

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

Spring Conference, May 14-15, 2014

Wylie Conference Center, Beverly, MA 01915

Officers Present

Mary Delaney, President
Tom Watkins, Vice President
David Gelineau & Sarah Stanton, Co-Treasurers
Whitney Haskell & Sandra Marquis, Co-Secretaries

New Members Attending

None

Guests Attending

None

Breakfast

A buffet breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m. The food was excellent.

Welcome

Mary Delaney began the meeting by thanking the conference committee for an excellent conference, with a special thanks to (Empress) Sheryl Levenson for all her hard work. Seventy Six people attended Thursday and 60 people were registered for Friday.

Co-Secretaries Report

Mary asked for approval of the April, 2014 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and motion was approved.

Co-Treasurers Report

Sarah Stanton reported that the month's beginning balance was \$29,919.51 and after additional dues and expenses the ending balance is \$30,586.29. There were no questions or comments on the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report and duly seconded. Motion passed.

Web-site Committee Report

The presenters material will be uploaded to the web-site next week.

Legislative Affairs Committee Report

The committee is looking for new members. Anyone interested please contact Dan Doucette. The Construction Law Group has not committed to bringing the issues forward. Dan recommended that the Mass Municipal Group work with the Construction Law Group to present a bill on construction reform to the legislature. MAPPO's interests lie in differentiating between small projects and large projects. He hopes to target next year's session.

Speaker Committee Report

Angela is looking for topics for next year's meeting. Some suggestions have been construction procurement, bid protest trends, law changes. If you have any other topics or can recommend speakers please contact Angela.

Deb Anderson, Attorney General's office, will be discussing "Bid Protest Issues" at the June 18th meeting.

Working Group Committee

No Report

Good & Welfare Committee

No Report.

Seminar Committee

No update

Announcements

MAPPO, will have a booth at Mass Facilities Tradeshow on June 4th, Sturbridge. If anyone would like to volunteer to sit at the booth contact Mary.

The June meeting will be a Ristorante Fiore in Boston's North End on June 18th. The meeting will be hosted by the MAPPO Speaker Committee.

Recognitions

None

Old Business

None

New Business and Member's Agenda Items

Vote on 2015 Holiday Meeting – traditional or business meeting with speaker:

There was some discussion regarding whether or not there should be a speaker at the Holiday Party. Some members were concerned about getting the ceu's. A vote was taken and it was decided to keep the meeting as a traditional holiday celebration.

2014-2015 MAPPO Meeting Schedule – new hosts & venues welcome:

Mary asked for volunteers to host next year's meeting. Peabody volunteered to host September's meeting. The MAPPO Board will be reviewing the past locations along with the membership list to determine possible new venues.

There were two other suggestions regarding the meetings. One member suggested that car pooling might enable more people to attend. A second suggestion was teleconferencing. Both were good suggestions that should be considered for future discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

President Mary Delaney closed the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Marquis, MAPPO Co-Secretary