

CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS



Founded October 14, 1915

PURPOSE:

In 1915 the Bylaws stated:

“The purpose of the Association shall be to secure by organization, the utmost efficiency of the various Departments under the management of its members, to secure the best possible prices, to effect standardization wherever possible, to compare procedures followed and results obtained, and in a general way, to improve the service where possible.”

Over the past 100 years the purpose of CAPPO has been restated, but in fact remains on one path; that is to improve the public procurement profession.

In 2015 the Bylaws state that the purpose of CAPPO, Inc. is:

“To improve and promote the public procurement profession; to exchange knowledge; to research and publish good procurement techniques; and to broaden generally the capabilities of the members of this Corporation.”

HISTORY:

CAPPO was formed on October 14, 1915 and is the second oldest procurement organization in the World (the Norwegian Association is two months older) and is the oldest procurement organization in the United States. As might be expected, our founding fathers were faced with many of the same procurement problems which we face today.

Our first meeting was held in San Diego on October 14, 1915, at the behest of C.R. Stewart. In attendance were: Art Baker, City of LA; S.V. Horton, San Bernardino County; J.S. Perry, Orange County; C.H. Plummer, LA County; C.R. Stewart, City of San Diego; W.Y. Tretheway, San Joaquin County and George Vice, Sacramento County. During this first meeting our constitution was adopted and the new organization was named the CALIFORNIA STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PURCHASING AGENTS ASSOCIATION (CSCMPAA). This first meeting was so successful that the members voted to continue the meetings on an annual basis. The Association has met every year, excepting 1918 and 1921.

In the early years members contacted various legislators in order to bring about changes in laws affecting public purchasing, and they developed many standard specifications: For example, the first industry-wide canning standard for fruits and vegetables was developed by CSCMPAA for the California Cannery League.

At the 10th Annual Convention (no longer called a meeting) Leonard S. Leavy suggested that we should choose the President and Vice President alternately, one from the North and one from the South, so that during the year group conferences could be held in districts contiguous to each other. Since our annual meetings were truly a work session, it was felt that the term “Conference” was a more descriptive name for our meetings/conventions and the word convention was deleted from our Bylaws.

Although the status of women as members had never been brought up as an issue by the boards, it wasn't until 1930 that the name of Juanita Vanderlee, Purchasing Agent Kern County, appeared in the conference proceedings as the only “feminine public buyer” in the organization.

In 1931, Verne O. Gehringer went into the public purchasing field. He was elected Secretary of the CSCMPAA in 1939 and he continued in that position for 11 years. 1951-1952 he was then elected President of CSCMPAA.

Conferences held between 1943 and 1946 were dubbed the “War Time Conferences” Those were difficult times to carry on the most essential purchasing functions. The War Production Board (WPB), called for sacrifices and re-adjustments in the ‘way of life’ of all purchasing professionals. War-time adjustments served to emphasize

the many reasons why it was necessary to keep the nation solvent in the face of terrific burdens.

At the 1943 Conference, the Bylaws were amended to alternately elect a First and Second Vice President, one from the South and one from the North. Also, for the first time the 1943 Conference would record the attendance of vendors. There were 13 corporate representatives each paying \$10.00.

In 1944 the Association adopted a resolution that all political subdivisions should have an opportunity to purchase surplus government property. An attempt was made to get support for our resolution from the National Association of Purchasing Agents (NAPM, ISM) at their New York Convention. It was suggested at this time that a national governmental purchasing group be formed, and shortly thereafter the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) came into being with Alvin J. Holm, City of Los Angeles; a CAPPO Past President 1942-1943 as NIGP's first President 1944-1945.

The question of cooperative purchasing had been discussed at previous meetings, but it wasn't until the 1949 Conference that the Association went on record passing a Resolution in favor of cooperative purchasing between cities, counties and state governments. The Resolution urged the members to get similar resolutions approved by their governing bodies.

1954 was a year of awakening for the Association. Recognizing the need to promote themselves as professionals in the public purchasing field, the Board appointed Carl Wilensky, Past President 1952-1953 to chair a committee to work on a Code of Ethics. At the 1954 Conference the Code was unanimously approved and adopted. At this Conference, individual Forum meetings were introduced to the members. Also, the first newsletter was published on a trial basis.

In 1956 Mabel Smith, Purchasing Agent for the County of Alameda, became the first female President 1956-1957 of the Association. At the 1957 Conference a record was set for attendance, 103 out of 145 members. Mabel Smith, retired during the middle of her term, the Board, recognizing her professionalism, requested that she complete her term as our President. Another memorable event was the first presentation of the Art Baker Award. The Purchasing Agents Association of Los Angeles presented the Art Baker Award to Sam McFadden, Past President 1955-1956.

Art Baker was one of the seven individuals that established CSCMPAA. He was Purchasing Agent for Los Angeles and in 1919 became the Chief Deputy Purchasing Agent for the State of California. In 1925 he was selected as Executive Secretary of the Purchasing Agents Association of Los Angeles and held this office until his retirement in 1954.

At the 1960 Conference, Harold Levy, City of Antioch, introduced a resolution requesting that an ad-hoc committee be appointed to work on a plan for implementation of a certification program. Also, in 1960 the Orange County Mavericks was formed and became the first official “Splinter Group” of our Association.

In 1961, the President was Fred MacFarlane, and with his guidance, we became the first purchasing organization in the United States to develop and implement a professional certification program designed to promote high ethical and professional standards. The CPPO certification is still used today by both NIGP and CAPPO. We are indeed fortunate to have attained not only a national but an international reputation as an organization which is recognized for its dynamic leadership in public purchasing.

In 1963, as our Association continued to grow, we found that our membership represented hospitals, special districts, schools and colleges, as well as cities, counties, and state purchasing professionals. It became apparent that our name was no longer representative of this growing group, and with President Paul Jones presiding, the name was changed to the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICERS and we became referred to as CAPPO.

At the 1965 Conference, with President George Cumming presiding, the hiring of a professional bookkeeping firm was accepted by the Board.

In 1967 CAPPO had been opposing Senate Bill 626 that required a proprietary specification must include the name of a California manufacturer. CAPPO President John Mattis wrote to Governor Ronald Reagan urging a veto of SB 626. John's letter stated: "To attempt to restrict purchases to California manufacturers, curtails competition seriously, and will result in an increase in prices paid for this material. Again, to favor a relatively few manufacturers, all the taxpayers will be penalized." Governor Reagan did veto SB 626. It was apparent that the actions by our association in elimination of trade barriers were given the strong support of the Governor.

In 1968, under President Ed Shando the first "Salary Survey" was conducted for our 286 jurisdictions, with 147 submitting .

CAPPO for many years had a "Code of Ethics" that our members practiced. In 1969 the 85th Congress of the United States passed an Act to establish an official Code of Ethics for all Federal Government personnel. The CAPPO's Code was used as a guideline for the final Federal Code of Ethics: which reads:

1. Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to persons, party, or Government department;
2. Uphold the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States and of all governments therein, never serving as a party to their evasion;

3. Give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, devoting one's earnest effort and best thought in the performance of duties assigned;
4. Seek to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of accomplishing tasks;
5. Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not; never accept for oneself or one's family favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons to influence the performance of governmental duties;
6. Make no private promises of any kind binding upon the duties of office, as a Government employee has no private word which can be binding on public duty;
7. Engage in no business with the Government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of governmental duties;
8. Never use any information received or obtained confidentially through the performance of governmental duties as a means of making private profit;
9. Expose corruption wherever discovered; and
10. Uphold the above principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

At the 1970 Conference, with President Hal Blackman presiding, CAPPO was honored by being included in the Governor's Advisory Conference of Organizations of Public Officials. Also, a Bylaw change was adopted and for the first time, members at the conference would have an opportunity to vote for the post of Secretary/Treasurer. A resolution was adopted to form a centralized Data Bank of specifications and marketing information for participating CAPPO members.

