

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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2010 at Burlington Marriott Hotel**

Officers Present

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

Officers Absent

New Members Attending

Marie Hurd from Pentucket Regional Schools, Angela Allen and Orazio Deluca from Somerville

Guests Attending

Fae Story, guest of John; Joe Shola, guest of Elaine; Paul Levenson, guest of Sheryl

Business Meeting

President John Story welcomed everyone and thanked Jim McLaughlin for hosting the meeting. Jim welcomed everyone to the Burlington Marriott Hotel and reported the staff was wonderful to work with.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John Story announced the next meeting will be held at the Jericho Recreation Center in Marlborough, hosted by Beverly Sleeper.

David Geanakakis, on behalf of the Website Committee, informed members that the Committee is now looking to upload content and working with the website developers on training.

Daniel Doucette, Chairman of the Legislative Committee reported that he met with the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding the prequalification process under consideration, which is proposed for stronger contractor certification by DCAM. Dan stressed that the process, also known as "Prequal Lite" should be optional on all projects and would be acceptable if it does not require a Selection Committee to hold public meetings under the new Open Meeting laws.

Katharine Sacca announced that membership lists are available in hard copy at this meeting, and provided a web address for a PDF list if desired: <https://public.me.com/kmtower>. Katharine also told members that the annual calendars from OSD are available today.

Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, reported that speakers have been scheduled for January and February, but she will be planning the March meeting soon and asked for suggested topics/speakers. Anyone who has suggestions can email Beverly at bsleeper@marlborough-ma.gov.

Mary Delaney, MAPPO Secretary, reminded members to respond directly to those making requests through the list-serve and not to respond back to the MAPPO Secretary.

Announcements

Mary Delaney announced that the Spring Conference will be held in the Gardner area in April, and promised good weather.

Minutes

Passed over.

Recognitions

James McGrath was recognized with a plaque and much appreciation from his peers upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Waltham. Jim was asked to return and join us for future meetings, but especially to perform his duties as Elf at our Holiday Meetings.

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

None

Meeting Adjourned

President, John Story closed the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Social

Members lingered to enjoy the Annual Yankee Swap. Elves Jim McGrath and Bill McGowan once again provided a well run and entertaining Swap, and a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary