

1967 – 2017 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 LeMoyné, Jr.
- ★ Robert Lowery
- ★ Burrell 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.

2017:

1. Held 50th Anniversary Conference and trade Show.
2. Revamped scholarship program and increased scholarship amount.
3. Historical Records digitized and stored on DropBox.
4. Sponsored two NIGP classes.

George H. Wolf Distinguished Service Award

- 2017 Cheryl Olson, MBA, C.P.M., CPM, CPPO, FCCN
- 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 Lauder milk, 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

- 2017 Joanne Flick, CPPO, CPPB
- 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

- 2017 Jaime Locklear, CPPB, FCCM
- 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

- 2017 David Santiago, CPPB, FCCN, FCCM
- 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

- 2017 Personal/Professional Excellence Diane Reed
- 2017 Diversity Annmarie Wise
- 2016 Proving our Professionalism Christine M. Davis
- 2015 Diversity Pat Drostren
- 2015 Professionalism Debbie Faber
- 2013 Reaching for Success Mark Lovel
- 2013 Diversity Joe Benjamin

2017 – 50th Annual Conference at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, FL Current Officers, Past Presidents