In 1975, President Paul Graham, C.P.M. announced the establishment of a very special award honoring a very special person, the "Verne O. Gehringer" Award. The Award was established to recognize a Purchasing professional for outstanding achievements to CAPPO and the entire Public Purchasing profession.

In June of 1977, NAPM through their certification program qualified our Association's CPPO's and APPO's as C.P.M.'s. In May of 1979, NAPM expanded their Certification Board to include CAPPO as a permanent member. CAPPO members that who participated in making this possible were: Charles Thorson, Dorothy Fisher, George Cumming, John Mattis and Ed Rawlinson.

In 1981, we approved the creation of the position of Executive Assistant. This position would provide and coordinate varied administrative, organizational, and record keeping support for the Association, under specific direction by the CAPPO Board. On May 28, 1981, CAPPO became incorporated in the State of California and the

new Bylaws were adopted. The Bylaws included the appointment of Professional Business Associates (PBA) as Executive Assistant of CAPPO, Inc.

In 1983-1984, President Robert Pierce officially changed the “Splinter Group” names to “Satellite Group”. There were 12 CAPPO groups at this time.

In 1986, the first ever, Regional dinner meetings were hosted by CAPPO during Marvin Sanders presidency. The Northern Meeting speaker was Dr. Jack Holland, honorary CAPPO member (in 1988 he received the Verne O. Gehringer Award) and the Southern Meeting speaker was Dr. Tom Parham.

At the 1987 Conference with President Marvin Sanders presiding, a Bylaw adding a Student membership was approved. It stated that “Any full time college student majoring in the Purchasing or the Business field, upon payment of the annual student membership fee, shall be eligible for membership but shall not vote during the Annual Conference, subject however, to the approval of the Board of Directors.”

In 1987, under President Gene Aviles guidance, the CAPPO Scholarship Award was established. The Award is granted once a year by CAPPO in an amount up to \$500. The Award pays tuition or fees for seminars, workshops, academic courses and certification programs recognized by accredited academic institutions, associations or non-profit organizations. All courses, seminars, workshops and

programs shall be in or related to procurement. Also, in 1987, the CAPPO Speakers Bureau was formed. In July, CAPPO with the hard work of Jim Williamson, C.P.M. and Bonnie Murphy helped sponsor and promote the first “Equipment Extravaganza.”

In the middle 80’s, CAPPO like most other associations was having problems in getting new members and controlling our financial future. Each President during these times did their very best and kept CAPPO strong and stable. In 1988 CAPPO turned the trends upward. President Ken Laverty, C.P.M. made both a profit for the first time in a few years and increased membership by 14%, some 589 members which was a high in the 1980’s for CAPPO. During the 1989 Conference in Monterey, for the first time, the big four associations met and talked on how all of our associations could help each other and our profession work together. Attending was NAPM President, NIGP President and full Board of Directors, NPI President and CAPPO President and full Board of Directors. We agreed to support each other’s training seminars by offering member rates to all association members and many other actions that benefited all of our associations.

In 1989, President Robert Williams, C.P.M. started the CAPPO Professional Award of Merit. This award allows each Satellite Group to select a candidate that has been outstanding in their local Satellite Group, for recognition

by CAPPO. The 1990 Conference was CAPPO's 75th a major milestone for our Association.

In 1992, President Gerald Bretag, C.P.M. in order to stabilize the financial future of CAPPO, made it mandatory for the annual Conferences to set a net profit percentage. This would eliminate a negative financial Conference and assure that CAPPO, Inc. had secure operating funds each fiscal year.

