

1967 – 2018 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:

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.

2018:

1. Updated By-Laws to allow for Honorary Membership to allow current Board Members of the National Council for Public Procurement and Contracting (NCPPC) to join as Honorary Member.
2. Updated By-Laws to allow for Honorary Membership to allow individuals that provide their expert knowledge to FAPPO in the form of "academic activity" or are a full time student.
3. Updated eligibility requirements to serve as FAPPO Officer.
4. Introduced internationally and Higher Education Professors recognized speakers in the Conference program.
5. Updated the College Education Reimbursement (CER) Program to increased member eligible reimbursement from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per fiscal year.
6. Updated the Scholarship Program to allow scholarships to the following events:
 - FAPPO Fall Workshop registration fees.
 - Certification application and examination fees.
 - Recertification fees.
 - Increased member eligible reimbursement from \$750 to \$1,000 and agency reimbursement from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

- Application for certification related reimbursement may be submitted up to 30 days after notification of passing/certified status.
- Each Agency may host 3 classes per year.

George H. Wolf Distinguished Service Award

2018	Joe Benjamin, CPPO, CPPB, FCCM
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 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

2018	Kristine Rodriguez, CPPO, CPPB Jessica Graham, CPPB
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

2018	Teresa Smith
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

2018	Keith Glatz, CPPO, CPPB Craig Rowley, Executive Director
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

2018 Personal and Professional Essay	Amber Hamilton
2018 Diversity Essay	Brooke Greene
2017 Personal/Professional Excellence	Diane Reed
2017 Diversity	Anmarie 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

2018 51st Annual Conference Trade Show – Past Presidents And Current Officers

