



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. Membership was 68.

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 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

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.

1997

This year 182 members attended professional development seminars.

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, George Wolf, C.P.M.

2006

Manager of the Year and Buyer of the Year awards were established.

2008

Established the FAPPO "Bucks" Program to assist members of earning their way to conferences or training classes.

2009

A total of \$20,000 was earned and distributed to members to attend the Annual Conference and FAPPO's largest Tradeshow on record. This was the first fiscal year with Executive Director providing various types of services.

FAPPO !

FAPPO membership:

- 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
- 1040 members in fiscal year 2008-2009

George H. Wolf

Distinguished Service Award

- 2009..... Bobbi Palmer
- 2008..... Rhonda Ledford
- 2007..... Barbara Kuhl, C.P.M.
Wayne Casper, C.P.M., CPPO
- 2006..... Bobbye Marsala, C.P.M., CPPB
- 2005..... Nora Laudermilk, CPPB
- 2004..... Walter A. Pryor, CPPO
- 2003..... Kirk Buffington, C.P.M.
- 2002..... Buddy Crosby, C.P.M.
Kelly Martinson, C.P.M.
- 2001..... Wendy Geltch, C.P.M. CPPO, CPPB, FCCM
- 2000..... Bernadette Hitchins, CPM, 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

- 2009..... Linda Smith
- 2008..... Linda Smith
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

- 2009..... Carrie Woodell
- 2008..... John Klatt
- 2007..... Denise Lipscomb
Tammy Hodgkins, CPPB, FCPA
- 2006..... Ranae Smith
Bobbi Palmer, CPPB