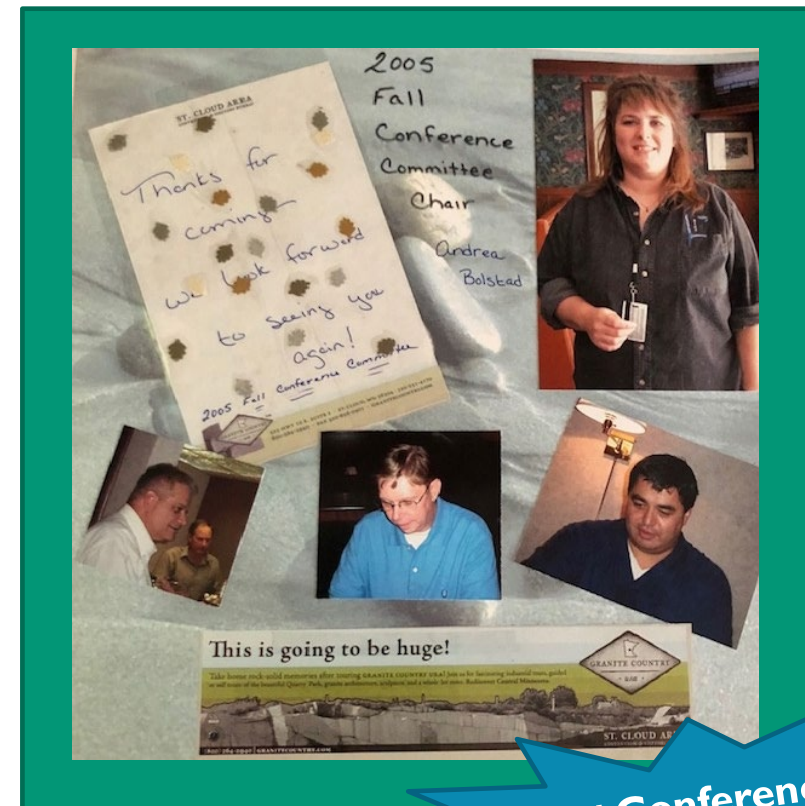
The Ladies From Olmsted County

FALL CONFERENCE FUN



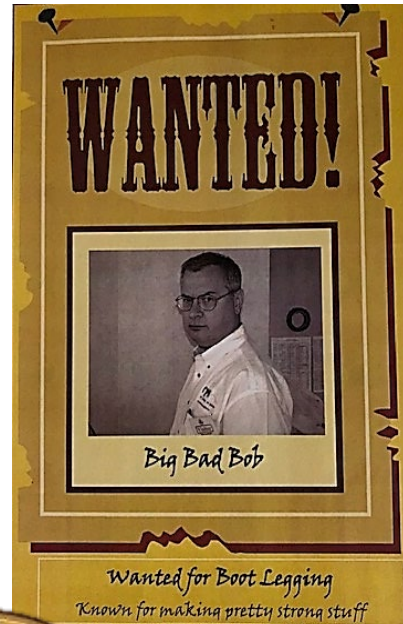
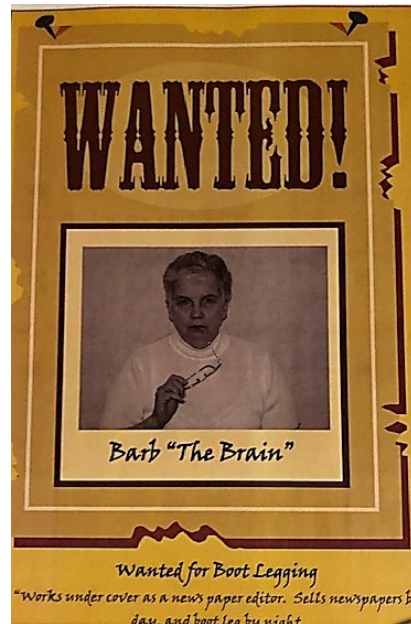
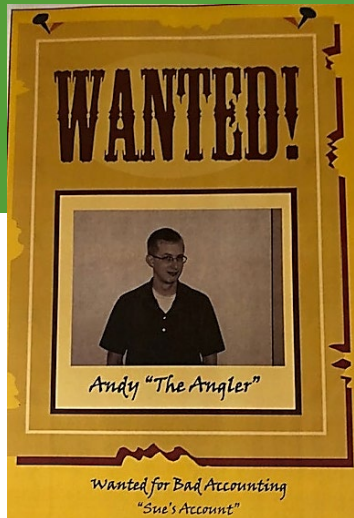
Murder Mystery Themed
Fall Conference

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Fall Conference Committee

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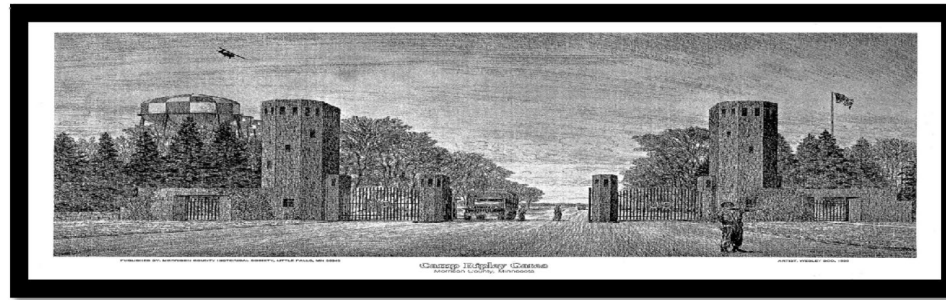
2013 MN NIGP
Fall Conference



"Piecing the Purchasing
Puzzle Together"

Oct 3 & 4, 2013
Holiday Inn, Lakeville

Procurement (NIGP) Fall Conference
October 9-10, 2014 ~ Camp Ripley ~





Minnesota Chapter of NIGP
2015 Fall Conference
TEAMWORK & TEAM BUILDING

October 1st & 2nd, 2015
Courtyard Marriot
7800 Bloomington Ave South
Bloomington, MN 55425

FALL CONFERENCE FUN



Minnesota Chapter of the NIGP
2016 Fall Conference
Celebrating 35 years of Success

September 22nd & 23rd 2016

DoubleTree by Hilton
150 South Broadway
Rochester, MN 55904



2016

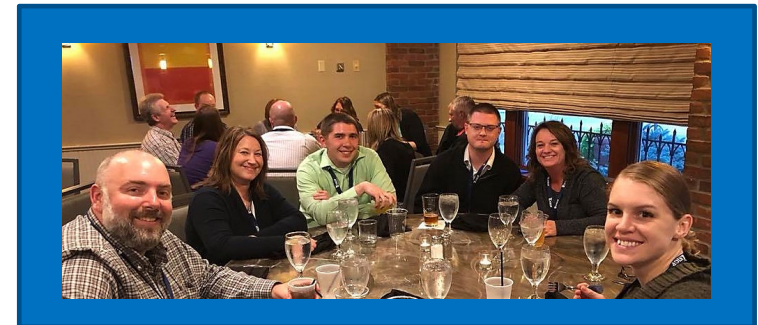
 **Procurement**
It's everywhere.
2016 Fall Conference

FALL CONFERENCE FUN



2017 FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5 - 6, 2017

Embassy Suites -175 East 10th Street - Saint Paul, MN



2017



FALL CONFERENCE FUN

Lighting the Way to Better Procurement

October 11-12, 2018

Duluth, MN



2018



FALL CONFERENCE FUN

DATE

**MN NIGP
2019 FALL
CONFERENCE**

**WHEN
October 9th – 11th**

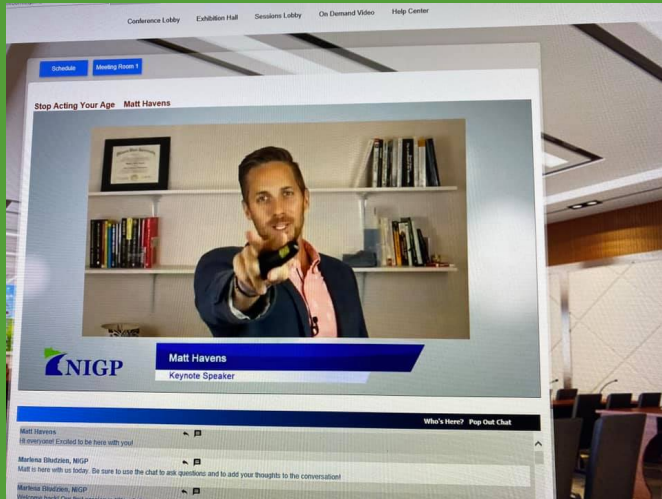
**WHERE
Cragun's Resort**
11000 Cragun's Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401

