

**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, May 1, 2008

Location: Travis Building

Scheduled Time		Actual Time	
Start	Stop	Start	Stop
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	11:47 AM	12:28 PM

Convening: The TAPP general membership convened at 11:47 a.m. on 05/01/08 at the Travis Building 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: Vonya Rainmaker, Travis County, CPPB

Re-certifications: Lolly Jones, Travis County, CPPB

Job announcements: job vacancies were announced at Parks and Wildlife

President's Announcements:

Jo Woten announced the Strategic Plan and Constitution and Bylaws.

John Dobrich moved to accept the Strategic Plan, Carol Debish seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Fran Robbins moved to accept the Constitution and Bylaws; John Dobrich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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: absent

Treasurer's Report: Lou Britt – Treasurer: presented the Treasurer's report. Ann Tillman moved to accept the report, Mike Pope seconded; motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Sandra Radosavljevic – Secretary: provided copies of the April 2008 General Meeting Notes for chapter member review. Carol Debish moved to accept the minutes, Lou Britt seconded; the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Professional Development: Cindy Wilson – Chair. Contracting for the Public Sector will be held May 13 & 14 and there are 11 people registered thus far. There will be a one day class June 6, 2008 on "Managing Your End User's Supply". Flyers for this class are at the back of the meeting room. Referred members to the AustinOnTAPP website for more info.

Membership: Regina Adams - Chair. Absent

Newsletter and Communications: John Dobrich – Editor – Asked members to write articles and assist in other ways. He will include job postings and chapter seminars in newsletter and on the website. The web pages are being updated.

Facilities: Mike Long– Chair: reminded members that all meeting for the remainder of the year (except the holiday luncheon) will be held at DSHS. The December event will again be at the City of Austin facility on Barton Springs Road.

Programs: Art Huck – Chair: The presenter for May is Justin Lanier of the 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. There will be no general meeting in July. August a representative from the Texas Attorney General's office will talk about disputes and protests. September DIR will speak on the Team for Texas contract.

National Board of Directors Report:

The NIGP spring board meeting will be held on May 2 & 3rd and Carol will attend.

Carol Debish announced the next Forum will be in July 26 – 30 2008 in Charlotte NC. 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.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Program: Our speaker today was Justin Lanier of the Council on Competitive Government, which is housed within the Comptroller of Public Accounts office.

Mr. Lanier explained CCG's role and mission, and how they are involved with state government. He stated CCG is a group that can come together to review state functions and take action to improve processes, particularly on functions that are spread across multiple agencies.

He asked TAPP members to provide input to the CCG on their top issues and concerns. There was some discussion from the floor regarding the DIR Team for Texas contract, with concern on understanding of requirements and overall performance.

Mr. Lanier described CCG's goals and mission. He is reviewing current and past projects for transformation. The intent is to identify savings, determine capacity of governmental entities, increase speed and efficiency, provide transparency on the true cost of certain activities, and provide more citizen centered functionality.

He also referenced a power point presentation which gave more details on the process.

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

Adjournment: John Dobrich moved to adjourn, Carol Debish seconded; motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Other: The next general membership meeting will be at 11:30 AM, June 5, 2008.