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2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

TREASURER

Karen Preston

Karen has over ten years experience in procurement and contracting, with over seven years experience in procurement/contracting management. Additionally, she has a BS degree in Communications, with an emphasis on cross-cultural communication. Currently, Karen is working as a Finance Supervisor for Multnomah County, overseeing staff with responsibility for the procurement and contracting for information technology, facilities and general professional services. Prior to working for Multnomah County she was the Manager of Purchasing and Contracting at Portland State University. Although Karen has not been a member of the local Chapter of NIGP for very long, Karen has been a national member for the past few years. She is currently working on obtaining my CPPO certification. Both in her current position, and prior work experience, she has developed and managed budgets and funds. Karen believes the combination of budget/finance and procurement experience would enable her to serve as Treasurer in an exemplary and ethical manner. Karen is interested in this position to further support the NIGP local chapter, to increase the potential of establishing collaborative inter-governmental partnerships through the networking opportunities provided by NIGP.

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SECRETARY

James Moering, CBBP, JD

James has been in public procurement since 2007. After finishing law school, James started his procurement career as a temp working at the State Procurement Office (SPO) in Salem +assisting with the statewide IT Managed Service Provider Contract. Upon joining SPO full time in 2008, he worked his way up from a Procurement Specialist to a State Procurement Analyst in SPO's Services group. Yearning to be more involved in IT, he joined City of Portland Procurement Services in 2012 as their Senior Technology Procurement Specialist.

James' current goal is to become more involved with his chosen profession, in doing so, he aspires to be a consummate professional and uphold the reputation of public procurement. James' background as an attorney assists him with analyzing issues and finding creative solutions. His time in law school involved a stint as secretary for the school's Intellectual Property club. The fast paced nature of his classes also taught James to take detailed notes quickly, an ability that will be put to good use as chapter secretary. James considers himself a lifelong learner, always striving to learn more about technology, procurement, and the business needs of public entities. James wishes to increase his contributions to NIGP's Columbia chapter as it would be a great way to achieve his goals.

James lives in Wilsonville with his wife and dearest friend: Brittany. He wears a vest, shirt, and tie every Thursday, casual clothes every Friday, and a pocket watch from time to time.

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