



Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Officials (MAPPO)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16th, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn Boston/Burlington, 5 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA 01803

Hosted By: Debbie Harvey, Procurement Operations Manager, Lexington Public Schools

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:

Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Somerville
Corey York, Acton
Julia Wolfe, OSD
Elizabeth Doucette, Wayland

Welcome

President Mary Delaney welcomed everyone and thanked Debbie Harvey for hosting the meeting.

Business Meeting:

President Delaney opened the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Secretary's Report:

President Delaney requested a motion to approve the minutes from February's meeting. 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 February. President Delaney requested a motion to approve. The motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

Executive Board member Dave Geanakakis briefly spoke on the changes to the Municipal Modernization Bill. Members expressed concern in the advertising/newspaper requirements and Board Member Geanakakis explained he would look into it.

Announcements:

President Mary Delaney informed everyone that MAPPO is now incorporated. President Delaney reminded members of next month's meeting in Norwood, as well as the MASSBUYS event on April 28th, 2016 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough and the Annual Conference in Devens on May 18th and 19th, 2016. President Delaney stated the last MAPPO meeting of this fiscal year will be held on June 15th, 2016, in the North Shore, location TBA.

New Business:

Vice President Tom Watkins stated there will be hotel rooms blocked for May's conference in Devens if any members are interested. Vice President Watkins reminded members that if they have any speaker/presentation ideas to reach out to him via email.

Speaker:

Jonathan Rifkin, the Sustainable Purchasing Program Manager for Washington DC, spoke about Sustainable Purchasing Practices. Jonathan defined Sustainable Purchasing as the procurement of products that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment. Jonathan explained that sustainable purchasing has become a trend and out of the 34 states that responded to a National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) survey, 55% have a sustainable purchasing program in place. He highlighted some challenges to integrating sustainability including the lack of a consistent definition of a "sustainable product". He provided a list of environmental laws and rules related to sustainable procurements and informed and also explained Washington DC's goal of becoming the "healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the nation." Jonathan went over the sustainable specifications for Washington DC and provided information on how to track your sustainable spending. He provided some resources for learning more about sustainable and green purchasing. Jonathan thanked MAPPO for inviting him to speak and provided members with his contact information.

President Delaney thanked Jonathan Rifkin for presenting.

Lunch was served at 11:45 AM and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Pappas
Co-Secretary