

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICIALS (MAPPO)

MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2008 Fall Conference at Montvale Plaza in Stoneham, MA

Business Meeting

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, welcomed everyone and thanked Sheryl Levenson for hosting and running the conference. Elaine also thanked Jim McLaughlin for all his assistance last year: working on last year's fall conference; helping the Fire Chiefs Organization; helping at STAR; and hosting last December's Holiday party.

The following is a new member: Sarah Stanton from Ipswich. The following guests were introduced: Donna Dykas, guest of Nancy Caldeira of the Wareham Fire District; Barbara Hansberry, Office of the Inspector General; Joan Higgins, guest of Joan Oullette; Dolores Mason and Joan Lanzillo, guests of Kathy Sacca of Chelsea.

Elaine clarified a statement in the September 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Bill McGowan was not present at the September meeting as the minutes stated. Elaine had read a statement that was sent from Bill McGowan.

Motion to accept minutes for September 24, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and the members voted to accept.

Next meeting to be held in Westminster, MA on November 19, 2008 at the Westminster Country Club hosted by Mary Delaney and Karen Murphy.

Updated dates and locations for this year's meetings: March 18, 2009 to be hosted by Michael Bare. Change February meeting to February 11, 2009 meeting was moved, seconded and voted. Change April Spring Conference to May 1, 2009 was moved, seconded and voted.

Volunteers are needed for the Speaker Committee, persons interested in helping should contact Beverly Sleeper or MAPPO Board Members. Barbara Miller of OSD did volunteer for the Speaker Committee.

Need volunteers to help Dan Doucette with the development of the MAPPO website, contact Dan or MAPPO Board Members. Dan gave us a progress update, will do a meeting with MECNET and committee. David agreed to send an email about both committees.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

Conference Agenda Items Summary

Questions and answers with Attorney Kelly Whelan of the IG and Attorney Brian O'Donnell of the AG. Many questions and topics discussed. Note major change prevailing wages must be filed every year, even in multi-year contracts (see handout).

Wendy Swenson of Hanover Surety presented information on sureties and bonds (see handout).

Joan Matsumoto of OSD presented an update on the new Quick Quote process being built in FY09 and implemented in FY10.

Special guest speaker former Governor Michael Dukakis spoke on need for ethics and integrity in public purchasing and projects.

Respectfully submitted,
David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary