

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2012 at the Woburn Country Club
Spring Conference

Officers Present

David Geanakakis, President
Mary Delaney, Vice President
Sarah Stanton, Secretary
David Gelineau, Co-Treasurer
Thomas Watkins, Co-Treasurer

Conference – Opening Remarks

Secretary and Spring Conference host, Sarah Stanton, opened the conference at 9 am in the conference room at the Woburn Country Club.

Conference – Session One

Sarah introduced Rick Reibstein an Environmental Analyst, Office of Technical Assistance. Mr. Reibstein spoke about environmentally preferred products, and the long-term benefits of “going green.”

Conference – Session Two

Sarah introduced Stacy Wikar, from the Massachusetts Higher Education Collaborative, who spoke about the contracts available to members of MHEC. Ms. Wikar also did a demonstration of the website, and different technologies available.

Conference-Session Three

Sarah introduced Eileen McHugh from the Department of Energy Resources spoke about updates to Massachusetts General Law, Ch. 25A, and the process to effectively procure energy service contractors. Ms. McCue also discussed the updates to the Green Communities procurement process, and the regulations associated.

Business Meeting

David Geanakakis opened the business meeting. He recognized and welcomed new members and guests.

Agenda Items

On behalf of the Website Committee, Tom Watkins, and David Geanakakis, gave a website update.

On behalf of the Municipal Purchasing Program/Executive Order 533, Sarah Stanton spoke about the most recent advancements in the heavy duty truck procurement program.

Minutes

Motion made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 meetings as written. Motion passed.

Lunch

Members enjoyed a buffet lunch and dessert.

Conference – Session Four

Sarah introduced Erin Sweet from The Cadmus Group, who discussed the process involved in solar developments. Ms. Sweet discussed the pertinent laws associated, the challenges communities have faced, and the different procurement paths available.

Conference – Session Five

Sarah introduced Casey Duques, Director of Energy and Environment from the City of Medford, and Bob Bois, the Environment Compliance Officer for the Town of Natick who provided two case studies on recent solar installation projects in their communities. Both Ms. Duques and Mr. Bois discussed the challenges each community faced, and the approach they took to get the process of solar installation moving.

Meeting Adjourned

President, David Geanakakis closed the conference at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A. Stanton
MAPPO Secretary