2019

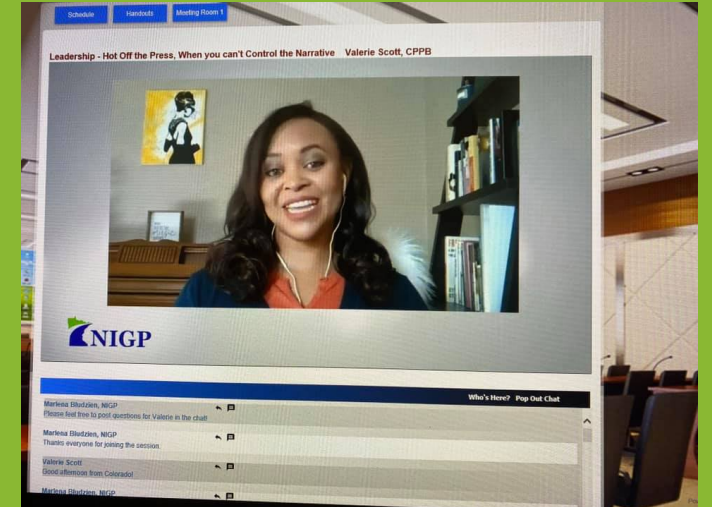


FALL CONFERENCE FUN

2020



First ever Virtual Fall Conference



AWARDS

Dick Pearson, retired Purchasing Director of
Anoka County
2001 Recipient of the
Richard Slivik Jr. Award
From Cindy Olson of Anoka County



Jay McCleary
Receiving Recognition plaque for
his hard work and dedication to
the MN Chapter from Deb
Johnson, 2001 President



Lisa Braegelmann, 2001 Buyer of the Year
Receiving her plaque from Debbie Johnson,
2001 Chapter President



Brenda Thielen-Willard
2001 Purchasing Manager of the Year



AWARDS



Nancy Prymus, 2003 Buyer of the Year



Don Olson, 2003 Manger of the Year



Debbie Johnson, 2003 Richard M. Slivik Award



AWARDS

Congrats!



AWARDS



Barb Paul
2012 Distinguished
Member Award



Anoka County
2012 Best Practices -
P Card Spend Analysis



Jody Jacoby
2012 Purchasing Manager
of the Year

AWARDS



Heidi Solheid
2015 Distinguished
Member Award



Jessica Brokaw
2015 Procurement Professional
of the year



Jody Jacoby
Awarded Plaque in
recognition of her work as
Chapter President

AWARDS



City of St. Paul
2016 Best Practices



Ginger Line
2016 Distinguished Member
of the Year



Deb Lesmeister
2016 Purchasing Manager
of the Year



Marie Ozanne 2016
Procurement Professional
of the Year

AWARDS



Heidi Scholl
2017 Purchasing Manager
of the Year



Dakota County
2017 Best Practices



Lenny Schmitz 2017
Procurement Professional of the
Year

AWARDS



Sourcewell
2019 Best Practices



Marie Ozanne
2019 Distinguished Member
of the Year



Donna Viskoe
2019 Purchasing Manager
of the Year



Nicki Castro
2019 Procurement
Professional of the Year

CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT

Chapter Meetings



March 2016 Chapter Meeting at MVTA Burnsville



2019 Chapter Meeting
Como Zoo



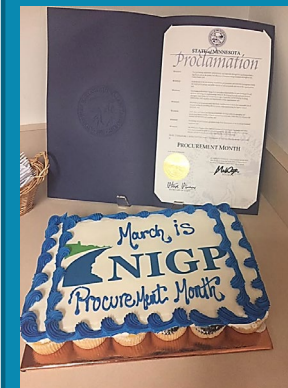
2018 Chapter Meeting
Como Zoo



2016 Procurement Month
Celebration



2019 Chapter Meeting
ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools



2017 Procurement Month
Celebration

CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT



2015 Reverse Vendor Fair



NJPA

2015



MN PTAC



City of St. Paul - CERT



City of St. Paul

2016



2016 Reverses Vendor Fair

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**2019 REVERSE VENDOR FAIR
GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIST**
Minnesota Chapter Of NIGP
(National Institute Of Governmental Procurement)

TABLE NO.	AGENCY NAME	AGENCY ADDRESS	WEBSITE
1	City of Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN 55431	http://www.bloomington.gov/purchasing
2	City of Minneapolis	330 Second Avenue South, Suite 552 Minneapolis, MN 55401	http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance-procurement
3	City of St. Paul - Central Certification Program (CERT)	12 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 200 St. Paul, MN 55102	http://www.stpaul.gov/departments/human-rights-equal-economic-opportunity/contact-compliance-business-development-central
4	Cooperative Purchasing Connection	1001 East Mount Path Fergus Falls, MN 56537	http://www.cooperativepurchasingconnection.org/public-purchasing
5	Dakota County	4190 Highway 55 Hastings, MN 55033	http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/DoingBusiness/DoingBusiness/Pages/default.aspx
6	Hennepin County	300 South 6th Street Minneapolis, MN 55487	http://www.hennepin.us/business-work-with-hennepin-co/doing-business
7	Metropolitan Council	300 Robert Street North St. Paul, MN 55101	http://www.metrocouncil.org/AboutUs/WhatWeDo/DoingBusiness/DoingBusiness/Pages/default.aspx
8	Minnesota Public Housing Authority (MPHA)	1001 Washington Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55401	http://www.mnphousing.org/vendors/contracting-opportunities
9	Olmsted County	151 4th Street South East Rochester, MN 55904	http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/finance/Pages/Staff-Information.aspx



