



The Copper Connection

DECEMBER 2010

A SEASON TO CELEBRATE!

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Melissa Hala'ufia Receives National 2010 Professional Buyer of the Year Award from NIGP!

After securing the Copper Chapter of NIGP local Buyer of the Year Award, Melissa Hala'ufia advanced to NIGP's national Buyer of the Year competition. There were 12 nominees for this national award which recognizes non-supervisory professionals who have made significant contributions to purchasing, professional development, their entity, their chapter, and the Institute.



Melissa is the **first** Southern Arizona purchasing professional to receive this award which further highlights Pima County's commitment to excellence in public Procurement!!!

More about the award can be read at NIGP's Buy Weekly Magazine <http://www.nigp.org/eWeb/docs/BuyWeekly/August18/index.htm>

Copper Chapter wins 2010 Small Chapter of the Year!

Also at the National Forum in San Antonio, Texas, the Copper Chapter was recognized as the 2010 Small Chapter of the Year. This is a great honor for our local chapter of NIGP. All Southern Arizona members can be proud of their dedicated efforts to make the Copper Chapter the best in the nation!! Some highlights from 2009 include:

- Free Webinar program
- Scholarship award increased 111%, provided over \$9,000 to 19 recipients
- Compiled directory of Arizona NIGP Chapter contacts and shared with all chapters in the state



Way to go
Melissa!
You make
us proud!

We
rock!

Copper Chapter celebrates the holidays!

Good job, Special Events Committee, for organizing a fun-filled holiday party at El Corral!



Congrats to Sue Aegerter and her team for winning the antler game!!



Out with the old and in with the new!



New treasurer, Susan Garcia, receives the iron fist from Mary Jo Furphy.



New Membership VP, Ruth Estrada, receives new member giveaways from Dan Longanecker.



New Education VP, Kevin Startt, receives a diploma from Hazel Houston. Dan Longanecker.



New Secretary, Linda Ellis, receives a steno pad from Keith Rogers.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT!



New President Victoria Cortinas gets flowers and a magical wand from Melissa Hala'ufia.





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The Copper Chapter of NIGP is composed of various members from Southern Arizona. We host regular meetings and professional development courses, and we offer scholarships to support continued education. We provide an excellent opportunity for you to develop your leadership skills and help grow the strength of the procurement profession in your community.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are typically held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Pima County Public Library, 101 N. Stone, Basement.

**NEW DATE & LOCATION:
January 18 (3rd Tuesday)
Tucson Airport Authority**

Topic:

**Jonathan White &
Spikes Cavell —
NIGP Observatory / Spend
Management and Measure-
ment**

**NIGP National Forum:
August 25-29, 2011
Washington, DC**

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