

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2009 Spring Conference at the Jonsson Center of the National Academies, Woods Hole, MA

Business Meeting

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, welcomed everyone and thanked Peggy Nickerson for hosting and running the conference.

Next meeting to be held at the STAR Expo at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center from 10-11 AM. Neil Cohen from the IG's office will be speaking. We will also have booth # 122 at STAR.

The annual clambake will be held on June 26 at Cruiseport Gloucester, hosted by Gloria Leone. More information will be coming soon.

We are looking for members to host meetings in the fall of this year and the spring of next year.

Dan Doucette will host the September meeting in Peabody. Mary Delaney will host the Fall Conference in October. The November meeting will be in Chelmsford. Norwood will host the January or February meeting.

Dan Doucette updated members on OSD's decision to cut back on state contracts and to charge a 1% administrative fee to vendors for sales under OSD's future state contracts. There will be no surcharges on bids, cities and towns are not responsible for reporting, suggested the only legal way to accomplish this would be a legislative trust, and if municipalities are paying indirectly OSD would create a municipal desk. Dan also said that there were no hearings yet on the \$1 bills, home rule petitions, the MMA bill and the IG's bill (House 15). Some of these items are included in the Governor's municipal relief bill. Also, included in identity theft bills when we take the social security or federal ID number changes may be upcoming.

Chris Bradley gave us an update on the website.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

Conference Agenda Items Summary

Peggy welcomed all to Woods Hole and President Elaine Shola thanked Peggy.

David Giannotti of the State Ethics Commission spoke on a wide range of subjects regarding ethics rules as they apply to municipal employees.

Barbara Phillips of the Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission spoke on changes and gave an overview of retirement benefits.

James Kelley, a prevailing wage investigator from the AG's office, spoke about various issues regarding prevailing wage enforcement.

There was a question and answer panel that included Attorney Kelly Whelan of the IG, Attorney Brian O'Donnell of the AG, and Mike Delaney and Liz Lapointe of the Mass Highway Department. Many questions and topics discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary