



NIGP- Utah Chapter

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NIGP- Utah Chapter Officers:

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Adrian Ruger

Chapter President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

The Labor Day weekend was no friend of our chapter. As many of you are aware on September 3rd Dan Reisner passed away and on September 6th Phil Johnson passed away. Both men were friends to all who knew them, hardworking public employees, active chapter members, and stalwarts in our profession.

Dan Reisner was the freight manager for the State Division of Purchasing. Everyone who associated with Dan knew that he was not afraid to express his feelings on those items that he felt passionate about. Those items were his love of U of U football, his disdain for USC football, and freight and transportation issues. I'm not sure it has ever been said before of a human, but I believe this man loved freight and transportation issues as much as he loved anything else. His passion for this component of sourcing resulted in incalculable savings for the State of Utah and all political subdivisions.

Phil Johnson was the warehouse manager and buyer for the Granite School District. Phil was known in the district as the go to man to get things done. When he committed his or his employee's time to a project it was as good as done. This level of trust has led to significant respect among his customers, employees, peers, and district administration. In addition to his many warehouse duties Phil could also be found dealing with messy surplus situations, managing district mail functions, and somehow still find time to perform buying functions across a variety of commodities. What large shoes he leaves to be filled.

These good men exemplify through their careers the values and principles our chapter and NIGP are founded on. Those who knew these men know that I'm not exaggerating. I count it a blessing that I had the opportunity to be a personal friend of both men. I learned much from both and will utilize these lessons to push me forward when times are difficult.

I challenge each of us to ponder on the magnificent legacy these individuals have left and ponder what lasting legacy you will leave for this wonderful profession we are a part of.

Sincerely,
Jared Gardner, CPPO, C.P.M.

President, NIGP Utah Chapter



Jared Gardner- President



Utah Chapter News

NIGP NATIONAL has recently made several new online courses available. For more information on these courses, visit www.nigp.org , or email customer care@nigp.org

- Basics of Business Math* *Business Communication- Written Communication*
- Fundamentals of Business Management* *Leading High-Performance Teams*
- Negotiating Skills- Influence and Persuasion* *Project Management*
- Time Management Fundamentals*

VOLUNTEER to serve on a chapter committee! If you are interested, please contact the committee chairperson listed below:

Committee Chairpersons

- Honors & Awards: Kurt Prusse (Weber SD) kuprusse@weber.k12.ut.us
- Financial: Mark Parry (State Purchasing) mparry@utah.gov
- Historian: Kate Fotsch (U of U) kfotsch@purchasing.utah.edu
- Membership: Stephen Elms (Draper City) steve.elms@draper.ut.us
- Marketing/Public Relations: Trever Ward (UDOT) tward@utah.gov
- Education: Tracie Montano (UDOT) tmontano@utah.gov
- Nominating: Glendon Mitchell (SL County) gmitchell@slco.org

“Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment.”

-Baltasar
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Upcoming Meeting Dates

(All meetings are held at 9:00 AM at the SL County Building, room S1007 [2100 S. State] unless otherwise posted. PUBLIC PARKING is available in the parking structure if outside lots are full.)

September 20, 2011:

Standards & Practices- (Webinar Presentation)
Candace Riddle, NIGP National Standards & Practices Manager

Values & Principles in Public Procurement-
Kent Beers- Chief Procurement Officer, State Purchasing

What’s Your Problem?
Kurt Prusse

November 15, 2011:

Ethics-
Pam Gardiol

1st Annual NIGP Utah Chapter Summer Social

Lots of food and fun were had at our 1st Annual NIGP Utah Chapter Summer Social! We appreciate those that supported and participated in this event. It was great to meet friends and families of those we work with, and have opportunities to get to know one another better in this informal setting. A huge THANK YOU to the Summer Social Planning Committee for their efforts in making this event a success:

Steve Hansen Kate Fotsch Sandy Poll Adrian Ruger
Glendon Mitchell Paula Melgar Tonya Hodges

We hope you will plan now to join us next year. If you would like to serve on next year's planning committee, please notify a chapter officer.



*"Ask not what fun does for you. Ask rather what you do for fun."
- the Oaqui*





Upcoming Nominations and Elections

Just as a reminder, nominations for NIGP Utah Chapter Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year will be requested beginning in October. Nomination forms will be available on the chapter website in October. Please see <http://www.nigputah.org/>.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 will be our chapter election meeting. Please consider running for a chapter office, or volunteer to serve on a chapter committee. It's a great way to network with other Procurement Professionals, and helps towards recertification points. Please contact a Chapter Officer if you are interested in running for an office.

Special Notes/Announcements

Please Note:

Our next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, September 27, 2011. See you there!

(This is a date change due to a meeting room conflict. Meetings are typically on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)



Special Notes / Announcements (cont).

What's Your Problem?

We would like to include a discussion session at each chapter meeting called "What's Your Problem". We would like to get your questions, feedback, input, suggestions, etc. for this portion of our chapter meeting.

Please send any topic requests, questions, etc. to Kurt Prusse at kuprusse@weber.k12.ut.us.

Thank you in advance for your participation and input.

NIGP Utah Needs You!

Success for the chapter depends on large measure to the willingness of many people to devote a little time and their skills to advancing the procurement profession. This occurs on the chapter level as great professionals volunteer to serve on committees or as chapter officers. This also occurs in numerous other ways including networking opportunities to problem solve, compare best practices, share specifications or lessons learned with others, etc.

Please consider opportunities this fall to volunteer to serve in the chapter or run for a chapter office. Our chapter president, Jared Gardner, and the other officers have focused on developing a broader base of those serving to lighten the load for all. This has been very successful and we hope many more members will assist going forward. Most positions take very little time on a monthly basis and generally can be done during working hours as supported by your employer. Please contact Glendon Mitchell, nominations committee chair, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer: gmitchell@slco.org or 801-468-2493

Upcoming NIGP Webinars

(\$75 for Members/\$105 for Non-Members. Register at www.nigp.org)

Thursday, Sept 22, 2011:	<i>Ten Tips for Good Specifications</i>
Thursday, Sept 29, 2011:	<i>The 2011 NIGP Vision Map for Public Procurement</i>
Thursday, Oct 06, 2011:	<i>Procurement Transparency & Efficiency: Implementing an E-Commerce Marketplace</i>
Tuesday, Oct 25, 2011:	<i>"Survey Says..." An Interactive Approach to the 2011 NIGP eProcurement Survey</i>

(On-Demand Webinar Recordings are also available for purchase in the NIGP Online Store)

For newsletter submissions or comments, please contact Tonya Hodges, Newsletter Editor:

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Speaker Biographies (Selected)

Kent Beers, Chief Procurement Officer, State Purchasing

Education

Masters of Business Administration, Finance

Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Minor, English

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Work Experience

Director

Utah State Division of Purchasing and General Services

November 2009 to Present

Assistant Director

Utah State Division of Facilities Construction & Management

May 1998 to November 2009

Audit Supervisor

Office of the Legislative Auditor General

October 1989 to May 1998

Mortgage Loan Officer

October 1986 to October 1989

Personal

Wife: Nanette Beers

Accounting Manager R.C. Willey 17 years

Children: Christopher 13, Rebecca 10

Sports: Fly Fishing

