



The Organization for Purchasing Professionals

About Us

Mission:

"To Promote Professionalism and Enhance Education in Public Sector Procurement and Supply Chain Management."

CAPA Objectives Include:

- Establish cooperative relationships among members for the development of efficient purchasing methods and practices in the field of educational, governmental and public institutional procurement.
- Encourage maintenance of ethical standards in buying and selling;
- Promote uniform public purchasing laws and simplified standards and specifications;
- Collect and disseminate useful information for its members;
- Promote the interchange of ideas and experiences within purchasing profession;
- Encourage research and investigation and sponsor such other activities as may be useful in providing its members with knowledge for efficient procurement;
- Strive by all legitimate means to advance the purchasing profession;
- Promote professionalism in public purchasing through continuing education.

History:

CAPA is a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. (NIGP), a formal petition was accepted and approved on February 10, 1978; and subject to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors of the NIGP.

The Capital Area Purchasing Association first commenced in 1976, but did not become a recognized provisional charter for the Richmond Metropolitan area until March 21st, 1978 and currently by NIGP standards, CAPA is considered a large membership. CAPA members are procurement or supply management professionals who work in or around Central Virginia from State Government, Localities, Colleges, Higher Ed, State Health Agencies, Public Schools and other Public Bodies in Relation to Supplier Management and Public Purchasing.