

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association



The monthly meeting of MTPPA was held on July 19, 2012, at Nashville Electric Service (NES).

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

There were 21 members and regular attendees in attendance. Roxianne Buthune introduced guest and first time attendee Carol Crowley, DBO from the Omni Hotel. Ms. Crowley expressed interest in hosting MTPPA for one its future regular schedule monthly meeting at the Omni Hotel. The hotel is presently under construction in downtown Nashville, and has a tentative opening date of April 30, 2013. The membership was asked what possible topics would be of interest regarding the public/private construction project that is presently underway. Topics mentioned were diversity and what do vendors need to know to bid on a large construction project.

Vice-President for programs, Michelle Lane introduced the guest speaker Mr. Jeff Gossage. Mr. Gossage is the Purchasing Agent of Metro Nashville and Davidson County Government. Mr. Gossage reported to the chapter on Metro's selection of Oracle People Soft's iProcurement solution. The solution was implemented approximately two (2) months ago and provides Metro Purchasing Department with a more efficient, transparent and improved purchasing system.

President Taylor reminded members and attendees that the minutes and treasurer's report had been sent out via email for everyone's review. Crystal Lysinger made a motion to accept the June Minutes with one correction {adding Sheila Douglas' name to listing of attendees at the TAPP, ETA and MTPPA Legislative Advisory Committee Planning meeting}. Michelle Lane seconded the motion and the June corrected minutes were approved by the members in attendance. The June Treasurer's Report showed a month-end balance of \$5,675.32 and thirty-two (32) paid members. Helen Crowley made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report and Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The Report was approved as presented.

President Taylor reminded members and attendees of the upcoming Legislative Advisory Procurement meeting with Comptroller's office on July 24, 2012 at 10: 00 AM at CTAS Conference Room in Nashville. President Taylor requested that members let their voice be heard by sending her an email no later than Friday, July 20, 2012 of any topics that should be added to the agenda. President reminded MTPPA that the purpose and role of the committee was not that of a lobbyist group and encouraged everyone's participation.

Brian Wilcox complimented those responsible for the recent Diversity Event on the quality of the agenda and the number of small businesses in attendance. Mr. Wilcox concluded, that attending the event was time will spent for the City of Franklin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM by President Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary MTPPA