

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2008 at the Olde Colonial Café in Norwood, MA

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, thanked Cathy Carney and her assistant Patty Bilotta of Norwood for hosting the meeting.

A plaque was given to Gail Farrell of Norfolk County on her retirement. She thanked everyone and said that Nancy Rockwell, who has been Gail's assistant for a number of years, will continue her good work in Norfolk Country.

Frank Whitty introduced the guest speakers, Virginia Greiman, Deputy Director and Legal Counsel and John Fitzpatrick, Assistant to John Kineavy, Manager of Construction Reform, both of SOMWBA.

Virginia spoke on construction reform for state assisted building projects. This is viewed as economic development through the certification process by SOMWBA. Verifies women and minority control in managing a certified business. 92% with construction reform this year will be reported on March 15. For construction: 7.4 % MBE and 4% women owned. For design: 8% MBE and 4% women owned. John followed with a brief discussion on SOMWBA's efforts and reporting.

No new members attended. The following guests attended: none were introduced, but Carol Antonelli brought Alison Campbell and Peggy Nickerson brought Courtney Sokol.

John Story announced the next meeting will be March 12 in South Boston at Amrhein's Restaurant hosted by Michael Bare. Entertainment will be provided as well in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Sheryl Levenson mentioned that American Lafrance, a fire truck manufacturer, was in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. She also presented information regarding problems with demands for direct payment. She spoke with Brian O'Donnell from the Attorney General's office. A sworn statement is needed as well as an interest bearing account with the general contractor and subcontractor names. However, banks don't let you do this. In the event of a demand for direct payment and the need for a joint account, a problem arises as to whether the contractor or the subcontractor is responsible for the tax on the interest. A thought was to have a paragraph in GC contracts which spells out which party would receive the 1099. This was on a \$1400 purchase.

David Anthony wants to do a survey about town and school procurement regarding: who does both, job creep, "all other work as required", common tasks, encapsulates similar titles, duties. Send suggestions and ideas to David.

Katharine Sacca mentioned that nobody has volunteered to work at the STAR conference on May 6. Please let her know if you are interested so we can cover the booth all day. She also needs bids or RFPs for a new heating system (energy saving) for a senior center, needs engineering to design rehabilitation and relocation of fire house

Cathy Carney asked everyone what their CORI policies are on contracts. Do people have blanket policies? Much discussion ensued.

Jim McGrath asked if anyone has heard of Softwrite for purchasing.

David Geanakakis reminded everyone that if they don't receive emails to contact him, perhaps there's a spam filtering problem. He also mentioned the PMAB meeting on March 10 where Ellen Phillips and Marcia Deegler for OSD are speaking. Everyone is invited to attend. He will send out the meeting announcement soon.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary