

# 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, September 6, 2007

**Location:** DSHS

Actual Time			
Start	Stop	Start	Stop
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	11:32 AM	12:48 PM

**Convening:** The TAPP general membership convened at 11:42 a.m. on 09/06/07 at MHMR. A total of 41 people (29 members, 12 guests) attended this meeting and a quorum was present. President John Dobrich, in his opening remarks, asked if anyone had new professional certifications or re-certifications, or job vacancies to announce.

New certifications: Kay Wagner achieved CPPB certification.

Re-certifications: None

Job vacancy announcements: None

### President's Announcements:

Jo Woten has worked hard to set up the 2008 TAPP-sponsored seminars. The proposed seminar schedule is being submitted to NIGP for final approval today. TAPP coordinated with the San Antonio NIGP chapter and TBPC as much as possible, to avoid seminar/training date conflicts.

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 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: None

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Fang - As of August 1, 2007 the checking account balance was \$11,265.19. Transactions during August included \$2,275.00 in deposits and \$1,018.51 in expenses. As of August 31, 2007 the balance was \$12,521.68. Weaver Jackson moved to accept the treasurer's report, Carol Debish seconded the motion, and motion passed by voice vote of members.

**Secretary's Report:** Sandra Radosavljevic – provided copies of the August General Meeting Notes for chapter member review. The membership reviewed the minutes, Carol Debish moved to accept, Weaver Jackson seconded the motion, and motion passed by voice vote of members.

## Committee Reports

**Professional Development:** Cindy Wilson- Chair. None

**Membership:** Regina Adams - Chair. She will be distributing an updated membership roster at the October general meeting. TAPP currently has 84 members registered.

**Newsletter and Communications:** John announced he will update and publish the newsletter for September (at [Austinontapp.org](http://Austinontapp.org)), and asked for a volunteer to assume the Chairmanship of this committee.

**Programs:** Art Huck - Chair. Reminded everyone of the holiday party coming in December.

## National Board of Directors Report:

Carol Debish reported the NIGP Forum in Hartford, CT had a very good turn-out. Classes were upscale and the instructors were knowledgeable. Announced the NIGP Board meeting will be October 15 – 17 in Atlantic City. The 2008 NIGP Forum will be held in Charlotte NC. In 2009 the Forum will be in St. Louis, MO. Texas is being considered for Forum hosting in 2010.

Nancy McCallum – None

**Facilities:** Mike Long- Chair – Still seeking a location that will allow TAPP to schedule meeting dates for an entire year (or at least six months). Location must have ample parking and allow food to be served in the meeting room; prefer space in the Capital Complex to maximize attendance. Mike also reminded of the importance of RSVPs for the General Meetings, as the caterers need 72 hours advanced notice on number of meals to prepare.

**Old Business:** John is still working to obtain tax exempt status for TAPP.

**New Business:** Jo announced she can not provide duplicate certificates for members who have attended TAPP seminars during 2007. Any requests for certificate copies must be sent to NIGP for handling.

**Program:** Our speaker today was Mike Lindner of TCEQ who spoke on the topic of environmentally responsible (“green”) purchasing. Mike provided several good reasons to pursue environmentally friendly purchasing. He reminded the audience that environmental preferences are also required by several laws. Mike First Choice products list (applicable only to Texas state agencies; voluntarily followed by many other entities). Provided a history of modern environmentalism and that controlling pollution after it’s entered the environment has been the main focus of environmental laws until recently (Clean Air and Clean Water Acts). Mike closed by providing websites, resources, and tips on implementing and continuing ‘green’ purchasing.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

**Other:** The next general membership meeting will be at 11:30 AM, October 4, 2007 – location to be announced.