

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association

February 21, 2008



President Brian Wilcox called the meeting to order at 11:55. He welcomed members and guests to the meeting and introduced Myrna González-Bravo as a new member who works with him at the City of Franklin. Other visitors introduced were Carol Sturm, also a new member with the City of White House and Joya Jones with Metro.

After the introduction Brian turned the meeting over to VP of Programs, Kim Hopkins. Kim introduced the guest speaker, Victor Domen Jr. from the Attorney General Office. Mr. Domen talked to the members about bid rigging and Anti Trust law. He reminded everyone that a little time spent reviewing bids could reveal patterns of possible bid rigging. At the end of his presentation he handed out an “Antitrust Checklist for Public Procurement Officials.”

Following, Brian asked if everyone had received the minutes from the January 2008 meeting, and if there were additions or changes that needed to be made. Being no changes or objections the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development – Sheila Douglas 1st Vice President of Professional Development reminded everyone that the tests for CPPB & CPPO certifications would be held March 14th. Right now there are six people signed up to take the certification test, four from NES one from TAPP and one from out of state. She also announced that the review class would be canceled since only one person signed up to take it. Additional seminars are planned – one in April and another in October and that information will be available online.

Programs – Kim Hopkins, Vice President of Programs announced next months is Purchasing Month and encouraged member agencies to plan special events

Membership – Steve Yates announced the formation of several committees:

Welcoming Committee – Sheila Douglas, Helen Crowley, and Darin Anderson

Member Spotlight – consisting of Jeaneene Johnson

Recruitment – Greg Polak

Membership Directory – Paula Cole, her goal is to have a directory issued by March and everyone should send any updates to her right away.

Secretary – Ken Hackett, Secretary asked if members are planning on attending the meeting that they let him know by the close of business of the Tuesday preceding the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Sondra Howe, Treasurer, announced that that we had 36 paid members so far and had receipts for those members. She had gotten the books back from the audit and would make a Treasurer’s report next month.

Purchasing Month – Angie McDonald, Chairperson of Purchasing Month, announced that there would be a sweet treat next month, plus something from National and proclamations. She also asked that if anyone had names of retirees that they be given to her and she would invite them.

Brian gave special thanks to Casandra Swan of the Airport Authority for taking on the maintenance this year of the chapter's web site. He also thanked everyone that already has stepped up and either offered or agreed to serve the chapter in some capacity this year. If interested in serving let him know.

New Business

Brian stated that the chapter had one vote it could cast for the NIGP At-Large Seat 14 on the National Board. He handed out a biography of the two candidates that he received from NIGP and asked the members to determine which one the chapter should submit its vote for. The candidates were Keith Glatz and Christopher Klein. A vote by a show of hands was held for each candidate and the members selected Keith Glatz.

Announcement:

Curry Corder's father passed away earlier this week.
April's monthly meeting will be in Purchasing's Training Room 222 3rd Avenue North 6th Floor.
TAPP Spring conference will be April 9-11 in Murfreesboro.

The meeting adjourned about 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hackett, Secretary