1967 – 2016 Historical Overview

July 10, 1967: Twelve governmental purchasing agents in southeast Florida formed a committee to establish a formal association:

- ★ Dr. John Berger
- ★ Charlie Bruso
- ★ Ed Caldwell
- ★ Robert DeBolt
- ★ Art Dobay
- ★ Bill Farris
- ★ Bob Gerkin
- ★ Don Krueger
- ★ Pat LeMoyne, Jr.
- ★ Robert Lowery
- ★ Burrel Sumner
- ★ George Wolf

Nine of Our Founding Members

January 1968: Robert Lowery, CPPO was elected as the first President. The committee selected the name of the association:

The Florida Association of Governmental Purchasing Officers *(FAGPO)*

April 28 – May 1, 1968: The first annual conference was held in Orlando.

April 1969: The By-Laws were presented and adopted at the second annual conference.

1970 through 1979: A greater emphasis was placed on education of the purchasing professional during this period. The Association gained approval of giving members educational credit points towards certification for those attending program activities from NIGP and ISM (formerly NAPM).

1980 through 1984: Professional speakers from outside the Association, and management topics were added to the conference program. NIGP courses were offered by the Professional Development Committee.

1985-1987: A turning point in the Association was the addition of trade shows to the Annual Seminar and Workshop. The first Trade Show was held in 1985. Revenue from the Trade Show provided the opportunity to subsidize professional development seminars for members at a reduced rate to members. The Association contracted with NIGP for courses aimed towards certification. The Association became incorporated.

1992: We celebrated our Silver Anniversary. State Purchasing began providing State Contracts via "Electronic Data Interface" (now known as the Internet) and discontinued providing microfiche. There was "standing room only" at the State Contract Workshop where the change was introduced.

1994: The name of the Association was changed to the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, Inc. (FAPPO). Eight professional development classes were held, the most ever offered in one year. The Distinguished Service Award was established and awarded to a founding member and mentor to many FAPPO members, George H. Wolf, C.P.M. The original Officers and Committee Chairpersons Manual was authored and implemented.

1995: The Internet became a reality, and FAPPO's website was established to provide information on cooperative bids and bid specifications available from other entities. More than 100 members attended two NIGP and in-house courses offered.

1996: Entity awards for the "Best Purchasing Department in the State of Florida" were established. Orange County was the first recipient.

2001: FAPPO became a sponsor of NPI's Achievement in Excellence in Procurement Award program.

2003: The progression of officers was changed, with Secretary now being the first level.

The first Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Bobbi Palmer, CPPB, for her years of dedicated service to FAPPO.

2004: The Distinguished Service Award was re-named in honor of its first recipient and a founder of the Association, George Wolf, C.P.M.

2006: The Above and Beyond Award was established. Bobbi Palmer, CPPB and Ranae Smith were the first recipients.

2007: The UPPCC invited FAPPO to have a representative serve on its Board of Examiners. FAPPO became a founding member of the National Council of Public Procurement and Contracting.

2008: The *Norma Showley Scholarship* was implemented. Craig Rowley was hired as our Executive Director. State certification classes were offered instead of the Fall Workshop.

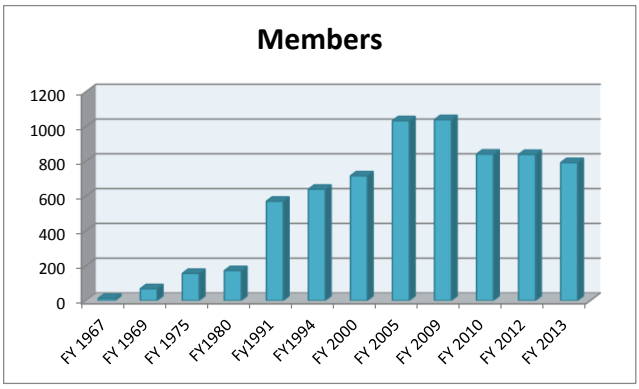
2009: The website was re-designed. The tuition reimbursement program was expanded. FAPPO Bucks were instituted. Credit Cards were accepted for Trade Show booths.

2010: FAPPO established additional benefits to allow Vendors to participate in the Conference's educational program and events. A conference subsidy was established, along with the continuance of FAPPO Bucks, to assist members in attending the Annual Conference for a combined allocated total of $47,000.

2011: The name of the Association was changed to the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc.

