

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, April 3, 2008

Location: DSHS

Scheduled Time		Actual Time	
Start	Stop	Start	Stop
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	11:35 AM	12:58 PM

Convening: The TAPP general membership convened at 11:35 a.m. on 04/03/08 at DSHS and a quorum was present. President Jo Woten, in her opening remarks, asked if anyone had new professional certifications or re-certifications, or job vacancies to announce.

New certifications: none

Re-certifications: none

Job announcements: four job vacancies were announced at Parks and Wildlife.

President's Announcements:

Jo Woten announced the Strategic Plan and Constitution and Bylaws.

TAPP has cancelled the April 29 & 30 CPPB / CPPO review class due to low enrollment and competition with the review and class being offered by NAEP earlier in the month.

Announced John Dobrich has volunteered as TAPP newsletter editor.

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: Ernie Lee - Vice President: reminded staff about the upcoming Lone Star (CPPB) conference in Dallas; it's not too late to register.

Announced he is investigating development of an awards program for Purchasing Manager and Buyer of the year. TAPP will distribute a nomination form in the near future for member nominations.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Britt – Treasurer: Sandra presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Lou. Weaver moved to accept the report, Carol seconded; motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Sandra Radosavljevic – Secretary: provided copies of the March 2008 General Meeting Notes for chapter member review. Weaver moved to accept the minutes, Karen Wood seconded; the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Professional Development: Cindy Wilson – Chair. Legal Aspects of Public Purchasing has 15 students enrolled. The CPPO/CPPB review was cancelled. Jo announced additional classes being offered by Janet Hasty; referred members to the AustinOnTAPP website for more info.

Membership: Regina Adams - Chair. Regina announced we're accepting membership for 2008 rate is \$35 rate for individuals. Send her a check or agency PO.

Newsletter and Communications: John Dobrich – Editor - Invited members to volunteer to write articles and assist in other ways. He will include job postings and chapter seminars in newsletter and on the website.

Programs: Art Huck – Chair: The presenter for May will be Council on Competitive Government speaking on the topic of future implementations, ideas, and contracts. In June TCEQ will talk more about buying and using recycled goods, and related services. August a representative from the Texas Attorney General's office will talk about disputes and protests. Sandra announced The Hayes Group will speak in September on the topic of verifying worker legal status and how it ties into identify theft, how it affects vendors and contracts, and the penalties of non-compliance.

National Board of Directors Report:

The NIGP spring board meeting will be held on May 2 & 3rd

Carol Debish announced the next Forum will be in July 2008 in Charlotte NC. Register soon for early discount (\$50 off if registered by April 30th). See the NIGP.org site for details.

Carol advised members that the 2009 Forum will be in St. Louis, MO. She reminded members that NIGP has chosen San Antonio for the 2010 Forum. Requested volunteers to participate in committees to set up and host the Forum. Ernie Lee will be Co-Chair.

NIGP certification fees have increased as of January 2008. Last testing for certification under the old parameters will be June or July 2008.

The NIGP Ethics Essay contest will begin soon. First prize is recognition at the National Forum, and a cover and article in Procurement Magazine.

Facilities: Mike Long – Chair: *the remaining meetings in 2008 will be here at DSHS. He reminded members that there will be no meeting in July. The December meeting will be at another location.*

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Strategic Plan was approved by the Board in January; it is essentially the same as 2007 version. Please email any comments or changes to John Dobrich by end of April

Constitution and Bylaws – the constitution requires we provide a revised version to members for your review and we will vote on it at the May general meeting.

Program: Our speaker today was Reed Stoddard of who spoke on the topic of using indices (including PPI, CPI, CPIW) to allow for price adjustments during the course of a contract.

Reed mentioned possibly the most important factor in the success of using indices is selecting the correct one at the beginning of the procurement. He provided several index sources, including the PPI which is most commonly referenced.

Agencies must consider the volatility of a market, as some indices are posted with significant lag time which precludes the flexibility of responding to rapid price escalations (such as the current petroleum situation).

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, Carol Debish seconded; motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Other: The next general membership meeting will be at 11:30 AM, May 1, 2008.