

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association



The monthly meeting of MTPPA was held on August 16, 2012, at Nashville Electric Service (NES).

President Davita Taylor called the regular scheduled monthly meeting of MTPPA to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed all those in attendance.

There were 19 members and regular attendees in attendance. Stephen Reksten, State of Tennessee Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office introduced his guest and first time attendee Douglas Whitcomb. Latoya Edwards, Nashville International Airport Authority, was introduced as first time attendee by Davita Taylor.

Vice-President for programs, Michelle Lane introduced the guest speakers Mr. Mark Isom and Jackie Bass of Premier Building Maintenance. Ms Lane arranged for the speaker and topic as a recommendation from the membership to have a speaker representing a company that does business with private and public entities and how doing business with public entities differs. Mr. Isom started his business in 1996 and has approximately 350 employees today. Currently Premier Business Maintenance has been awarded janitorial contracts by the City of Knoxville, Metro Nashville Government and NES. Mr. Isom's business philosophy is the putting the employee first, the customer second and his business third. Mr. Isom discussed the pros and cons of doing business with government entities and allowed time for questions and answers. Ms. Lane presented Mr. Isom with as Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter at the conclusion of his presentation.

President Taylor called the business meeting to order and requested motions to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Minutes from the prior meeting. Motion was made by Crystal Lysinger and seconded by Michelle Lane to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. The membership approved the Minutes with an aye vote. Randy Gannon made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's report and Almetta Bond seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$5,637.32 and record of 34 paid members was accepted with a unanimous vote by the membership.

Amanda Cochran, NES, inquired if any members or guests were pursuing their Certified Public Professional Buyer (CPPB) certification at the current time. There was no one present that is currently or planning on obtaining the CPPB certification.

Bryan Lillard announced the upcoming Minority Economic Diversity Week. This year's MEDWeek "Power Networking Business Expo" will be on October 1, 2012 at the Millennium Maxwell House. In order to make this event a success, Mr. Lillard requested that the chapter secretary send out an email to chapter members requesting their participation as means to provide diversity vendors as many opportunities as possible to connect with government agencies and large companies .

President Taylor thanked Brian Wilcox, City of Franklin, for agreeing to represent the Chapter at the NIGP Forum, which will be held in Seattle, Washington the latter part of August.

President Taylor requested that the membership give some thought and consideration to reaching out to the local student population as a means increasing membership and getting business majors involved in MTPPA. President Taylor asked that anyone with a creative idea to get business majors involved in the chapter to please contact her by email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM by President Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra Howe, CPPB, CPPO
Secretary MTPPA