2013:

1. A formal Policies and Procedures Manual, which included Social Media, PCard, and Travel Policies, was authored and approved.
2. The Officers and Committee Chairpersons Manual was updated.
3. Our "Blog" was launched.
4. We implemented awards for Diversity Essays.
5. President Woodell signed a Resolution formally adopting the NIGP Values and Guiding Principles.
6. The Outstanding Educator Award was established, and awarded to Warren Geltch.



2014:

1. Transitional Membership was instituted.
2. Educational Presentations by Vendors was allowed.

3. The new Advocacy Committee provided updates on Legislative Issues.
4. Expenditure Documents were included on Accounting Web-Based Software.
5. Achieved the ability to Issue E-Blasts directly.
6. Negotiated and Received Board Approval for a 3 Year Contract Renewal With Real Business Solutions For Association Management.

2015:

1. Updated FAPPO's Mission Statement and Strategic Priorities through a Strategic Planning Process.
2. Changed the Association's fiscal year-end to June 30th.
3. Updated the By-Laws to allow for Agency Membership and redefined general membership to include any governmental employee.
4. Updated the requirement for Honorary Membership to allow procurement professionals who retire to Florida from other states to join as an Honorary member.
5. Updated By-Laws to modify Nomination process.
6. Updated eligibility requirements to serve as FAPPO Officer.
7. Initiated a statewide membership recruitment campaign.
8. Implemented Candidate Certification Form.
9. Implemented Officer Nomination Orientation.
10. Included nationally recognized speakers in the Conference program.

2016:

1. Adopted an Agency Membership tiered rate structure.
2. Expanded membership to government agency employees.
3. Revised FAPPO Bucks program to include Membership Participation Credits for volunteers.
4. Held first conference special event sponsored by an exhibitor.
5. Implemented electronic registration during the annual conference.
6. SOP established for annual conference registration desk.
7. Sponsored two NIGP Leap Courses.

George H. Wolf Distinguished Service Award

2016 .....Carrie Woodell, MPA, CPPO, CFCM, C.P.M., CPPB, FCPM

2015 ..... Mark Raiford. CPPB, FCPM

2014 .....Cheri Alexander, C.P.M., CPPB

2013 ..... Marian Pace, CPPO

2012 .....Steve Carnell, C.P.M.

2011 .....Denise Schneider, C.P.M., CPPO, FCPM

2010 ..... David Nash, CPPO

2009 ..... Bobbi Palmer, CPPB

2008 ..... Rhonda Ledford, C.P.M., CPPO

2007 ..... Barbara Kuhl, C.P.M., CPPO and Wayne Casper, C.P.M., CPPO

2006 .....Bobbye Marsala, C.P.M., CPPO

2005 ..... Nora Laudermilk, CPPB

2004 .....Walter A. Pryor, CPPO

2003 .....Kirk Buffington, C.P.M., CPPO

2002 ..... Buddy Crosby, C.P.M. and Kelly Martinson, C.P.M.

2001 .....Wendy Geltch, C.P.M. CPPO, FCCM, FCPM

2000 .....Bernadette Hitchins, A.P.P.

1999 ..... Janet K. Sheehan, CPPB

1998 ..... Ed Caldwell

1997 .....Warren Geltch, C.P.M., CPPO, CPCM

1996 ..... Norma Showley, C.P.M.

1995 ..... Buddy Crosby, C.P.M.

1994 ..... George Wolf, C.P.M.

Outstanding Educator Award

2016 ..... Bobbye Marsala, C.P.M., CPPO

2015 ..... Wendy Geltch, C.P.M. CPPO, FCCM, FCPM, FCPA, CPPB

2014 ..... David Nash, CPPO, CPPB

2013 ..... Warren Geltch, C.P.M., CPPO, CPCM

Volunteer of the Year Award

2016 ..... Anthony McGee, CPPB, FCCM

2015 ..... Chris Rewis, CPPO, CPPB

2014 ..... Fatima Calkins, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM, FCPM, FCPA

2013 ..... Jane Dalrymple, CPPB

2012 ..... Jason Ouzts, FCCM

2011 ..... Malcolm Wilson, CPPO & Ranae Smith, CPPB

2010 ..... Cheryl Olson, C.P.M., CPM

2009 ..... Linda Smith, CPPB, FCPA

2008 ..... Linda Smith, CPPB, FCPA & Ranae Smith

2007 ..... Joel Mariani, C.P.M.

2006 ..... John Klatt, C.P.M., CPPO

2005 ..... Rhonda Scott, C.P.M., CPPO

2004 ..... Pam Thompson, CPPO

2003 ..... Bobbi Palmer, CPPB

Above & Beyond Award

2016 ..... Zulay Millan, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM

2015 ..... Marian Pace, CPPO, CPPB

2014 ..... Craig Rowley, C.P.M.

2013 ..... Jason Ouzts

2012 ..... Cheri Alexander, C.P.M., CPPB

2011 ..... Russ Wetherington, CPPB, CPCM

2010 ..... Tammy Hodgkins, CPPB, FCPA & Denise Lipscomb

2009 ..... Carrie Woodell, CFCM, A.P.P.

2008 ..... John Klatt, C.P.M., CPPO

2007 ..... Denise Lipscomb & Tammy Hodgkins, CPPB, FCPA

2006 ..... Bobbi Palmer, CPPB and Ranae Smith

Essay Contest Winners

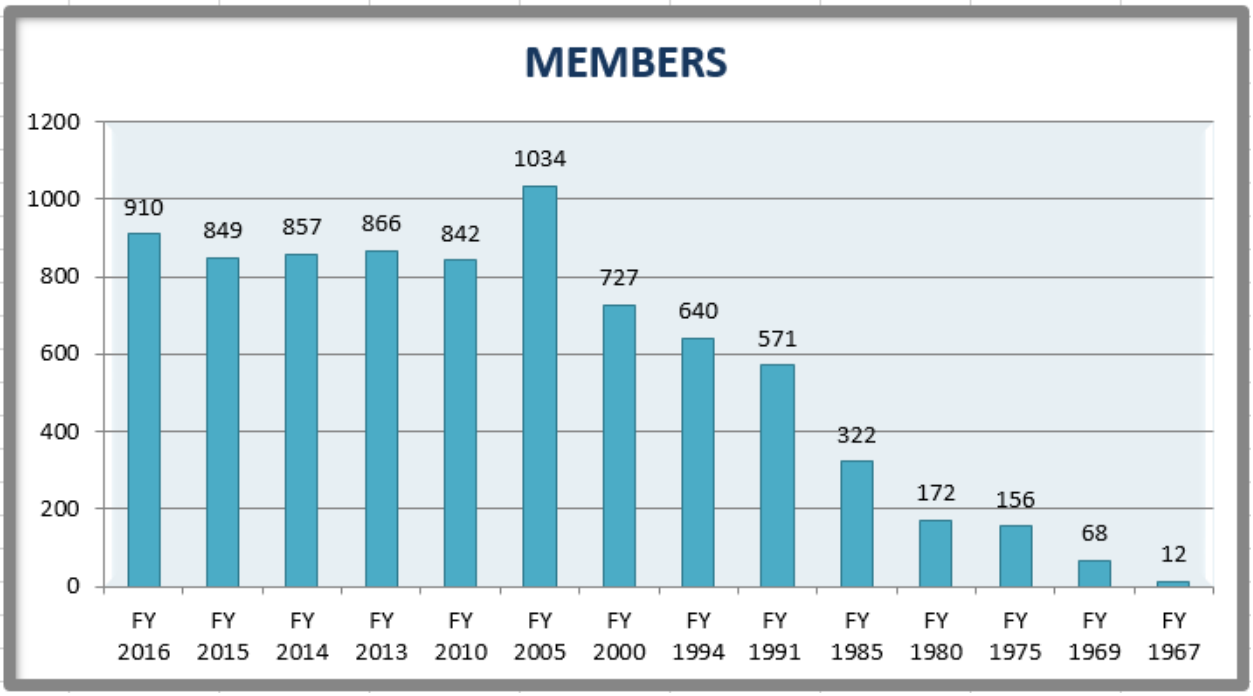
2016 Proving our Professionalism..... Christine M. Davis

2015 Diversity .... Pat Drosten

2015 Professionalism..... ....Debbie Faber, CPPB, FCCM

2013 Reaching for Success .. ..Mark Lovell, CPPO, FCCN

2013 Diversity..... Joe Benjamin, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM

2016 Annual Conference at the
Rosen Centre in Orlando, FL
Current Officers, Past Presidents and Executive Director

Membership Statistics Through the Years