

Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



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NIGP CGC Newsletter – 3rd Quarter 2020
(September)

President's Message

Our Coastal Georgia Chapter members are the absolute best! My hope is that you, your family, friends, and co-workers are all safe and doing well! I would like to thank you all for your loyalty, support, and dedication to our Chapter. You are the foundation to our success and member engagement is extremely important.

Your Officer's have been working very hard to plan our 3rd quarter virtual meeting which is rapidly approaching. We value your input and welcome any suggestions for activities and creative ideas for our future meetings that would be beneficial to our members.

COVID-19 has moved us into an unprecedented period of uncertainty for everyone. Some businesses were forced to close their doors and have faced major disruptions, putting many employees out of work. No one expected a pandemic of this magnitude, but now we know what may have seemed impossible in the past, may be possible in the future.

Between some of us learning how to work from home, implementing new safety precautions, managing family needs and more, great professionals like you have stepped up and made the most of a challenging and difficult situation. Some who typically were responsible for different tasks found a way to jump in and take on more, maintain their job, and also help others. We have undoubtedly learned valuable lessons that may be beneficial in the future.

What important lessons have you learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic? We would love to have our members feedback.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mike Bray
Purchasing Manager
Georgia Ports Authority



1. Are you native to Savannah? Yes, born and raised in Savannah.
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? In the supply chain since 1974, governmental since 2003.
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most? Working with talented, professional people.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? Those that I think all purchasing professionals face. Making sure that all purchasing process decisions are correct, fair, procedurally sound, and will pass potential legal scrutiny.
5. What are your future goals? Continued happiness in work and family endeavors.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? Classic automotive restorations.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. College Degrees not what you would expect to find of a Purchasing Professional....Geology and Marine Biology majors.



COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER COOKBOOK

Please share the love. Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP would like to gather some of your most enjoyable recipes and put together a cookbook that would be distributed to all the chapter members.

Email recipes and photos (optional) of your dish no later than **11/30/20** to: Tamela Wright twright@gaports.com



New Members



New Members

Judit Crawford, Assistant Manager of Project Controls
Engineering Dept. Georgia Ports Authority

Roger E. Roriex, Purchasing Agent
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

*“Membership with this chapter
creates a distinctive and
invaluable networking resource
for creative solutions and support
for the unique challenges faced
within Procurement. “*

Recruitment

Tell others about the benefits of becoming a member of The Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP!

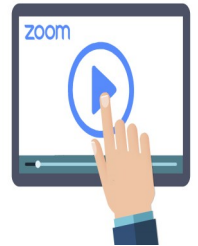
Many CGC members of NIGP enjoy the chapter's quarterly meetings and the opportunity to network with other local professionals in the field. Membership with the CGC also provides a wealth of educational opportunities. As a member of the CGC, you will also gain access to quarterly newsletters that highlight major events and procurement news.

The CGC is affiliated with the National Chapter of NIGP but operates independently. National membership is encouraged, however; members of the local CGC can participate regardless of their membership status nationally.

Visit our website at <https://cgcnigp.com/> for membership information, to view learning opportunities, and check out events!

**tell
someone!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 16, 2020

Virtual Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP

Topic: Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP - 3rd Quarter Meeting (Area 4)

Time: **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

****Prior to meeting you will receive an e-mail with the link to RSVP and join Zoom Meeting**

As we continue to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adopted a new norm and learned how to accept challenges to continue procuring goods and services. For the September meeting, we have speakers from three different agencies to hear how they have implemented steps/processes within their organizations.

The topics of discussion for the speakers will focus on the below questions:

- What type of changes did you implement for your company and how did the procurement department help?
- What other departments other than procurement were involved to help to secure PPE items?
- What challenges from your perspective, have you faced and learned from this pandemic?
- What changes would you recommend and/or leave to help with the flu season?

Guest Speaker Bio

Dawoud Stevenson

Director of Program Management, Information Technology Savannah Hilton Head International Airport

As the Savannah Airport Commissions' Director of Program Management, Information Technology, Mr. Stevenson serves as the main point of contact on all IT-related matters. He's responsible for the implementation, development, and ongoing management of the various systems used in daily airport operations, to include parking services. In addition to IT and operational matters, Mr. Stevenson is also responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program in accordance with FAA and U.S. DOT regulations, as the Commissions' DBE Liaison Officer. Born in Illinois and raised in Michigan, Mr. Stevenson served 8 years in the United States Army as a Communications Systems Specialist. Upon completion of his military service, Mr. Stevenson attended ECPI College of Technology, where he graduated with an Associates of Science in Information Technology. Mr. Stevenson is a 2014 graduate of Savannah State University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Technology. Since joining the Airport in 2010, Mr. Stevenson has worked to identify and implement new technologies to enhance the long-term operational and strategic goals of the Airport. He is a member of the ACI-NA Business Information Technology Committee, the Technology Association of Georgia, The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, the Tourism Leadership Council Board of Directors, and the Live Oak Library Board of Directors.



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Jason Hunt, CSP

General Manager of Corporate Safety | Georgia Ports

Jason Hunt is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) with over 20 years of safety and environmental experience across multiple industries. Mr. Hunt is Certified with the Institute of Industrial Engineers for Lean/Six Sigma. Mr. Hunt's knowledge of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, OSHA, NFPA and IMO/IMDG regulations has allowed him to succeed in complex positions. As a contractor he handled surveys for the USACOE before moving on to manage projects for the DoD across multiple bases within the USA. He then worked as the Safety Officer for one of the largest healthcare companies in Georgia and managed the Infectious Disease Response Team. He next ran safety for the Technical Services division of Universal Orlando. Mr. Hunt took over the role of General Manager of Corporate Safety at the Georgia Ports Authority in April 2019. Mr. Hunt holds a B.S. in Biology and a M.S. in Integrated Healthcare Management.



Nathan Benson

Director, Occupational Safety, Risk Management and Disability Services

From Oliver Springs, Tennessee, Nathan relocated to Savannah in 2015. Prior to coming to Savannah, Nathan served in the Tennessee Army National Guard, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was deployed in 2004-2005 as a Cavalry Scout during Operation Iraqi Freedom III charged with providing personal security for the Regimental Commander. Aside from his military service, Nathan held positions in production management, quality and safety in the radiation measurement and monitoring industry. Nathan is employed by Chatham County as the Occupational Safety, Risk Management and Disability Services Director. Nathan completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He holds an Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Safety and Health and a certificate in Industrial Hygiene Management. He is currently working towards a Master's in Public Administration.

Nathan also holds certifications as a Certified Safety Professional by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and completed Lean Six Sigma Black Belt through Georgia Institute of Technology. He holds several national instructor certifications. In 2015 he was honored by the National Safety Council as a "Rising Star of Safety". His public service includes serving on the Oliver Springs Planning Commission from 2012-2015. He is a 2017 graduate of Leadership Savannah and served as a 2016-2019 United Way Campaign Cabinet member. In 2019, Nathan began serving as the United Way Young Leaders Chairman and on the United Way of the Coastal Empire Board of Directors.

Words of Inspiration



At a time like this, your local NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter is here for you, and we all need to be there to help and encourage each other. You are a significant part of our chapter. On behalf of our entire team, our hope is that you, your family, and friends stay safe. We look forward to reconnecting again soon. We will push through these challenges with grace and positivity.

**Do something
now that will
make the person
you'll be tomorrow
proud to have
been the person
you are today.**

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Procurement Wordsearch

1. UDENDDMA _____
2. RAGMENETE _____
3. CRCNOTAT _____
4. OTCCAORRNT _____
5. CTOS CEVNAAODI _____
6. CISTUNOD _____
7. COFER EAUMJRE _____
8. GDSOO _____
9. IINEOVC _____
10. LDEA EIMT _____
11. LAESE _____
12. LIST EIRCP _____
13. URATCUANRFME _____
14. AMKTRE _____
15. NNIGETAOOIT _____

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Professional Development

Professional Development Webinars:

Below are some upcoming scheduled FREE webinars being offered through NIGP.

If interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Here is a link to register. <https://www.nigp.org/home/your-learning-journey/education/webinars>.

- Sep
09

Webinar - Administering Change: Solutions to Managing Remote Workforce Environments - Part 2: Policy, Technology, and Supplier Relations
Dates: 09 Sep, 2020
- Sep
17

Webinar - 4 Intake Mistakes That Put Your Bids & RFPs at Risk
Dates: 17 Sep, 2020
- Sep
22

Webinar - Dealing with Anxiety & Depression
Dates: 22 Sep, 2020
- Sep
24

Webinar - Calculating the ROI of eProcurement
Dates: 24 Sep, 2020
- Oct
20

Webinar - NIGP-CPP: Providing Choice for Canadian Public Leaders
Dates: 20 Oct, 2020

*COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER NIGP WISHES
YOU THE BEST ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!*

Peggy Joyner - July 18th

Robert Marshall - July 27th

Michael Grant – August 4th

Jean Fleming – August 12th

Stefany Elliott – September 7th

Mike Bray – September 21st



WORDSEARCH ANSWER KEY

1. UDENDDMA Addendum
2. RAGMENETE Agreement
3. CRCNOTAT Contract
4. OTCCAORRNT Contractor
5. CTOS CEVNAAODI Cost Avoidance
6. CISTUNOD Discount
7. COFER EAUMJRE Force Majeure
8. GDSOO Goods
9. INEOVC Invoice 1
10. LDEA EIMT Lead Time
11. LAESE Lease
12. LIST EIRCP List Price
13. URATCUANRFME Manufacturer
14. AMKTRE Market
15. NNIGETAOOIT Negotiation