In 1993, President Robert Kelleher, C.P.M. announced the major change in CAPPO's administrative office and in the position of Executive Assistant. The current contract with PBA was expiring and the Board considered the needs of the Association and chose to seek a new Executive Assistant. Through negotiations, an agreement was entered into with retiree Marvin Sanders, C.P.M. and Past President 1986-1987 to assume his new position as the Executive Assistant.

In 1995, President Jim Pregler, C.P.M. announced that an electronic bulletin board which was called the "CAPPO-Net" was now available for use by CAPPO members. CAPPO was the first purchasing association to establish an electronic network devoted entirely to purchasing and dedicated to its members. Also, the Board approved an incentive for members to obtain the C.P.M., those that obtain the C.P.M. will receive from CAPPO \$50, toward a CAPPO seminar.

In 1996, President Laura Nolan, C.P.M. announced that CAPPO would establish an Internet Website and establish the CAPPO Net online.

On April 4, 1997, President Thomas Meng, C.P.M. invited the Past Presidents to meet with the current CAPPO Board of Directors in Oakland, CA to review and update the Bylaws. The sole purpose of the meeting was to resolve completely all issues and leave with a completed set of proposed Bylaws. Fifteen CAPPO Past Presidents attended the meeting. After lengthy discussions the new proposed Bylaws were agreed upon by all those present and were adopted by the membership at the 1998 Conference. One significant item was that the name Satellite Group was officially changed to Chapters. Also, in 1997 the Specification Library became available for use by contacting the CAPPO office.

In 1998, for the first time in CAPPO's history, Gerald Bretag, C.P.M. became CAPPO's only President to have served two nonconsecutive terms. A new CAPPO logo and masthead were created, with most of the development work done by Donna Guardino, C.P.M. Also, the publishing of the CAPPO News was transitioned to the CAPPO office.

In 1999, President William Napier, C.P.M. announced that the email based conversation room called CAPPOLIST (CAPPO Net) was up and running. Now large and small, all agencies could electronically communicate with each other to facilitate their actions to operate effectively in

today's business environment. Also, CAPPO, Inc. purchased one million dollars of general liability insurance coverage to cover the Chapter activities. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Program was co-sponsored by: NAPM, NPI and CAPPO.

In 2000, President Hugh Smith, C.P.M. introduced the concept of the CAPPO Bucks program as an incentive for Conference attendance and education offerings. Also, a Partnership Program between vendors and CAPPO was formalized.

In 2001, President Dee Johnston, C.P.M. announced that the Annual Conference Proceedings would be produced on a CD rom and no longer available in hard copy, thus saving a significant amount of money. Also, the Partnership Program was adopted by the Board.

In 2002, President Donna Guardino, C.P.M. approved a further cost saving measure by having the Annual Conference Proceedings posted only on the CAPPO Website. If members wanted a hard copy of the Proceedings, it could be downloaded and printed, with pictures, from the Website. During 2002, for the first time the membership went over the 1000 mark.

Also, the CAPPO News was successfully put on the CAPPO Website. Even though the Bylaws were revised in 1998, the official Board action to change the name of "Satellite" to "Chapter" was not done until 2002.

In 2004, President Cliff Baumer, C.P.M. announced that for the first time, on-line Conference registration would be available through the CAPPO Website. Also, President Baumer announced that CAPPO seminars are now eligible for NIGP certification points. The Board approved the name change from CAPPO Scholarship to the “BRIAN E. McGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP”. At the 2005 Conference, Bylaw revisions were approved by the membership. The major changes were allowing voting by mail to elect officers and directors; and to allow amendments to the Bylaws.

In 2005, President John Coggins, C.P.M. announced that Executive Assistant Marvin Sanders, C.P.M. was resigning and that Hugh Smith, C.P.M. was selected to be the Executive Assistant for CAPPO. Also, a new CAPPO logo was approved by the Board.

In 2006, President Denni Baumer, C.P.M., CPPB announced that CAPPO became a founding member of the National Council for Public Purchasing and Contracting (NCPPC) along with eight other national and regional public procurement organizations. Professional public procurement certification (CPPO, CPPB) will be done through the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC). A contract was approved to use a private vendor to setup and manage the CAPPO internet. The IRS ruled that the CAPPO Executive Assistant was an employee/employer relationship and not an independent contractor, thus the Executive Assistant became CAPPO’s first employee.

In 2007, President Glenn Kaye, C.P.M. announced that the first CAPPO “Webinar” Pro-D would be offered. Also, CAPPO’s membership had now reached 1097.

In 2008, President Nancy Dawson, C.P.M., CPPB introduced a financial support program to assist the Chapters with professional development and educational opportunities. This one time program provided Chapters with \$10 per member with a \$300 minimum and \$1,000 maximum. To qualify, Chapters had to meet the following criteria: A. Chapters must have elected officials/board; B. Chapters must maintain a bank account; and C. Chapters must meet regularly. Future CAPPO, Inc. Boards would need to determine if it is in the Association’s best interest to renew the program on a year-to-year basis. Also, President Dawson introduced an Ambassador Program which would pair veteran members with new members during their first year to keep them informed on CAPPO activities.

In 2009, President Rix Skonberg, C.P.M. announced that the position of Executive Assistant was changed to Executive Business Officer to more closely reflect the actual duties. Use of electronic ballots significantly increased participation of eligible voting members; therefore, the Board approved continuing the usage of the electronic ballot to elect officers and directors; and to approve revisions to the CAPPO Bylaws.

In 2010, President Malinda Bogdonoff, C.P.M. announced that on the “Membersclicks” there is now an option to link

to Twitter. At the 2011 Conference with President Malinda Bogdonoff, C.P.M. presiding, a Bylaw was amended to change the name of California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, Inc. to the California Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc.

In 2011, President Jennifer Sims, C.P.M. introduced changes to the Partnership Program to provide for three levels of vendor participation and implemented a Vendor/Contractor Advisory Committee. The current monthly CAPPO News was changed to a quarterly format. Membership had dropped to 880 members mainly due to the turndown in the economy. The Board hired a firm to update marketing and outreach tools to increase CAPPO's membership.

In 2012, President Roderick Jefferson Sr., CPPO, CPPB announced that the Board approved a motion to adopt a policy that ALL retired past president's be designated as "Honorary" members.

Membership growth continued into 2013-2014 under President Paul Herman, C.P.M., CPPO, and the CAPPO membership grew to 1,212. At his 2014 Conference, President Herman noted that as of February 2013 there were 412 attendees registered for the 97th Conference, 178 suppliers and 17 Supplier Partners; and that all of these counts were new record highs for CAPPO.

In 2014, President Kiauna Norman, C.P.M., CPPB increased the number of Platinum Partners to 10 from the previous

5. This will increase vendor partners and subsequent income for CAPPO. Also, a new membership milestone was reached at 1,300 plus members and CAPPO has 15 Chapters.

At the 2015 Conference with President Kiauna Norman, C.P.M., CPPB presiding, CAPPO's 100th year of achievements were celebrated. A handbook containing 100 years of CAPPO history was produced.

Throughout 2015, President Jana Vargas will continue to celebrate CAPPO's 100th year of achievements for the public procurement profession.

APPENDIX:

PAST PRESIDENTS OF CAPPO:

