

Minnesota Chapter of NIGP Awards Program

Chapter Board Members are not eligible for the awards, except the Buyer/Purchasing Manager of the Year. Board Members applying for the Buyer/Purchasing Manager of the Year Award will not participate on the Board Review Panel. All awards will be presented at the January meeting. Application forms are located on the MN NIGP website. All award applications are to be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chairperson. Nominations are due by November 15.

Buyer/Purchasing Manager of the Year Awards will be based on contributions and accomplishments in the areas of: purchasing, professional development, service to employer, MN NIGP and National NIGP involvement, and Professional Purchasing Related Certification(s). The nominee must be an active dues paying Chapter member and have attended at least two Chapter related functions over the past twelve months. The nominee must have been actively employed in public purchasing for the entire year. Any qualified MN NIGP member may apply or be nominated for this award.

Distinguished Member of the Year Award will be presented to a member of the MN NIGP Chapter who has distinguished themselves by exemplary service to the MN NIGP Chapter and the general field of purchasing over the past year. The award is a \$60 certificate to be used towards the Chapter membership dues, the Fall Conference or Chapter training.

Richard M. Slivik, Jr. Award may be presented to a current or past member of the MN NIGP Chapter who has been an active Chapter member and has demonstrated outstanding contributions over an extended period of time. The award nominee must: be a career public purchasing professional; involved in promoting professional purchasing; been an active participant and promoter in education and professional development; been an active leader in public purchasing organizations; been innovative in changing purchasing concepts and procedures; have high ethic and moral standards; exhibit a high regard for family and community involvement.

Best Practices Award will be presented to a MN NIGP agency demonstrating and documenting an innovation or Best Practice that was implemented within the past two years. Documentation must include: scope of project; challenges, and rationale for change; strategies or approaches used to implement the practice or innovation; cost of implementation; impact and benefits of implementation; cost savings realized. A library of all entries will be maintained on the website.

Written Essay Contests: Members are encouraged to enter any Chapter written essay contest based on topics selected by the National organization. Submissions are to be sent to the Newsletter Editor. Winners will be presented a \$25 certificate to be used towards the Chapter membership dues, the Fall Conference or Chapter training. Winning essays will be forwarded to the National contest by the Chapter Newsletter Editor on a timely basis.

Award recipients will be recognized at the January General Meeting.

Award recipients will be recognized in the Chapter Newsletter and on the Chapter website.

The employer of the award recipient will be notified of the award.

Local newspaper releases are encouraged.