



Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Officials (MAPPO)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

The Red Barn at Hampshire College, 893 West St., Amherst, MA 01002

Hosted By: MHEC

Officers Present:

Mary Delaney, President
Tom Watkins, Vice President
Sarah Stanton, Co-Treasurer
David Gelineau, Co-Treasurer
Whitney Haskell, Co-Secretary
Bill Pappas, Co-Secretary

Guests:

Karen Adeleman, MAPC
Joan Miller, MHEC
Rika Monzillo, MHEC

Business Meeting:

President Mary Delaney opened the meeting at 11:35am. President Delaney welcomed everyone and thanked the MHEC for hosting the meeting and choosing a great spot.

Secretary's Report:

President Delaney requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September and October meetings. The motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Co-Treasurer David Gelineau presented the Treasurer's report for the month of October. President Delaney requested a motion to approve. The motion was made, seconded, and report was approved.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

President Delaney and Executive Board member Dave Geanakakis, discussed the listening sessions being held across the state by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance this fall. The Office is seeking feedback from municipal officials on several topics including procurement. The next session is to be held on November 24 in Springfield.

Speaker Committee:

Vice President Tom Watkins reminded members there will be no speaker at the December meeting. Vice President Watkins informed members they should reach out to him or Angela Allen with any ideas on possible speakers.

New Business:

President Mary Delaney reminded members that the Holiday Social will be held on December 16th at Ristorante Fiore in the North End of Boston, hosted by the MAPPO Officers and Executive Board. President Delaney invited any members who have retired in the past year to attend and be recognized. President Delaney also reminded members that if they want to participate in the Yankee Swap at the December meeting to bring a gift in the \$15-\$20 range.

President Delaney stated the MAPPO Mentoring Program will meet 1 hour prior to registration at the January, March, and April meetings. Seasoned Purchasing Agents were invited to attend as well as anyone who might benefit from the mentoring. President Delaney mentioned there will also be a mentoring program scheduled for the annual conference.

President Delaney explained the executive board is looking for a new member and that anyone interested in the position should reach out to her or Vice President Tom Watkins.

Speaker:

Eric Weiss, Executive Director of the MHEC, spoke about updates to MHEC technology as well as library contracts, and the new website overview. He started with a current status of the MHEC, including annual volume/savings, current master purchasing contracts, and a brief overview of the new electronic bid platform, *Bid Express*. He then spoke about their expectations and goals for the future. Stacey Wikar, from the MHEC, spoke more about *Bid Express*, as well as contract enhancements/improvements. She also mentioned the MHEC's new partnership with the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) and the Southborough Library Partnership. They ended the presentation with a list of upcoming events around the state.

President Mary Delaney thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe drive home.

Lunch was served at 12:00pm and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pappas
MAPPO Co-Secretary