

MAPPO IN THE KNOW

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello MAPPO Members!

Happy New Year! Hoping that this holiday season has been happy and healthy for each and every one of our members!

As we enter into 2020, I wish for each of us to have continued growth and progress. Let's make 2020 the best year yet!

Signed,

Arlyn Zuniga, Manager of Vendor Contracts



MAPPO FY20 MEETING SCHEDULE

The upcoming meeting schedule for the next few months is as follows:

JANUARY 15TH, 2020

Deborah Anderson

Warren Conference Center, Ashland, MA

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020

Heather Rowe

Olde Colonial, Norwood, MA

MARCH 18TH, 2020

PANEL

Montachusett Vocational Tech, Fitchburg, MA



**STAY TUNED:
MAPPO
Members'
Panel
in March**

JANUARY SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT : DEBORAH ANDERSON

Deb has been the Assistant Attorney General in the Construction Bid Unit for 14 years. In this capacity, Deb enforces the state's public construction procurement laws, including G. L. c. 149; 149A; 30, 39M and 7C. She counsels awarding authorities, designers, contractors, advocacy groups and the public about these laws on a daily basis. Deb has authored over 700 Bid Protest Decisions. She also does frequent outreach to stakeholders.

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Deb worked at Murphy, Hesse Toomey and Lehane for nine years, representing school districts.

Deb graduated from Boston College Law School and Boston University School of Law, Graduate Tax Program. She is a member of the Construction Committee of the Boston Bar Association.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome the following new members and congratulate them on their MAPPO membership!

- Carrie Burnett, Business Administrator, North Adams
- Dylan Cook, Purchasing Agent, City of Chelsea
- Elizabeth Donovan, Associate Director of Purchasing, Northern Essex Community College
- Molly Gilfeather, Director of Purchasing, City of New Bedford
- Dragica Ivanis, Assistant CPO, City of Chelsea
- Thomas Maher, Executive Director, Woburn Housing Authority
- Debra Mitrano, Capital Projects Project Assistant, City of Somerville
- Christine Stickney, Planning Director, Town of Braintree



NAME BADGES

All members are encouraged to wear their name badges to all meetings and events. With our growing membership, the badges help new members place a face to a name that they may have seen post or answer a question on the listserv and generally helps members to expand their professional network.

Name badges for members joining prior to December 15th, and existing members requesting a replacement badge, have been ordered and received. Name badges will be available for pick-up at the check-in table at all upcoming meetings so remember to grab yours when signing in.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The last issue of this newsletter brought the members' attention to a number of bills before the legislature, primarily bills HB 4125 and SB 2372 regarding Workplace Safety (OSHA), and H 2755 regarding the solid waste exemption. The Legislative Committee recently met separately with counsel representing both the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees, wherein the OSHA bills are currently sitting. Our goal was to inform the members of these committees the deficiencies of these bills in the hope of having them killed in committee. Our main points of concern, as presented to the committee representatives:

- The act will incorrectly apply to 30B, instead of 30;39M
- Responsibility should not lay with municipalities – a state agency would be best suited to monitor and report (similar what DCAM does for buildings or DLS for prevailing wages), the reason being that there is no communication and verification between municipalities, duplicative work, low accountability
- Exposes municipalities to liability

Both meetings were productive, ***though we still need your help getting the message across.*** Please contact your local representatives or the committee chairs to have your voice heard. We've been told a simple phone call or email from members affected by these bills will go a long way to make sure they never reach the floor.

- Here is the Chairperson of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Senator Rodrique's district: <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/MJRO/District> It covers, Swansea, Lakeville, Freetown, Rochester, Fall River, Somerset, Westport.
- The Chairperson of the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative Michlewitz's district is: <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AMM1/District>. It is basically parts of downtown Boston.
- For the trash hauler bill, the Chairperson for the House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling is Representative Petrolati. Again, this is his district: <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/TMPI/District> which covers Chicopee, Ludlow, Springfield, and Belchertown.

MCPPO CLASS SCHEDULE

The OIG's recently released the MCPPO spring schedule. Below you'll find some highlights of elective classes that may interest you. The complete schedule and registration can be found [here](#).

If you are attending a recertification class or one of the many electives, or would just like to help out, we're seeking volunteers to help give a quick pitch to recruit more MAPPO members. We'll have the script ready - all you have to do is stand up! Reach out to Michael Richards, mrichards@somervillema.gov, to get more information.

Electives

- Chapter 30B Terms, Misconceptions and Practices, June 2, 2020, Huntington, MA
- Charter School Procurement, May 7-8, 2020, Hudson, MA
- Construction Management at-Risk Under M.G.L. c. 149A, March 18, 2020, Worcester, MA
- Contract Administration, March 12, 2020, Webster, MA
- Cybersecurity 101: Addressing Threats to Local Government, January 22, 2020, Wilmington, MA; March 10, 2020, Paxton, MA; June 9, 2020, Carver, MA
- Invitations for Bids & Requests for Proposals, May 19, 2020, Norwood, MA
- Real Property Transactions Under M.G.L. c. 30B, May 28, 2020, Acton, MA
- Spotlight on Schools, April 16, 2020, Bellingham, MA

Recertification for MCPPO

- February 19-20, 2020, Lowell, MA
- March 16-17, 2020, Boston, MA
- March 16-17, 2020, Centerville, MA (videoconference)
- May 26-27, 2020, Boston, MA
- May 26-27, 2020, Fall River, MA (videoconference)



LISTSERV ACTIVITY

Have you followed the dialogue surrounding these questions on the ListServ? Join in on the discussions or feel free to share your knowledge with the membership!

Would anyone be able to provide a sample RFP for consultant development of a Climate Action Plan for their community? Weston has applied for the MVP Action Grant and we're preparing to issue an RFP, so any examples for these or similar services would be welcome. Thanks, Charles Young, Purchasing Agent, Town of Weston

Is it allowed for the Town to utilize AMAZON and all its great benefits and if so...how does one get in touch with AMAZON for Government entities? Any and all responses are welcome! Thank you and Merry Christmas!- Adele Cullinane

Have a question you'd like assistance with? Let's hear it!

JOB POSTING

PROJECT MANAGER - CONTRACTS

The city of Cambridge Department of Public Works is seeking a motivated, well-rounded and organized individual with excellent writing and communication skills to advance the Department's contract development, contract management and fiscal management needs and to support other operational/business initiatives.

For a detailed job description and application instructions, please visit our website at www.cambridgema.gov. Submit both your resume and letter of interest by Jan. 10 via email to employment@cambridgema.gov. Position will remain open until filled.



UPDATES TO THE MEMBERSHIP

SURVEY FOR PANEL

Later this week, a survey will be sent out to the membership asking for questions or topics you would like covered at MAPPO's March Panel meeting! We want to hear from you! All questions and topics welcome!

SPONSORSHIP

MAPPO is actively considering pursuing advertising and sponsorship opportunities for both the MAPPO.ORG website and our MAPPO In The Know Newsletter. As we navigate how offering advertising/sponsorship would affect the organization as a whole, we want to assure each and every member that our main desire is to continue to respect the privacy of our members while upholding the values that MAPPO has represented as a resource for procurement professionals far and wide.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to send our condolences to Mary Delaney in Fitchburg as she mourns the loss of a family member. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts during this time.