- *Plummer, C.H. - Conference No 1, 1915 & No 2, 1916
- *McMillian, W.G. - Conference No 3, 1917 & No. 4, 1919
- *Sabin, JR, John M. - Conference No 5, 1920
- *Baker, Arthur - Conference No 6, 1922
- *Trettheway, Walter Y. - Conference No 7, 1923
- *Burton, Arthur J. - Conference No 8, 1924
- *Oughton, Thomas, Conference No 9, 1925-1926
- *Werder, E.H. - Conference No 10, 1927
- *Leavy, L.S. - Conference No 11, 1928
- *Mispley, J.F. - Conference No 12, 1929
- *Russell, H.E. - Conference No 13, 1930
- *Hall, Harry L. - Conference No 14, 1931
- *Dickson, F.E. - Conference No 15, 1932
- *Horton, A - Conference No 16, 1933
- *Goeddel, A.V. - Conference No 17, 1934
- *Wolff, Norman - Conference No 18, 1935
- *Plato, E.J. - Conference No 19, 1936
- *Stewart, John L. - Conference No 20, 1937
- *Meldrim, Arthur G., C.P.M. - Conference No 21, 1938
- *Hobart, Lawrence E. - Conference No 22, 1939
- *Young, W.E. - Conference No 23, 1940
- *Morrow, J.H. - Conference No 24, 1941
- *Shaljean, Van L. - Conference No 25, 1942
- *Holm, A.J. - Conference No 26, 1943

*Goodale, Grant - Conference No 27, 1944
*Davisson, H.L. - Conference No 28, 1945
*Harvey, Charles - Conference No 29, 1946
*Smith, Lowell R. - Conference No 30, 1947
*Magill, Donald R. - Conference No 31, 1948
*Gerry III, M.H. - Conference No 32, 1949
*Hughes, J.W. - Conference No 33, 1950
*LaFortune, H.R., C.P.M. - Conference No 34, 1951
*Gehringer, Verne O., C.P.M. - Conference No 35, 1952
*Wilensky, Carl, M., C.P.M. - Conference No 36, 1953
*Lord, Tom - Conference No 37, 1954
Brodie, J. David, C.P.M. - Conference No 38, 1955
*McFadden, Sam - Conference No 39, 1956
*Smith, Mabel - Conference No 40, 1957
*Thompson, Edwin S., C.P.M. - Conference No 41, 1958
*Cheyney, B.R. - Conference No 42, 1959
*Vanderzyl, Don E. - Conference No 43, 1960
MacFarlane, Fred O., C.P.M. - Conference No 44, 1961
*Hyka, Edwin W., C.P.M. - Conference No 45, 1962
*Jones, Paul B. C.P.M. - Conference No 46, 1963
*Smith, Ralph E., C.P.M. - Conference No 47, 1964
*Cumming, George A., C.P.M. - Conference No 48, 1965
*Quam, Vicor W., C.P.M. - Conference No 49, 1966
Reshke, Andrew P., C.P.M. - Conference No 50, 1967
Mattis, John A., C.P.M. - Conference No 51, 1968
Shando, Edward J., C.P.M. - Conference No 52, 1969
*Blackman, Harold H., C.P.M. - Conference No 53, 1970
Wachhorst, Eugene P., C.P.M. - Conference No 54, 1971
*Cherry, Nathan A., C.P.M. - Conference No 55, 1972
Levy, Harold, C.P.M. - Conference No 56, 1973

