

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**♣March 17, 2010 at Amrhein's Restaurant in South Boston ♣**

Officers Present

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

New Members Attending

Guests Attending

Deb Williamson, guest of Rita Vaga; Jerry Flood of Maynard

Business Meeting

John welcomed everyone to South Boston and spoke about our dear friend and longtime MAPPO member, Michael Bare, who passed away on March 10th. John noted this meeting was being held as a tribute to Michael since each year he arranged the March MAPPO meeting in celebration of Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day in South Boston. John noted that Michael would have wanted us to hold this meeting, as he was proud of his Irish heritage and of the historical significance of his "Southie." A candle and empty chair present at this meeting reminded us that Michael will be missed, but is with us in spirit. A moment of silence was then held.

MAPPO President John Story, amidst the happy noise of nearby holiday revelers, opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then invited Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, to introduce the guest speaker, Neil Cohen, Deputy Inspector General and MAPPO member (and a true professional to manage another great presentation under challenging circumstances). In order to hear the presentation better, members performed a movement similar to musical chairs, then settled in while Neil gave an overview of Stimulus Oversight. Neil explained that such oversight is important because taxpayers have an interest in how and where stimulus funds are being spent. He added that there is a mandate for the spending of stimulus funds to be free of fraud, waste and abuse; therefore municipalities should have anti-fraud policies and programs in place. Neil informed members that additional anti-fraud information can be found on the following websites: (Inspector General) <http://www.mass.gov/ig/oigarra/igarradv.htm> and (State Comptroller) <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=oschomepage&L=1&sid=Aosc&L0=Home>.

Mary Delaney and Beverly Sleeper presented information on the upcoming Spring Conference to be held in Whitinsville on April 14, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Mary told members this location is within an hour drive of Boston, Springfield and North Central MA, therefore we should have a good turnout. She added the agenda is coming together well. Beverly then reviewed the conference speakers and topics, which include the City Solicitor and Town Counsel Association speaking on energy issues, the Secretary of State's Office on public records and protected information, OSD on Quick Quotes, and a member favorite – Q&A with the Offices of the Inspector General, Attorney General and Mass Highway. Beverly asked that anyone having questions for any of the speakers should submit them by email at [bsleeper@marlborough-ma.gov](mailto:bsleeper@marlborough-ma.gov) prior to the Conference.

Chris Bradley, Chairman of the Website Committee, was not in attendance. Dave Geanakakis reported the content, design and pictures are ready and the website should be unveiled in May. As an aside, Dave announced this is the last call for name badges – contact him at [dgeanakakis@town.brookline.ma.us](mailto:dgeanakakis@town.brookline.ma.us).

Announcements

None

Minutes

Motion made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting as written. Motion passed.

Recognitions

None.

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

None

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary