

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

February 11, 2009 at the Olde Colonial Café in Norwood, MA

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, thanked Cathy Carney of Norwood for hosting the meeting.

No new members attended. The following guest attended: Diane McLeod of Medford.

Barbara Miller of OSD introduced the guest speaker, Richelle Waterman of OSD. She discussed the Affirmative Market Program (AMP). Refer to copy of presentation in folder that was handed out to all. Gladymar Parziale was not available. Elaine thanked Richelle for her presentation.

Elaine reminded everyone that the next meeting will be March 18 in South Boston at Amrhein's Restaurant hosted by Michael Bare. Joe Kelley of the MBTA will be speaking about procuring technology, Charlie Card, doing business online and security.

Accepted the minutes for the November 19, 2008, December 17, 2008 and January 21, 2009 meetings. Moved, seconded and voted.

Peggy Nickerson updated everyone on the Spring Conference. Cost to attend the conference will be \$25 per person full member, \$40 associate member, \$80 guest. It was decided by members present that there would not be a lunch speaker. Peggy asked for any ideas on speakers and how many people are interested in charter boat? Do people want Steamship Authority passes? She handed out a brochure with information about conference and the three hotels available. There will be shuttle van from three hotels.

Elaine reminded everyone that the OSD STAR Expo is May 21, 2009 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, which is a new location. Barbara Miller from OSD stated that she would arrange for MAPPO to have a meeting room at STAR. It would be sometime in the morning. MAPPO will have a booth, number 122. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the booth, please contact Katharine Sacca, who will arrange a schedule so that there will be coverage all day.

Question posed to members: Should we have the May MAPPO meeting at the STAR Expo? Members voted yes (it was moved, seconded and voted). Meeting will be held at lunch or at another time during the day, details will follow at the March meeting.

Dan Doucette was going to discuss new legislation regarding bidding laws but he was not able to attend the meeting. There is no bill yet and changes in construction may be proposed. MMA omnibus bill would be a good idea. Send a letter to the Governor, your State Representative and State Senator on this to get the bill out of committee. Jim McLaughlin suggested a letter from MAPPO be authorized. Members authorized Dan Doucette to draft a letter (it was moved, seconded and voted).

Deb McElhinney of Walpole asked for an update for a status of the MAPPO web page. Dan Doucette has website info.

Andrea Woods of Franklin Regional COG asked for information on MHD escalation clause requirements. Emails and information were passed among members. MHD made escalation clause requirement before MHD knew how to deal with it.

Cathy Carney summarized a Lorimar session on prevailing wages. It was very good and detailed. It gave Davis/Bacon info.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary