

General Membership Meeting Minutes



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASERS

OUR MISSION

To provide the central Texas public purchasing profession with educational and networking opportunities in a professional, effective, and ethical manner while promoting member support, information resources, and professional certification.

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Location:

Scheduled Time		Actual Time	
Start	Stop	Start	Stop
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	11:30 AM	12:57 PM

Convening: The TAPP general membership convened at 11:55 a.m. on 03/05/2009 at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Room 164, 909 W 45th St. Austin, Tx 78751 facility, and a quorum was present.

President Ernie Lee, in his opening remarks, asked if all attendees would RSVP if they planned to have lunch to allow for food ordering for next months meeting.

- Announced that March is National Purchasing month and read two Proclamations. Mayor Will Wynn presented the Texas Association of Public Purchasers in recognition of the contribution of public purchaser to Austin's economic success.
- Governor Rick Perry signed a letter designating March for an awareness campaign to recognize all public professionals across the state for their contributions in public purchasing.

Mr. Lee asked if any State Agencies were planning activities for Purchasing Month. TxDOT responded that they plan to have cake with a copy of the proclamation on it at their monthly Pro-D meeting and a baked potato and salad lunch for their General Services Division purchasing staff the last week of the month.

Ernie Lee also asked if anyone had new professional certifications or re-certifications, or job vacancies to announce.

New certifications: None

Re-certifications: None

Job announcements: None

President's Announcements:

Ernie Lee announced If any guests are contemplating membership in TAPP, there are blank applications at the entrance desk. Also, if current members have not picked up their membership certificates, please check the folder with current membership certificates. For new members, please pick up a TAPP mugs and chapter pin at the entrance desk.

The members were provided several handouts such as the agenda for today, last month's minutes, and the treasurer's report.

Officer's Reports:

Vice President's Report: Sandra Radosavljevic - Vice President: reminded attendees that ...She is chairman of the Awards Committee and is seeking nominations for both Purchasing Manager and Purchaser of the Year. Sandra wants the Austin TAPP chapter to earn Chapter of the Year for the 2010 National meeting in San Antonio. She urged everyone to go to TAPP website for more details.

Treasurer's Report: Misti Shumate – Treasurer: presented the Treasurer's report for February 2009. Sandra Radosavljevic moved to accept the report, Karen Wood seconded; motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Kay Wagner– Secretary: presented the general meeting minutes from February 2009. Carol Debish moved to accept the report, Weaver Jackson seconded; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Professional Development: Ann Tillman – Chair. Absent. In Ann's absence Jo Woten provided a recap of the registrants thus far for upcoming seminars. Reminded attendees that there are 2009 seminar schedules and flyers with information on classes at the back of the room for reference. Jo announced that March 6, 2009 is the deadline to register for the CPPB and CPPO Review to be held in April. Also, the deadline for Legal Aspects of Public Purchasing is March 20, 2009.

Jo reminded everyone that they now have to register for all classes through NIGP. Attendees will have 30-days before the class to register. NIGP will cancel courses without enough people unlike the past when we were more lenient.

Membership: Jo Woten - Chair. Announced ... She is working on finalizing the 2009 membership list and encouraged everyone to support our chapter by joining today.

Newsletter and Communications: John Dobrich – Editor – Announced that TAPP had to change web host and the new website is up and running this month. He commended Lise Creed for doing a fantastic job for her work on the new site. He asked if anyone had articles they wish to publish to email him at: john.dobrich@trs.state.tx.us.

Facilities: Mike Long– Chair: Reminded members ...Please RSVP to James Gonzalez at james.gonzalez@tea.state.tx.us, if you're planning to have lunch. Mike apologized to all attendees for running out of food and plates this month, explaining that this is what happens if you don't RSVP.

Programs: Art Huck – Chair: Absent

Old Business: None

New Business:

Program: Our speaker today was Lisa Vega, CTPM speaking on the topic of TxSmartBuy the Texas Comptroller of Public Account online ordering system. Lisa presented an overview of contracts that are available now and in the future. She had several handouts and a Procedures and User Guide.

At the conclusion, the speaker was presented a plaque (Certificate of Appreciation) and TAPP coffee mug. A door prize drawing immediately followed.

Adjournment: Weaver Jackson moved to adjourn, Jo Woten seconded; motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Other: The next general membership meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. April 2, 2009, at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Room 164, 909 W 45th St. Austin, Tx 78751