CONGRATULATIONS to our new Board of Directors who were elected and sworn in at our meeting December 14. Their names and contact information is as follows:

President Margaret Vitelli                   609-866-2005 Ext 123
First V.P. Tom Hassett                        856-783-0739
Second V.P. Sue Riis                           732-308-3833
Secretary Tammy Fetherman              609-693-8188 Ext 12
Treasurer Jud Moore                          856-785-0047
At Large Bd Member Trish Mooney      609-347-5394

AT OUR BOARD MEETING in January, Gordon Ball was once again appointed Executive Director and Palma Conover was once again appointed Assistant Executive Director. Gordon’s phone number is 609-633-6152 and Palma’s number is 609-343-2316. Also, Joe Valenti, already an honorary life time member of our association was named as a Special Consultant to the association. Other discussions included the possibility of a joint meeting with the Northern NJ Chapter of NIGP this June, a Reverse Trade Show or a special training session this September on Selected Labor Laws and their impact on Outside Contractors, Modifications in State Contracts, Impending Legislation and other topics. More information is coming on these topics.
The QPA test is nearing completion and we should have a date for the review course and the first date and location(s) of the first test.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Gordon Ball

OUR NEXT MEETING will be Wednesday, March 14 at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point.

Future meetings will be April 11, May 23, and December 12 at the Crab Trap in Somers Point. There is another planned meeting at Elaine’s in Cape May on October 26 as well.

OUR MARCH 14 MEETING will be an important one with quite a lot of new information discussed. Gordon Ball with DLGS/DCA will be the speaker and present an explanation of the use of national coop contracts from the latest Local Finance Notice which will be out shortly. There will also be an update on the ESIP Competitive Contracts which changes the sample RFP for the ESIP which we hope will stop the ability of bidders to “game” their proposals. The Division of Purchase and Property, providers of the infamous NJ State Contracts, are rewriting their Administrative Code. Come find out how this will affect your use of state contracts. We will also discuss the upcoming Green Purchasing Course which will be presented in a pilot course this spring and open to all this fall. Finally, the QPA test is nearing completion and we should have a date for the review course and the first date and location(s) of the first test. We will also have a Report by our Legislative Committee and a report on the Rutgers Spring Conference.

Speaking, or writing as the case may be, of our web site please go online regularly to check it out. We are always adding things to it, such as job openings, etc. The address is: www.sjnigp.org.

Minutes from the meeting, as well as the Treasurers report are posted on our web site at: www.sjnigp.org.
GOOD-BY TO AN OLD FRIEND is certainly due as Marc Pfeiffer, the Deputy Director of the Division of Local Government Services is retiring on March 31 of this year. Marc was always eager to help with any governmental problem and his assistance will no doubt be missed by all. To Marc, we all wish a Happy Retirement. An official retirement will be held March 28 in Mercer County. Reservations are due March 9th. Anyone wishing to go may contact me and I’ll be sure to send you a form right away. The Chapter will present him a proclamation at that meeting.

NIGP REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

NIGP has adopted a new tagline -- The Institute for Public Procurement. This statement succinctly states who we are while reaffirming NIGP’s position as the go-to resource in public procurement.

NIGP has distributed on their web site a new member guide. You can access this on: www.nigp.org. It lists most of the services they provide to their members.

2012 Registrations

When registering for your membership for 2012 please make sure you check off if you are a member of the National, we have to pay a certain amount to them for each member but even MORE if you are not a member. This is the only way we will know if are a member. Also, we are attempting to email this Newsletter to out members rather than mail them. We, as everyone, are attempting to hold down the cost of membership and controlling our mailing costs is an easy way help in this regards. Anyone who definitely needs the newsletter mailed, we will comply.
Southern New Jersey Chapter of the
National Institute of Governmental Purchasing

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DATE: Wednesday March 14, 2012
TIME: 6:30 PM MEETING
TOPIC: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
PLACE: CRAB TRAP RESTAURANT; SOMERS POINT
COST: $30.00 per member $35.00 per non-member

Please Note: Reservations must be received by March 9, 2012
Cancellations must be received by March 9, 2012 or payment is still due and payable

NAME ____________________________________________________________
AGENCY ___________________________________________________________
ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE (___) ________________________ FAX (___) _______________________
NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING _______ X $30.00 = ____________________
NUMBER OF NON-MEMBERS _____________ X $35.00 = ____________________
MEAL CHOICE _______ Chicken Parmigianino _______ Broiled Salmon

Return your registration with check or voucher made payable to
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stated is justly due and owing and that the amount charged is a
reasonable one.

Gordon Ball February 14, 2012