

# Message from our NIGP Board Rep

## GREETINGS FROM REGION 10 –

I don't know about out there in the Rockies, but spring has finally sprung here in Kansas – the daffodils are blooming, the trees are beginning to bud, and, being in the land of Oz, the wind is blowing. We've survived another Midwest winter!

Your NIGP Board of Directors has been busy restructuring the various committees at the national level to provide more opportunities for participation by members and not requiring the commitment to travel that kept many from participating. The BOD will finalize this new structure at our meeting in San Antonio April 23-25 and the changes will be pushed out to the membership shortly after that.

In the meantime, the BOD and NIGP staff are looking for folks interested in serving at the national level. If you are, or if someone you know would be, a good candidate for a national committee, advisory council, or task force, let me know at [jmeisel@olatheks.org](mailto:jmeisel@olatheks.org), or 913-971-8720. We need name, entity, and email address only – and, of course, national membership is required.

In addition to finalizing the committee structure, the Board of Directors will be developing a new strategic plan for the Institute when we meet in San Antonio. A facilitated discussion will be followed by a brainstorming session to help determine the future goals and objectives for NIGP and its members.

The UPPCC has indicated that candidates for CPPO and CPPB testing for the May 4-9, 2009 testing window must schedule their examination appointments with Prometric by March 30, 2009. Contact them at [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com). The next application deadline is July 27 for the October 26-31, 2009, testing window.

Since President Obama announced he was intending on revamping contracting methods and policies at the federal level, NIGP staff has been sending letters and writing editorials letting the President and his staff know about NIGP and the thousands of procurement professionals available to help in this endeavor. Rick Grimm has been interviewed on several news programs in the DC area as well. It is our intent to keep up the "media blitz" until we get their attention.

As always, if you have an issue, complaint, comment, or just want to talk, give me a call at 913-971-8720, or e-mail me at [jmeisel@olatheks.org](mailto:jmeisel@olatheks.org). Happy Spring!!!