

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

MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2009 at Palio's Italian Grille, Lexington

Officers Present

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

New Members Attending

Stephen Keane, Lexington Housing Authority

Guests Attending

Chris, spouse of Monica Ford; Joe, spouse of Elaine Shola; Paul, spouse of Sheryl Levenson; Elizabeth, daughter of Katharine Sacca..

Business Meeting

John Story, MAPPO President, opened the meeting at 1:00 pm, following lunch.

John reminded members that the January 20, 2010 meeting will be held in Swampscott, hosted by Sheryl Levenson.

John thanked Jim McLaughlin for hosting this meeting. Jim welcomed everyone.

New members and guests were welcomed.

John then asked Beverly Sleeper, Chairman of the Speaker Committee, to update members on upcoming speakers. Beverly indicated that the January speaker will focus on food service management contracts and February will be from the Division of Industrial Accidents regarding debarment and stop work orders.

Dave Geanakakis, representing the Website Committee reported that website design is in progress with the logo and artwork, and the hope is to unveil the website early in 2010.

Mary Delaney read a message to members from the Office of the Inspector General, thanking members for inviting them to our meetings and wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. The message was signed by Barbara, Helen, Nick, Kelly and Joyce.

Katharine Sacca, Treasurer reported that an updated membership list will be distributed in January. Anyone who has not paid dues will be removed from the membership list.

Dan Doucette, Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee, announced that legislation had passed eliminating the "dollar one" issue, and asked members to contact him with any legislative concerns the Committee might now address.

Recognitions

Dan Doucette was presented with a plaque recognizing his tireless efforts on the "dollar one" issue.

Announcements

Announcements were held until the end of the business meeting.

Minutes

Motion made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009 as written. Motion passed.

Other Business and Member's Agenda Items

Jim McLaughlin informed members that it has been confirmed that Procurement Cards are not in violation of Massachusetts finance laws; however cautioned that the Department of Revenue will be looking at guidelines for such.

Mary Delaney then explained that a survey will be sent, via email, to all MAPPO members asking if they are interested in joining the Commonwealth's Procurement Card program. Mary stated that the State Purchasing Agent wants to gauge interest before pursuing possible extension of the contract to municipalities. Survey will be sent out next week.

It was confirmed that the Spring Conference will be held on April 14, 2010 in Whitinsville (Northbridge), hosted by Sandra Marquis. Sandra explained the facility proposed has a theater/multipurpose room and separate room for meals, as well as ample parking and handicap accessibility.

John Story asked if anyone has an RFP for banking services, he has received an inquiry, and would like to forward that along.

Meeting Adjourned

President John Story closed the meeting at 1:30 pm, and members proceeded to take part in the annual Yankee Swap, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Delaney, MAPPO Secretary