

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, August 2, 2007

Location: State Capital Bldg

Scheduled Time			Actual Time		
Start	Stop	Total Hours	Start	Stop	Total Hours
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1.0 Hrs.	11:30 AM	12:26 PM	1.0

Convening: The TAPP general membership convened at 11:40 a.m. August 2, 2007 at the State Capital Extension, Room E2.002. Fifty-two people attended this meeting and a quorum was present. President John Dobrich, in his opening remarks, recognized Weaver Jackson of TxDOT for receiving his CPPO certification. There were also two new CPPB certifications – James Gonzalez and Ken Ming, both of TxDOT. Congratulations to you all. There were no new re-certifications announced.

If any new guest is 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 with several handouts such as the agenda for today, last month's minutes, a speaker's presentation handout, agenda, and a survey form.

The following items were discussed and acted upon:

Officer's Reports:

Vice President's Report: Jo Woten- Vice President: No report

Treasurer's Report: The beginning monthly balance, as of July 1, 2007, was \$13,003.19. During July there were 582.00 in deposits and 2,320.00 in expenses. The ending balance as of July 31, 2007 was \$11,265.19. Weaver Jackson moved to accept the report, Karen Wood seconded, and the motion passed.

John Dobrich announced that Sandy Fang will continue as TAPP Treasurer through October 2007. Lou Britt will run for election as Treasurer in the upcoming November election.

Secretary's Report: John announced Sandra Radosavljevic volunteered and was elected by the Board to fill the vacant TAPP Secretary position. Sandra will run for election by the full membership in the November election. The membership reviewed the minutes of the July general meeting. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded and the membership voted to accept the report.

Committee Reports

Professional Development: Cindy Wilson- Chair. Jo reminded everyone of upcoming seminars -
LEGAL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC PURCHASING will be held September 12-14, 2007. Registration deadline is August 22. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION will be held October 10-12, 2007. Registration deadline is September 19.

Membership: Regina Adams- Chair. No report. John mentioned TAPP encourages new members to apply, and applications are available at the entrance desk.

Newsletter: John announced that Jennifer Crosby has resigned and TAPP is asking for a volunteer to assume the Chairmanship of this committee.

Programs: Art Huck - Chair. Announced an upcoming TCEQ Buying Green seminar. TAPP will have a speaker in October on the topic of Design-Build specifications. A speaker from TxDOT will present at the November general meeting on the topic of life cycle costing. Reminded everyone of the holiday party coming in December.

National Board of Directors Report: Carol Debish was attending the NIGP in Hartford, CT.

Facilities: Mike Long- Chair – reminded attendees to RSVP prior to the meeting, because TAPP must pay the caterer for the number of meals confirmed from member responses, even when someone does not attend after replying. TAPP wants to ensure everyone has a meal, without wasting food or money. Mike asked members to advise as soon as possible if you learn you will not be able to attend, after sending an RSVP.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Program: Our speaker today was State Representative Dwanna Dukes, a seven term member of the House of Representatives who spoke the importance of governmental purchasing and reviewed legislation passed during the 80th session of the Texas Legislature. Bills covered included:

HB 119 – setting the no-bid level to \$5,000 and removing TBPC's ability to change it by Rule.

HB 1268 – regarding award of attorney fees against state agencies

HB1491 – requiring local government officials to file conflict of interest disclosure in certain circumstances

HB 1886 – creates a design-build process for civil works projects and allows certain local governmental entities to use this process on a phased basis

HB 2564 – related to the public information act (open records)

SB 297 – adds two individuals representing different minority contractors associations, to the composition of the TPBC committee to review the uniform general conditions of state building construction contracts.

SB 608 – prohibits a state agency from accepting bids or awarding contracts to persons or businesses that have been involved in contract violations or assessed penalties on federal contracts awarded for natural disasters occurring after September 24, 2005

SB 1765 – relates to the requirement for a city to contact at least two HUBs; increases the maximum from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Representative Dukes stated the goal of purchasing and the legislature is to make government more efficient and effective. Purchasing is what keeps governmental agencies running and able to perform their missions on behalf of the taxpayers. Governmental purchasing also bolsters the economy and helps save tax dollars. She urged purchasers to place emphasis on the spirit and intent of (Historically Underutilized Business) good faith efforts in our transactions.

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Other: The next general membership meeting will be at 11:30 AM, September 6, 2007, location to be announced.