

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2009 at Amrhein's Restaurant in South Boston, MA

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, welcomed everyone and thanked Michael Bare for hosting the meeting. He welcomed everyone to South Boston.

Mike Bare introduced the guest speaker, Joseph Kelly, Deputy General Manager MBTA. He discussed the Charlie Card, security, cameras using open architecture to allow for expansion, fare boxes that can be bought for all types of users, sharing information, partner with other transportation systems, unified card for many uses.

Elaine thanked Joe for his discussion.

A new member attended: Mike Bandis from Brockton. The following guests attended: Mark Gibbs, IT Director from Marlboro and Tim Doherty, Boston VA Health Procurement Director.

The next meeting will be the Spring Conference at Woods Hole on May 1 hosted by Peggy Nickerson. She gave us with an updated flyer and discussed extra activities available.

The MAPPO Fall Conference will be held on October 9 hosted by Mary Delaney. Volunteers are needed, David will send out an email notice.

Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting. Approved by members.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised MAPPO by-laws. Approved by members.

The STAR Expo is being held May 21 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (this is a new location). MAPPO will have booth # 122. Anyone interested in volunteering to man the booth is asked to please contact Katharine Sacca. She will arrange a schedule so that there will be coverage all day. For travel to the Expo by public transportation, take the Silver Line.

The MAPPO May meeting will be held at STAR. We will have a room from 10 AM to 11 AM. The guest speaker will be Neil Cohen.

Discussed IG issues: Terms and conditions, contracts up to \$100K, template for state contracts.

Norma Collins had a new prevailing wage rate question about using any federal stimulus money. Discussion regarding prevailing wage rates on state contracts. It was suggested this could be a topic for a speaker at a conference.

Dan Doucette discussed:

The Website committee. We need a chairperson and volunteers. Chris Bradley from Natick volunteered to chair and host a meeting of the committee. If interested, contact Chris. We will get a list of members by the May conference.

Legislative issues. He presented a letter to the Governor on House 15 regarding the IG's \$1 bill. We want favorable action and to be visible.

The MMA gas tax issue, which would freeze the gas tax paid by municipalities at 19 cents per gallon.

The 1% to be charged to vendors by OSD for state contracts. The Executive Board will initiate discussions with OSD and report back to members.

Please send digital pictures of MAPPO functions. Email them to Katharine Sacca.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary