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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Warren Conference Center and Inn
529 Chestnut Street
Ashland, MA 01721

Officers Present:

Arlyn Zuniga, President
Michael Richards, Vice President
Shab Khan, Treasurer
Orazio Deluca, Co-Secretary
Lorraine See, Co-Secretary

Business Meeting:

Welcome: President Arlyn Zuniga opened the meeting at 11:35 AM. She thanked the attendees for coming to the first meeting of the new year.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December meeting in Boston were reviewed. The President requested a motion to approve, motion was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shab Khan presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2019. The beginning December balance was \$51,115.95, with expenses for meeting venues, MFAA reimbursement, and name badges, totaling \$2,616.48, membership dues of \$2,005.00 and bank interest of \$0.44, the ending balance for December was \$50,504.91. There were no questions or comments on the Treasurer's report. The President requested a motion to approve; motion was made, seconded and approved.

Legislative Affairs Committee Report: Vice President Michael Richards discussed a bill that is in committee. Bill H2755 would eliminate the 30B exemption for solid waste and materially impact municipalities' ability to effectively contract for solid waste removal. If the committee votes favorably, it will be scheduled to for debate on the House floor. Members are asked to contact committee chair Rep. Petrolati to voice their opposition.

Vice President Richards also reported that the Legislature currently considering two companion bills, HB 4125 and SB 2372, that are ostensibly targeted at workplace safety but pose heavy implications for procurement officers. The bills would require CPOs to review and verify OSHA judgments filed against all bidders for M.G.L. c. 30B procurements. It would be more appropriate to apply these bills to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M and for the municipal awarding department to be responsible for sending violation information to any appropriate agency. The

Committee has partnered with MMA and will be meeting with the legislators who proposed these bills to discuss MAPPO's position.

A MAPPO member asked if there had been any developments in MAPPO's efforts to close a loophole in M.G.L. c. 30B that prevents municipalities from performing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for contracts estimated to cost between \$10,000 to \$50,000. There have been no new updates on this piece of legislation.

Website Committee Report: Vice President Richards noted that the MAPPO website is being updated with previous years' agendas and meeting minutes for members to submit for their MCPPO recertification credits. He also asked that members submit job opportunities to the Website Committee to be posted on the MAPPO website.

President Zuniga asked if members were having trouble accessing the MAPPO listserv. Because several members have had issues recently, Tom Watkins will contact the website vendor.

Announcements: The next MAPPO meeting will be held at the Olde Colonial Café in Norwood. Heather Rowe will be discussing prevailing wage law. The March MAPPO meeting will be a panel and members can submit their questions and topics for discussion.

Jennifer Forsey from OSD reported that Governor Charlie Baker signed legislation to improve road safety in the Commonwealth, which stipulated that no motor vehicle operator may use electronic devices while driving unless the technology is being used hands-free. OSD has three contracts with hands-free technology products: ITC47, ITT46, and ITT72.

OSD contract FAC105 provides the opportunity for local hardware stores to participate in state contracting. 72 hardware stores are participating and MAPPO members are encouraged to contact their local hardware store to participate.

Marjorie Weinberger from MAPC invited the membership to a product demonstration for automatic vehicle location products. Six vendors will be showcasing their products at the Brookline DPW yard on January 27, 2020 from 8am-3pm. Ms. Weinberger also reported on Hi-Way Safety Systems—a child was killed in a tragic drunken driving crash on Dec. 29, and a Hi-Way Safety Systems employee was charged. If municipalities have any current MassDOT prequalified contracts or task orders with Hi-Way Safety Systems, they can continue working, but Hi-Way Safety Systems will not be considered for MassDOT prequalification for new contracts.

Tom Watkins reported that Albert Hill, who was the former Purchasing Agent in Salem and a long standing member of MAPPO prior to his retirement, passed away. MAPPO will send a condolence card to his family.

Vice President Richards introduced new members and guests to the MAPPO meeting. He reported that the Office of the Inspector General is likely to update their continuing education requirements and MCPPO designations. This is open for consideration and Neil Cohen at the OIG is soliciting feedback.

Speaker Presentation: President Zuniga introduced Deborah Anderson, Assistant Attorney General. Attorney Anderson discussed the difference between the AG, who enforces construction procurement, and the IG, who handles waste, fraud, and abuse, and M.G.L. c. 30B. She informed the membership that there are several resources available from the AG: an online searchable directory of bid protest decisions dating back to 1989, and an FAQ on construction procurement. The Department of Labor Standards also provides prevailing wage webinars for awarding authorities. Attorney Anderson led a conversation on construction procurement issues and discussed past cases.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine See, MAPPO Co-Secretary