



MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2011

Smith Barn/Brooksby Farm, Peabody, MA

Officers Present

David Geanakakis, President
Mary Delaney, Vice President
Sarah Stanton, Secretary

Welcome/Introduction

President David Geanakakis welcomed everyone to the first MAPPO meeting of the 2011-2012 season. David then asked Dan Doucette to greet the attendees.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then invited Barbara Miller, of the Speaker Committee, to introduce the guest speaker, Gordon P. Sainsbury AIA, RIBA, Director of the Designer Selection Board (DSB), who spoke about the process of designer selection, and the challenges involved.

Business Meeting

David Geanakakis introduced the new MAPPO officers, and set forth plans, and goals, for the coming MAPPO season. In addition, he informed the members of a situation involving former MAPPO treasurer, Katherine Sacca, and the involvement of the District Attorney's office. He also explained that at an earlier meeting in the morning, the Executive Board and Officers voted to remove Katherine from her role as treasurer, and also as a member. David assured MAPPO members that the organization is on sound financial footing and that the Officers will implement policies and procedures to protect the organization and its finances. He asked for volunteers to step in, and have a two people assume the role as treasurer.

Mary Delaney provided information on the upcoming Fall Conference being hosted in Bernardston, MA. Mary also announced that MAPPO will now be charging, "no-show" members who do not provide adequate cancellation for meetings. Members are now expected to cancel at the minimum, 48 hours in advance, of the meeting. Those members, who do not show-up to the meeting they registered for, will be charged the individual cost of the meeting, and meal.

Sarah Stanton, on behalf of the Executive Order 533/Municipal Working Group, provided an updated to members. She provided a "top eleven" procurement list, and asked members to highlight their top five choices.

David Geanakakis, on behalf of the Website Committee, informed members that development continues. The Committee hopes to unveil the website at the Fall Conference, although content is not fully loaded.

Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, reported that speakers are being scheduled for upcoming meetings, and asked that members suggest topics they would like to see on future agendas.

Announcements

None

Recognitions

David Geanakakis presented a plaque to John Story, on behalf of MAPPO, in recognition of his many years as a contributing MAPPO member. John was wished luck on her future endeavors.

Meeting Adjourned

President David Geanakakis closed the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A. Stanton, MAPPO Secretary