



**MIDDLE TENNESSEE PUBLIC PURCHASING
ASSOCIATION, NIGP CHAPTER #22 - NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER, 2006**

Who will be our speaker at the November 16th Meeting? Kathy Morante
What is the program? What its really like to prosecute criminals in Davidson County
Where is the meeting? 4th floor Tennessee Tower
When will it be? 11:30 a.m. Thursday November 16th Finished before 1 p.m.
Why are we meeting? To Hear a good speaker and have a Thanksgiving dinner together
How can I make a reservation? Call Helen Crowley at 741-3836 by November 6th, 2006

Stan's Statement

For those of you who missed the October meeting, you can take a look at the photos just posted to our new web site at www.mtoppa.net and you will see what a good meeting we had. With forty in attendance, we had an interesting talk by Vicki Yates of News Channel Five, got a look at the web site and heard that the nominating committee had selected and recruited an outstanding slate of officers for next year.

Three dates in November that will be significant for me are:

November 7th Election Day (Be sure to vote)

November 11th, Veterans Day

November 23rd, Thanksgiving

Try to get downtown on Broadway on Saturday November 11th at 11 a.m. for the Veterans Day Parade. As an organization, we will have an opportunity at the November 16th meeting to celebrate a Thanksgiving meal together. Vice President of Membership **Helen Crowley** has arranged a special treat. Please note that this meeting will be held at the Tennessee Tower. Reservations are important to insure we have just the right amount of food to fill everyone up so call Helen now at 741-3836 and use the reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. Have a great November!!!!

Stan

Stan Melton, CGFM, CFE, CIA

Chapter President



**Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association
October 19, 2006**

President Stan Melton called the meeting to order a few minutes before noon. He welcomed the crowd and asked if anyone had any guests. Brian Wilcox, Purchasing Manager for the City of Franklin, introduced himself and announced that it was his first meeting. Stan then turned the meeting over to Vice President Curry Corder who introduced our guest speaker. Vickie Yates spoke to the crowd and told about her life as a news journalist and shared some very interesting stories from different times throughout her career. Curry presented her with a gift as a token of MTPPA's appreciation.

At approximately 12:25 Stan shared a surprise with the group. The MTPPA web site is now up and running (www.mtppa.net). Stan went through the web site and showed everyone what we have. Stan's wife Donna created the site and everyone passed along appreciation on a wonderful job.

Stan then asked if everyone received the minutes from the prior meeting and if there were any changes that needed to be made. The minutes were accepted by a voice vote.

Robin Dieterich gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$6,411.86. The report was accepted by a voice vote. Robin noted that the roses and peanuts fundraising effort contributed \$1,063.10 to the account.

Kim Marable gave an update on professional development. She informed everyone that the LEAP class scheduled for October 18, 19, and 20 had to be cancelled, but the good news was that she was attempting to reschedule for November 1, 2, and 3. She stated that she would update everyone and soon as she received confirmation

Helen Crowley gave an update on our upcoming holiday meetings in November and December. The November meeting will be held at the Tennessee Tower on November 16th and the December meeting plans are still being finalized.

At this time the nominees for the 2007 MTPPA officers were announced. They are as follows:

President – Curry Corder
Vice President of Programs – Amanda Cochran
Vice President of Professional Development – Dave Hatcher
Vice President of Membership – Robin Dieterich
Secretary – Jay Thompson
Treasurer – Ken Hackett

All of these nominees were accepted by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatcher, Secretary

Chapter Officers:

President **Stan Melton** phone 862-6669 stan.melton@nashville.gov
Vice President Programs **Curry Corder** phone 271-1743 curry.corder@mnps.org
Vice President Professional Development **Kim Marable** phone 880-2640 kim.marable@nashville.gov
Vice President Membership **Helen Crowley** phone 741-3836 helen.crowley@state.tn.us
Secretary **Dave Hatcher** phone 862-6748 dave.hatcher@nashville.gov
Treasurer **Robin Dieterich** phone 741-1010 robin.dieterich@state.tn.us

NIGP NATIONAL BOARD & COMMITTEES SET STRATEGIES FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS

The NIGP Board of Directors met with their appointed national Committee members and Chairs to chart a new Strategic Plan that will carry the Institute forward into 2010. Coupled with their Fall Committee and Board meeting held last weekend in Phoenix, the national committees recommended, and the NIGP Board adopted, wholesale revisions to their existing plan that align with the Institute's three-pronged mission to develop, support and promote the profession. The key initiatives established through the strategic plan include:

- Obtaining accreditation from the American Council on Education by 2009 in an effort to earn college credit for NIGP training and experience
- Establishing ANSI standards through public procurement best practices by 2010
- Creating a procurement technician certificate by 2010 for those non-buyers who wish to transition to entry level buying positions
- Launching the Government Pricing Index (GPI) by 2007 as a market basket benchmark for the public sector
- Expanding relationships with academia through research, education and increased national memberships by students and faculty
- Targeting research studies that focus on K-12 public education, the federal/central governments, and special authority districts
- Expanding educational offerings through partnerships with professional associations and contractors
- Establishing international training and educational opportunities for emerging governments in Africa and elsewhere by co-hosting programs with Florida Atlantic University
- Providing greater partnership opportunities with NIGP's chapter affiliates through online registration options, online resource kits, chapter leadership mentoring, and web site support

NIGP staff will assess the cost of each initiative and will recommend changes to the FY2007-08 budget to accommodate the development and delivery of these initiatives.

In addition to the strategic plan revisions, the NIGP Board adopted the following actions during their Fall meeting:

- Approved changes to the Bylaws and policies that provide voting rights to individuals who are currently employed in public purchasing entities and to retired members. These individuals will be able to vote in the upcoming 2007-08 Board of Director elections.
- Adopted two resolutions on Strategic Sourcing and Social Responsibility that were developed by the Institute's Advocacy Committee
- Waived national membership fees for students and faculty as a stimulus for strengthening NIGP's presence in the college and university community
- Approved steps in developing a Procurement Response in Emergency Preparedness program (PREP), which, when implemented, will serve as a support network for members to proactively respond, aid and assist other members during natural disasters and other times of need.
- Appointed Corrine Culver and Bill Irish to terms on the LES Professional Development Foundation as NIGP's representatives
- Recommended that the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council appoint Wendy Geltch and Jill Klaskin-Press to their Board of Examiners (BOE)

Above information taken from "NIGP Buy Weekly" October 25, 2006 editions

Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 16th, 2006 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 4th floor Tennessee Tower

\$10.00 per person

Please respond to Helen Crowley by November 6th, 2006 to secure your reservation @ 741-3836



Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Menu

*Slow Roasted Real Turkey with
Cornbread Dressing, Giblet Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potato Casserole, Cole Slaw
Caramel Pumpkin Pie with Crumb Topping
Menu comes with yeast rolls or biscuits, peach preserves
And Sweet & Unsweetened Iced Tea*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

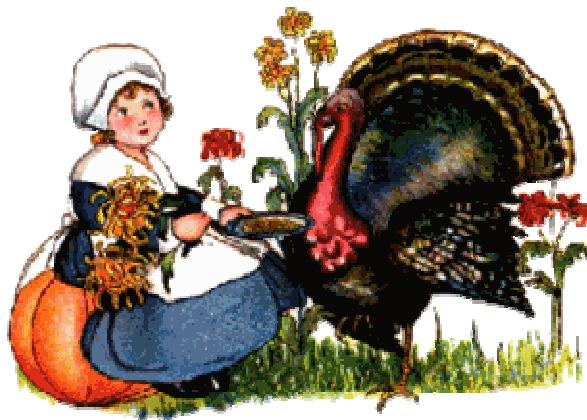
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return the above form with your remittance to Helen at:

Dept. of General Services, Purchasing Division

312 8th Ave., North, 3rd floor

Nashville, TN 37243-0557



Everyone will need to enter the Tennessee Tower on the 7th Avenue side going down the stairs (7th Avenue near Union). You will need to show a valid State issued ID (drivers license) to security. The room is the 4th floor lobby area. You will either need to take the elevator or escalator up one floor.



VICE PRESIDENT OF
PROGRAMS **CURRY CORDER**
ANNOUNCES,
KATHY MORANTE
TO SPEAK at NOVEMBER 16th
meeting on “What It’s Really Like
To Prosecute Criminals in Davidson
County”



The Jury

KATHY MORANTE is a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. Kathy is currently an Assistant District Attorney in Davidson County. She has tried many cases in Nashville, including rapes, robberies, and first degree murder cases. She was one of two attorneys who prosecuted the “Music Row Murder Case” covered by Court Television. Kathy has also assisted in the prosecution of eight capital cases at the trial level, including **State v. Paul Reid**. Prior to joining the District Attorney’s Office, she was Deputy Attorney General of the Criminal Justice Division at the State Attorney General’s Office for many years. She argued numerous cases in the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Tennessee Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit. She was also the primary author of the State’s brief in the United States Supreme Court in **Payne v. Tennessee**, where the Court held that victim impact evidence is admissible in the sentencing phase of a capital case. She is the proud mother of 17 year old twin daughters and, since February 24, 2006, the proud wife of our very own member, Bob Watkins.



The Accused Criminal, Prosecutor and Judge



Nominations for 2007 Chapter Officers

As called for in the Chapter Bi-laws, a nominating committee was appointed to select a slate of officers for next year. They made their report at the October meeting and recommended the following as officers for 2007:

President – Curry Corder
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An election will be held at the November meeting and in addition to the slate above, nominations will also be taken from the floor. The nominating committee consists of:

Ken Hackett, Chairperson; Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County
Deborah Corbitt, Committee Member, Nashville Electric Service
Robin Dieterich, Committee Member, State of Tennessee



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday December 12th, Holiday Lunch, Recognition Ceremony & Installation of New Officers-Scarritt-Bennett Center, 1008 19th Avenue South

The 2007 NIGP Annual Forum will be held August 4-8 in Hartford, Connecticut. For information on Hartford, go to: www.enjoyhartford.com/index.cfm

SEE MEMBERS ENJOYING NETWORKING AT OCTOBER MEETING

Photos taken by our Chapter Photographer, Member Angie McDonald, have been posted to new chapter web site at www.mtppa.net in the photo gallery. The links page on the website has also been updated and now includes some additional sites that you may find useful.