Martin, Lowell, C.P.M. - Conference No 57, 1974
Graham, K. Paul, C.P.M. - Conference No 58, 1975
*Stickney, William, H., C.P.M. - Conference No 59, 1976
*Rawlinson, Edward V., C.P.M. - Conference No 60, 1977
Fisher, Dorothy Havey, C.P.M. - Conference No 61, 1978
Thorson, Charles R., C.P.M. - Conference No 62, 1979
Rocha, Jay A., C.P.M. - Conference No 63, 1980
*Brown, Myron, C.P.M. - Conference No 64, 1981
Arhlen, Sara, C.P.M. - Conference No 65, 1982
Lindquist, Paul S., C.P.M. - Conference No 66, 1983
Pierce, Robert P., C.P.M. - Conference No 67, 1984
Holm, Gary R., C.P.M. - Conference No 68, 1985
Varnes, Chrys, C.P.M. - Conference No 69, 1986
Sanders, Marvin C., C.P.M. - Conference No 70, 1987
Aviles, Eugene H., C.P.M. - Conference No 71, 1988
Laverty, Ken F., C.P.M. - Conference No 72, 1989
Williams, Robert A., C.P.M. - Conference No 73, 1990
*McGuire, Brian E., C.P.M. - Conference No 74, 1991
Netka, Arnie, C.P.M. - Conference No 75, 1992
Bretag, Gerald D., C.P.M., A.P.P. - Conference No 76, 1993
Kelleher, Robert W., C.P.M. - Conference No 77, 1994
Pregler, Jim, C.P.M. - Conference No 78, 1995
Dixon, Ethel, C.P.M. - Conference No 79, 1996
Nolan, Laura, C.P.M. - Conference No 80, 1997
Meng, Thomas, C.P.M., A.P.P. - Conference No 81, 1998
Bretag, Gerald D., C.P.M. - Conference No 82, 1999
*Napier, William L., C.P.M. - Conference No 83, 2000
Smith, Hugh, C.P.M. - Conference No 84, 2001
Johnston, Dee, C.P.M. - Conference No 85, 2002
Guardino, Donna, C.P.M. - Conference No 86, 2003
Ambler, Ray, C.P.M. - Conference No 87, 2004
Baumer, Cliff, C.P.M. - Conference No 88, 2005
Coggins, John, C.P.M. - Conference No 89, 2006
Baumer, Denni, C.P.M., CPPB - Conference No 90, 2007

Kaye, Glenn, C.P.M. - Conference No 91, 2008
Dawson, Nancy, C.P.M., CPPB - Conference No 92, 2009
Skonberg, Rix, C.P.M. - Conference No 93, 2010
Bogdonoff, Malinda, C.P.M. - Conference No 94, 2011
Sims, Jennifer, C.P.M. - Conference No 95, 2012
Jefferson, Roderick, CPPO, CPPB - Conference No 96, 2013
Herman, Paul, C.P.M., CPPO - Conference No 97, 2014
Norman, Kiauna, C.P.M., CPPB – Conference No 98, 2015
Vargas, Jana, President-Elect, 2015-2016

*Deceased

VERNE O. GEHRINGER AWARD:

The highest form of recognition offered by CAPPO is the Verne O. Gehringer Award which was established in 1975. The purpose of the award is to recognize an active or retired member who demonstrates modest, unselfish, sincere and persistent efforts for the advancement of public purchasing and assists and guides members in their professional development. CAPPO named the award in honor of one of its most revered members, Verne O. Gehringer, C.P.M., whose leadership and involvement in the promotion of public purchasing were legendary.

In 1931 Verne O. Gehringer came into San Diego County employment as Assistant Purchasing Agent, becoming Purchasing Agent in 1939. Secretary of the California State, County and Municipal Purchasing Agents Association for eleven years, 1939 to 1950; and then serving as President in 1951-1952. He was a member of

the Board of Directors of NIGP for 12 years; and serving as President in 1961-1962. He appeared as a speaker at various seminars, luncheons and government classes at State colleges. He was instrumental in creating the Associations "Standards of Purchasing Practices."

His other activities included being Commander of American Legion Post 6, and President, County Executives' Association.

RECIPIENTS:

*James D. Hahn, C.P.M.
January 1977

*Herbert D. Cannon
January 1981

Fred O. MacFarlane, C.P.M.
January 1982

Sara J. Arhlen, C.P.M.
January 1985

John A. Mattis, C.P.M.
January 1986

*Dr. Jack Holland, C.P.M.
January 1988

Robert P. Pierce, C.P.M.
January 1992

Ken F. Lavery, C.P.M.
January 1994

Jim Pregler, C.P.M.
January 2000

Marvin C. Sanders, C.P.M.
January 2005

Gerald D. Bretag, C.P.M., CPSM
January 2010

*William L. Napier, C.P.M.
January 2015

* Deceased

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