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MEMORIES FROM BARB PAUL

- **When did you first join the MN Chapter of NIGP? How long were/have you been an active member?** I joined the organization in 1995 and became the newsletter editor (as a suggestion??? from my supervisor, Dick Florey!!!! (President of MN NIGP at the time)) I became the web editor upon the retirement of Jim Slavik from Scott County a few years later. In 2002, I became the Chapter President and was in the chapter until my retirement in 2015. I was honored to receive the Chapter Member of the Year award twice and the Richard M Slivik award as well.
- **How were meetings conducted? Chapter? Board?** The board usually met once a month in St. Paul; the monthly chapter meetings were scheduled usually around the Twin Cities, except twice a year we'd hold the meetings outstate in one of our communities.
- **What are a few memorable experiences or stories from your time in NIGP?** Creating the calendar for the chapter during the years I served on the Board were sometimes challenging and yet rewarding. To meet and interact with our own instructors, as well as those on a national level was exciting. Setting up and working at the annual conferences were always exciting and most times fun.



2013



MEMORIES FROM BARB PAUL



2009

- **How did NIGP evolve during the time of your membership?** The chapter began to change more and more as the internet changed I believe. We no longer sent out hard copies of the newsletter and almost everything went online. At that time there were also discussions of how we could meet without traveling... as some entities had the knowledge and equipment to do so...while others didn't.
- **What impact did participating in the MN Chapter of NIGP have on your career?** The educational opportunities in the chapter; as well as those during a few national conferences that I attended, were such a great help as I continued to learn more and more about Governmental Purchasing, especially in the area of various contracts. I also took many opportunities to learn from the members I met through our chapter meetings.
- **Anything else you'd like to share about your time as a member?** On a side note, I made a digital scrapbook of some of the time I was a member of the chapter (so I wouldn't forget those memories) and it contains some quotes which I felt explained my time in the chapter. I'd like to share some with you..1). "You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time." 2). "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will learn."-B. Franklin. 3). "The greatest gift in life is friendship and I have received it." 4). "Laughter is the best medicine."



MEMORIES FROM ROSE HANSON



2007

- **When did you first join the MN Chapter of NIGP? How long were/have you been an active member?** I joined MN NIGP in August of 2003, and remained an active member until sometime in 2016
- **How were meetings conducted? Chapter? Board?** Both Board and Chapter meetings were held in person, although there was some discussion in 2014 & 2015 about doing our Chapter meetings both in-person and virtual. That of course depended on the venue having the capability of doing virtual meetings.



MEMORIES FROM ROSE HANSON

- **What are a few memorable experiences or stories from your time in NIGP?** For me, the memorable experiences included being able to attend national convention five times and preparing the Chapter of the Year application for National. We didn't win, but preparing the application was an experience in itself as it had to be done both in hard format as well as electronic format (some of the technology for creating the electronic format was new to me, so it was also a learning experience).
- **How did NIGP evolve during the time of your membership?** Technology evolved during my membership and beyond allowing more website interaction as well as virtual meetings (that part was after me), but generational personalities changed as well – Baby Boomers to Millennials, etc.
- **What impact did participating in the MN Chapter of NIGP have on your career?** It provided me with resources that I could use in my job; it provided me certifications that helped to increase my pay, and it provided a wealth of friendships.

MEMORIES FROM DUANE KROLL



2007

- **When did you first join the MN Chapter of NIGP? How long were/have you been an active member?** I joined NIGP in 1997 while I was a Buyer in the City of St. Paul/Ramsey County Joint Purchasing Office.
- **How were meetings conducted? Chapter? Board?** I didn't attend many meetings back then as there wasn't a lot of support to do so.
- **What are a few memorable experiences or stories from your time in NIGP?** My first experience with NIGP was attending a 2 day NIGP class titled Public Procurement. Brenda Willard and Bill Davison were the instructors, who I thought were very upbeat and knowledgeable about their profession.

MEMORIES FROM DUANE KROLL

- **How did NIGP evolve during the time of your membership?** I recall the first couple Fall Conferences I attended being a much smaller group. Over the years the attendance levels increased significantly. I've always impressed with the quality of speakers and topics that we get with each conference.
- **What impact did participating in the MN Chapter of NIGP have on your career?** The networking and relationships I built got me to where I'm at today.
- **Anything else you'd like to share about your time as a member?** I was never an officer and I've never served on the board, but I know there's a lot of work and time that is put into keeping this chapter strong. Thank you to all the present and former NIGP officers and board members who do a really super job.



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- If you have any Chapter photos or memories, you would like to share please e-mail them to info@mnnigp.org