

**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS
(MAPPO)**

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2011 at Amrhein's Restaurant in South Boston

Officers Present

John Story, President
David Geanakakis, Vice President
Katharine Sacca, Treasurer
Mary Delaney, Secretary

Officers Absent

New Members Attending

None

Guests Attending

Jennifer Sheeton and Matt Murphy, Barnstable Sheriff's Office

Welcome and Guest Speaker

President John Story welcomed everyone and thanked Heidi Anderson for hosting the meeting. Heidi welcomed everyone to Amrhein's.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, introduced Neil Cohen, MAPPO member and of the Massachusetts Inspector General's Office. Neil's topic was "How do I measure procurement success?" He spoke on the value of a procurement professional to government agencies and jurisdictions. Neil reviewed standards that should be in place including: transparency, accountability, integrity, competition, clean lines of authority, clear control over the procurement process, adequate resources to do the job, ability to use information and technology, and the ability to perform due diligence. Neil also spoke about working with and for a team, and how procurement professionals impact our organizations.

Neil concluded with an old nursery rhyme:

For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Business Meeting

John Story announced the next meeting is the Spring Conference, to be held at Wachusett Mountain on April 13th, hosted by Mary Delaney. Mary reported that a suite at the mountain has been reserved, speakers are being confirmed, and it will be a full schedule of education for the day.

John Story asked members of the Executive Board and Officers to vote on a change to the MAPPO Bylaws adding the following to the section dealing with the Executive Board: "In the event that vacancies exist, they will be filled by nomination of the President, approval of the executive board and vote of the membership. Nominee must be an active member with a history of service to the MAPPO membership." Motion made and duly seconded to approve the bylaw change as written. Motion passed.

David Geanakakis, on behalf of the Website Committee, informed members that the Committee is still seriously considering using interns to load content.

David Geanakakis also asked that anyone interested in hosting meetings next year contact the MAPPO Officers to get on the schedule.

Announcements

None

Minutes

None

Recognitions

None

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

Barbara Miller reported that OSD will be surveying State agencies and MAPPO regarding large purchases with the possibility of doing some aggregate buying in the future.

Meeting Adjourned

President, John Story closed the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary