

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS  
(MAPPO)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2010 at the Gourmet Garden Restaurant in Swampscott**

Officers Present

John Story, President  
David Geanakakis, Vice President  
Katharine Sacca, Treasurer  
Mary Delaney, Secretary

New Members Attending

Joel Dickerson, Cambridge Public Schools; Barbara Durand, Ashland Public Schools

Guests Attending

Richard Viscay, Salem; Ruth Olney, Andover; and Wayne Vespa, Methuen Public Schools

Business Meeting

John Story, MAPPO President, opened the meeting at 1:00 pm, following lunch.

John welcomed everyone and thanked Sheryl Levenson for hosting this meeting.

Sheryl Levenson greeted guests and spoke briefly about Swampscott.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then invited Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, to introduce the guest speaker, Bridget Ziniti, Educational Specialist from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Bridget gave an overview of the Food Service Management contract approval process and talked about mandatory language that needs to be included in these contracts.

Chris Bradley, Chairman of the Website Committee, was not in attendance. Dave Geanakakis reported the content, design and pictures are ready and the website should be unveiled in April. Dave asked that anyone having suggestions contact him or Mary Delaney.

Katharine Sacca, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. She reported some dues still need to be sent in. The updated membership list will be distributed in February and Katharine urged everyone to verify their information on that list.

Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, reported that Raymond Marchand will be the February speaker on the topic of the Department of Industrial Accidents debarment list. Beverly asked if anyone has suggestions for topics or speakers (especially for the Spring Conference) to contact her at [bsleeper@marlborough-ma.gov](mailto:bsleeper@marlborough-ma.gov).

Dan Doucette, Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee, said he is looking for priorities for the next year's agenda. He suggested a roundtable discussion on legislative issues and where the Legislative Committee should focus their energy, possibly to be held at the Spring Conference.

Announcements

John Story said the February and March meeting dates are being considered and will be announced soon. John reminded members that the May meeting will be held at the STAR Convention in Boston on May 4<sup>th</sup>. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Clambake in Gloucester.

### Minutes

Motion made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of December 16, 2009 as written. Motion passed.

### Recognitions

None.

### Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

Mary Delaney reviewed a question posed in the latest Inspector General's Bulletin referencing receipt of late bids. In the response, the IG's office cited a public records statute requiring the retention of late bids as a public record. Several members indicated in IG training the instructions were to return the late bids unopened. Due to the confusion, this item will be investigated and members updated at a future meeting.

John Story reported that plans for the Spring Conference in Whitinsville are coming together. This will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Meeting Adjourned

President John Story closed the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary