

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 4, 2010 at the STAR Conference at the Boston Convention and Expo Center**

Officers Present

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

New Members Attending

John Moynihan, Wayland and Orazio DeLuca, Somerville

Guests Attending

Dana O'Brien of Medford; Cynthia Delaney, guest of Mary Delaney; Myra Suchenicz and Liana Surdut of Orleans.

Business Meeting

John Story, MAPPO President, opened the meeting at 11:30 pm in Room 52A at STAR.

John welcomed everyone and thanked Barbara Miller for hosting this meeting.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then invited Barbara Miller to introduce the guest speaker, Ellen Bickelman, State Purchasing Agent.

Ellen gave a spirited and informative talk about various aspects of purchasing, and the Comm-PASS system.

She spoke of the 135+ state contracts available to municipalities, explained accessing those contracts and stressed the value of said contracts which provide "bulk" buying power to all that utilize them.

Ellen addressed the 1% administrative fee now being charged to vendors on statewide contracts, and explained the purpose of this fee is to subsidize the state contract system.

Ellen also addressed the pending legislation regarding cooperative purchasing from sources other than statewide contracts (Comm-PASS). Ellen indicated there are issues with these sources, which would be best addressed if/when the legislation passes and in cooperation with the Office of the Inspector General.

Ellen concluded by addressing the new Quick Quote process and explained that having municipalities use the online process will add value to the existing contracts, therefore encouraging more competition for these contracts in the future.

Announcements

John Story said the June meeting will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Cruiseport, Gloucester. A tour to the Cape Pond Ice Company will be held prior to the business meeting (please remember to bring sweaters or sweatshirts for the tour since it gets cool in the ice house). Registered members who wish to go on the tour should arrive by 10:30 am at Cruiseport; others may arrive at 12:15. This year, the event will be held on the lower level – a lovely new room facing the harbor. Senator Bruce Tarr (R) Middlesex/First Essex, will be our guest speaker.

Minutes

None.

Recognitions

None.

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

John Story introduced MAPPO Board Members: Elaine Shola, Sheryl Levenson and Dan Doucette; MAPPO Committee Chairs: Beverly Sleeper of the Speaker Committee and Dan Doucette of the Legislative Committee; and Officers: Mary Delaney, Secretary, Katharine Sacca, Treasurer, and David Geanakakis, Vice President. These individuals are ending the first year of a two-year term.

Meeting Adjourned

President John Story closed the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary