

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

October 18, 2007 Fall Conference at Spinelli's Function Facility in Lynnfield, MA

### **Conference (morning session)**

Elaine Shola, MAPPO president, thanked everyone and Sheryl Levenson and Jim McLaughlin for hosting and running the conference.

Jim introduced Steve Rusteika of PMA Consultants (handout distributed). Sheryl thanked Steve for his presentation.

Jim introduced Paul Ruggieri and Karen Medeiros of Gilbane Building Company (handout distributed). Jim thanked Paul and Karen for their presentation.

Sheryl introduced Joe Markarian of DOR and Chairman of the Swampscott School Building Committee. Sheryl thanked Joe for his presentation.

### **Business Meeting**

The following are new members: Bob DeFusco of Haverhill and Roberta Knight of Topsfield. The following guests were introduced: Courtney Sokel of the Steamship Authority; Bob Hankinson, Gardner's City Engineer and Jonathan Sherman of Boston Public Health Authority.

Motion for minutes for November 15, 2006, January 17, 2007, February 21, 2007, March 14, 2007, April 26, 2007, May 23, 2007, and September 19, 2007. The motion was seconded and the members voted to accept.

Elaine mentioned dues must be paid by November 15, 2007 or names will be dropped from e-mail and membership lists.

Mike Bare has suggested moving the March 2008 meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and seconded, and the members voted to accept.

Next meeting on November 14, 2007, one week early at Winter Island in Salem, hosted by Al Hill. Speaker will be Robert Quinn on performance contracting.

Frank Whitty of the Worcester Housing Authority has offered to host the January 16, 2008 meeting.

Catherine Carney or Norwood has offered to host the February 13, 2008 meeting.

Dan Doucette, Chairperson of the Website Committee, gave an update on the status of the website. Our contact at MEC is gone, and they will be assigning us a new rep. Once we have a new rep there will be progress on the website.

David Geanakakis reported on the cost of purchasing a portable podium for use at meetings when a podium is not available. He mentioned that most of the products available were \$800-\$1000 but Katharine Sacca provided information on a unit called PA in a Case. It will be \$450 and should suit our needs without an external speaker. Also, we'll get a wireless hand-held microphone. Motion was made and seconded, and the members voted to authorize the purchase.

Elaine Shola asked the membership if we could purchase a camera for MAPPO. She asked for a volunteer to be our official photographer. Raeleen Parsons of Gloucester volunteered. Motion was made and seconded, and the members voted to approve this request.

Mary Clover wanted to discuss introductions at the beginning of our meetings, where historical and other information were provided. However, these presentations ended up taking more than the 5 or 10 minutes expected. Motion was made not to invite outside speakers and have the host give a local update. The motion was seconded and the members voted to accept.

Sheryl Levenson had a question on OSHA and truck drivers, regarding the fact that there is a lawsuit pending where the truck drivers are questioning the wording of the law for needing OSHA certification. They feel they do not need to be certified. Barbara Hennessey of the IG said there was no news.

Dan mentioned there was no new information on construction reform.

Elaine reminded everyone to sign in at the afternoon session.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

#### Conference (afternoon session)

Jim introduced Barbara Hainsberry of the IG's office to discuss CM at risk construction projects. Sheryl thanked Barbara for her presentation.

Jim introduced Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator of Franklin to discuss owner project managers. Jim thanked Jeffrey for his presentation.

Conference was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Geanakakis, MAPPO Secretary