

# **The Fine Print**

The Newsletter of the Maryland Public Purchasing Association, Inc.  
**September/October 2006**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-**

Mark A. Pemberton, CPPB, C.P.M.

Let me open by reminding members of our Picnic/Crab Feast scheduled for Saturday, September 16 at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena. I encourage all to come along and join the fun, bring your friends and family. For more information and to confirm your attendance visit the website or contact our Facilities Chairperson, Brian Snyder. I hope to see you there.

It is not too early to register for the 2006 NIGP Regional II Public Purchasing Conference in Dover Delaware, scheduled for October 26 & 27. Also a Pre-Conference seminar titled "Adding value to the procurement process" will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to have a large representation from MPPA. The conference is in close proximity and is affordable with a fee of \$125.00. Let's show support for the Region II conference by getting your registration in now!

By now every one should be aware that the newly revised website is up and running. I have received some nice compliments regarding the site. I encourage you to take a look and let the Board know what you think. I am quite proud to say that at the 2006 NIGP Products Expo in Tampa, NewLinear had the new MPPA website prominently displayed at their Chapter Manager exhibit!

Regarding the NIGP Annual Forum & Products Expo in Tampa, I would say a good time was had by all. The workshops and networking sessions proved to be as valuable as the weather was hot and humid. It is truly a pleasure to be a part of MPPA and represent the Chapter at this annual event. The NIGP is a wonderful group of professionals and I look forward to another strong MPPA presence in Hartford, CT next year.

As I continue to encourage your attendance and participation, let me leave you with a quote from the legendary coach, Lou Holtz, "Don't be a spectator, don't let life pass you by". See you at the picnic!

Regards,  
Mark A. Pemberton, CPPB, C.P.M.  
2006 President, MPPA



**MARYLAND PUBLIC PURCHASING  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
CRAB FEAST AND PICNIC**

**JOIN US FOR OUR CRAB FEAST AT  
KURTZ'S BEACH**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Kurtz's Beach, 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena, MD 21122  
FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE (Across the street from the  
restaurant) **Telephone:** 410-327-8600

It's the event you've been waiting for...our annual Crab Feast and Picnic. The fun begins at 12:30 on Saturday, September 16 at Kurtz's Beach. Beverages are available at 12:30, lunch starts at 1:00 p.m.

**COST:**

Non-members:	\$40.00
Chapter Members:	\$40.00
National Members:	\$40.00
Chapter & National Members:	\$40.00
Recertification points:	0

Bring the kids, too: children 6-10 years of age are just \$15, children under 6 are free! Adults may register and pay online; pay for the kids at the event.

Please register early, the crabs will be ordered based on the head count. Check out the **new** MPPA web site at [www.mppainc.org](http://www.mppainc.org) for more information. You may also contact Brian Snyder at [bds@annapolis.gove](mailto:bds@annapolis.gove) or 410-263-7944.

**Make sure you arrive hungry:** our menu includes pit beef, pit ham, marinated chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, corn, country beans, salads, rolls, watermelon, dessert, assorted beverages, and of course: CRABS!

More information on Kurtz's Beach: [www.kurtzsbeach.com](http://www.kurtzsbeach.com). We'll see you on the beach!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Darla H. Herbold, CPPO

MPPA warmly welcomes the following professional purchasing practitioners who were accepted into membership on August 16, 2006, by the MPPA Executive Board:

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## **PROCUREMENT CARD ADMINISTRATION (P-CARD)**

The MPPA Board would like to conduct a workshop on Procurement Card Administration sometime in the near future. We are looking for members with expertise in this field to be the instructor (s). If you would be interested in taking on this task, please contact Richard L. Shelton, Education Committee Chair at 410-386-2181 or e-mail [rshelton@ccg.carr.org](mailto:rshelton@ccg.carr.org).

## **RECOGNITION REPORT**

Pam Jones, CPPB, MBA, CPM

### Announcements

Please remember, if you'd like to forward information to be published (e.g., recent certification, promotion, etc.), please contact me at [pam.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:pam.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov) or contact Tom at [thomas.savoie@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:thomas.savoie@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Pam Jones, Recognition Chairperson, of Montgomery County Office of Purchasing, had another baby on July 17, 2006, about 2 1/2 weeks early. Pam says he's adorable, but very small compared to when her first son was born. Congratulations, Pam! Will we be seeing him and his brother at the crab feast? What's his name? How much did he weigh?

## **EDUCATION**

Rich Shelton

### **NOTICE!! MPPA/NIGP 2006 TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

1. On September 25, 2006 and September 26, 2006 MPPA is conducting a “Alternative Dispute Resolution” seminar. Mr. Steven Corwin will be the instructor. Currently there are 3 people signed up and 2 or more individuals are needed to ensure the class. Don’t delay! Check your schedule and let Rich and Mary Jane know ASAP.
2. On October 23, 2006 and October 24, 2006 MPPA is offering “Fundamental of Leadership Management in Public Procurement. Ms. Barbara Johnson will be the instructor. Two (2) or more individuals are needed to ensure this class.

Please check with Staff and Co-workers. Take advantage of these educational opportunities. We need your support!

For your information, a copy of the syllabus for each class is provided and a registration form. You can fax or call Rich or Mary Jane with your desire to attend. Your paperwork and fee can follow later. For additional information, fee schedules and updates on other course opportunities check the MPPA web page at [www.mppainc.org](http://www.mppainc.org) and click on Education.

To ensure your spot contact Mary Moser or Rich Shelton @ 410-386-2181 or Fax 410-840-8929.

Let’s fill these classes!!!!