

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2010 at Smith Barn/Brooksby Farm in Peabody

Officers Present

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

New Members Attending

Lee Ann Fraton and Jeanne Foti of Reading Municipal Light Department; Geraldine Porter from the Berkshire Region Purchasing Program

Guests Attending

Judy Smith, guest of John Story; William Funk, Commonwealth of Mass, OSD

Business Meeting

President John Story welcomed everyone and introduced the MAPPO Executive Board and Officers. John then asked Dan Doucette to greet the attendees. Dan introduced Mayor Michael Bonfanti who spoke of the value of purchasing professionals in municipal government.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then invited Barbara Miller, of the Speaker Committee, to introduce the guest speaker, Peter J Sullivan, Customer Service Director, GSA Federal Acquisition Service. Mr. Sullivan brought Samir Randolph, Special Assistant, to join in the presentation. Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the GSA program, and spoke at length about GSA's value to municipalities and agencies who wish to use it. Mr. Sullivan encouraged members to use the GSA website www.gsa.gov for market research, to locate new products, and to investigate purchasing opportunities for their local jurisdictions/agencies.

Sheryl Levinson provided information on the upcoming Fall Conference she is hosting at the Salem Waterfront Hotel & Suites on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Sheryl announced a tentative slate of speakers to include: Jocelyn Jones from Attorney General, Martha Coakley's office; Marcia Deegler from OSD; Ellen Bickelman, State Purchasing Agent; Kelly Whelan from the Office of the Inspector General; Brian O'Donnell from the Office of the Attorney General; and a presentation from the Website Committee.

Sheryl informed members that longtime friend and colleague, Patrick Faherty from the Office of the Attorney General, is retiring. A letter of appreciation will be sent by the MAPPO Executive Board on behalf of the MAPPO membership to wish Patrick well.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an amendment to the MAPPO bylaws with regard to membership status, dues, and meal costs for retired MAPPO members and prohibiting solicitations at MAPPO events, on the MAPPO website or via MAPPO email listing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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.

Dan Doucette, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, asked that members offer priorities for the next legislative session and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

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.

Mary Delaney, MAPPO Secretary, reported that email problems continue as municipalities tighten their spam controls; therefore, she will limit the use of attachments and/or graphics in future emails.

Announcements

None

Minutes

Motion made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2010 meeting as written. Motion passed.

Recognitions

Norma Collins presented a plaque to Re Cappoli, on behalf of MAPPO, in recognition of her many years as a contributing MAPPO member. Re was wished luck on her future endeavors.

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

Dave Geanakakis asked that any MAPPO member interested in the MBAB test to contact him.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary