

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

January 1968

The committee selected the name of the association:
The Florida Association of Governmental
Purchasing Officers (*FAGPO*)

April 28 – May 1, 1968

The first 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” 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.

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.

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 it's first recipient and a founder of the Association, George Wolf, C.P.M.

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.

Membership

FAPPO membership continues to increase:

- **12** members in fiscal year 1966-1967
- **68** members in fiscal year 1968-1969
- **156** members in fiscal year 1974-1975
- **172** members in fiscal year 1979-1980
- **322** members in fiscal year 1985-1986
- **426** members in fiscal year 1987-1988
- **571** members in fiscal year 1990-1991
- **640** members in fiscal year 1993-1994
- **717** members in fiscal year 1999-2000
- **748** members in fiscal year 2000-2001
- **878** members in fiscal year 2001-2002
- **985** members in fiscal year 2002-2003
- **1013** members in fiscal year 2003-2004
- **1034** members in fiscal year 2004-2005
- **1153** members in fiscal year 2005-2006
- **1053** members in fiscal year 2006-2007
- **968** members in fiscal year 2007-2008

George H. Wolf Distinguished Service Award

2008	Rhonda Ledford, C.P.M., CPPO
2007	Barbara Kuhl, C.P.M. and Wayne Casper, C.P.M., CPPO
2006	Bobbie Marsala, C.P.M., CPPO
2005	Nora Laudermilk, CPPB
2004	Walter A. Pryor, CPPO
2003	Kirk Buffington, C.P.M.
2002	Buddy Crosby, C.P.M. and Kelly Martinson.
2001	Wendy Geltch, C.P.M. CPPO, CPPB, FCCM
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.

Volunteer of the Year Award

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

2008	John Klatt, C.P.M., CPPO
2007	Denise Lipscomb Tammy Hodgkins, CPPB, FCPA
2006	Bobbi Palmer, CPPB and Ranae Smith