



# re-KAPPP

Quarterly Newsletter  
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## What's New

October was a busy month for KAPPP members. On October 12th, KAPPP held their first in-person Reverse Vendor Fair since 2019. There were over 100 vendors that signed up, with 30 of them being MWDBE designated companies.

On October 20th, we had Kara McDaniel from the School District of Springfield join our meeting to discuss NIGP updates and Chapter Ambassadorship. Her talk was very informative and we were happy to host her.

On December 4th, KAPPP held their first in-person meeting at the Emporia State University Memorial Union. Round table discussions took place along with comradery between municipalities! Thank you to all that were able to attend!

## Announcements

We have new leadership for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year!

Chris Haislett - President  
Lisa Robbins - Vice President  
Tammy Culley - Treasurer  
Nicole Hogan - Secretary  
Robin Lynes - East Area Director  
Lee Barrier - West Area Director  
Kim Sowell - South Area Director  
Leigha Boling - Capital Area Director  
Joe Thomas - Professional Dev. Chair  
Jim Feikert - Membership Chair  
Kathleen Burrows - Website Admin Chair  
Jennifer Walker - Scholarship Chair

## Upcoming Events

### Board Meetings

December 17, 2023 at 1 pm  
via Zoom for Strategic Planning  
January 8th, 2024  
February 12th, 2024  
March 11th, 2024  
April 8th, 2024  
May 13th, 2024  
June 10th, 2024  
July 8th, 2024  
August 12th, 2024  
September 9th, 2024  
October 14th, 2024  
November 4th, 2024  
December 9th, 2024



## Buyer of the Year

Congratulations to Lee Barrier for winning the Buyer of the Year award for 2023! Lee was nominated for this award to recognize her outstanding professionalism and service as a procurement professional.

*"Lee has carried a huge workload at the County and still managed her time to volunteer to work with KAPPP as one of our Area Representatives. She exhibits professionalism in her position as Purchasing Agent and strives to excel in our profession."*



## Manager of the Year

Congratulations to Leigha Boling for winning the Manager of the Year award for 2023! Leigha was nominated for this award to recognize her dedication to leadership for procurement professionals at the City of Topeka.

*"Leigha was new to KAPPP during 2023 but proved instrumental in kick starting our year with enthusiasm and drive to make our association successful. Leigha, as Director of Contracts and Procurement for the City of Topeka, was gracious to not only volunteer her time but allow one of her staff to have an active share in making KAPPP successful."*





## Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Kathleen Burrows for winning the Volunteer of the Year award for 2023! Kathleen was nominated for this award to recognize her dedication to the Kansas Chapter of NIGP as webmaster and Reverse Vendor Fair Planning and Execution.

*"Kathleen has done outstanding work for KAPPP in both maintaining and keeping our website updated and refreshed. She volunteers readily for any assignment that promotes our chapter. She has displayed leadership skills in event planning for the Chapter's Reverse Vendor Fair. Kathleen has quickly addressed any website needs of the Chapter and has made suggestions on how we can improve our communication to members. Kathleen has poured herself into our Chapter and dedicated much of her spare time to collaborating, researching, and providing solutions. She is a true ROCK STAR and has been an integral part of this Chapter's momentum recently. I look forward to seeing where she takes us in the future and want to thank her for her support."*



### Keep an eye out for information regarding:

- Memberships due by the end of the day January 31st
- A new KAPPP website courtesy of NIGP and Sourcewell
- Membership meeting dates and virtual meeting information
- KCRPE Information