

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association

September 17, 2009



President Brian Wilcox called the chapter meeting to order at 11:50. Brian announced the MTPPA September meeting was MTPPA's 29th anniversary. Sondra Howe and Brian invited everyone to enjoy a cupcake to celebrate the association's anniversary.

Brian asked if there were any first time visitors or guests other than the speaker. There were no guests or visitors.

David Friedlander introduced the September guest speaker, Stephanie Creed, CPPO, CPPB, NIGP National Board member, Region 6 and NIGP 2nd Vice President. Ms. Creed is also the Assistant Comptroller for Pulaski County, Arkansas. Ms. Creed will be NIGP's President in 2011. Ms. Creed discussed NIGP's focus on the future. She discussed steps necessary to grow procurement adding the slogan "Region 6 Rocks"! She requested feedback regarding products, training and so forth. She stated the current NIGP Board is open to changes and to serve. There is an emphasis going forward on certification as NIGP moves toward the future. NIGP certification helps ensure tax dollars are spent wisely.

Following the program, Brian began the regular business meeting by requesting approval of the August 20 chapter meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Jeff Gossage and seconded by Helen Crowley. Motion was approved.

Brian then asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report dated September 16, 2009 as submitted. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Jeff Gossage and seconded by Helen Crowley.

Officer Reports were requested and are as follows:

VP of Programs:	David Friedlander no report.
Professional Development:	Amanda Cochran stated there will be an upcoming class on Nov 11 th at NES regarding "Managing your End Users"
Membership:	Christy Hensley not present.

Secretary: Casandra Swan no report.
Treasurer: Sondra Howe no report.

Committee Chairs Reports were requested and are as follows:

Purchasing Month Committee/ Webmaster/Photographer:
Angie McDonald no report.

Audit Committee Chair: Curry Corder not present.

Nominating Committee: Pat Edwards stated on behalf of Stan Melton, the nominations for next year need to be made at the next meeting. Please volunteer or recommend someone to serve for next year by e-mailing Stan or Pat.

Special Events Committee: Helen Crowley no report

Other or old business to be addressed included:

Brian reminded members about the East TN Purchasing Association's Emergency Preparedness conference to be held in Knoxville, TN on 10/14-15. Brian and Ralph Cross of UT-MTAS are planning to attend this event.

Brian reminded members the TAPP 2009 fall conference is scheduled for 10/28-30 at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge. Ms Creed, today's speaker, will also be speaking at this event.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Casandra Swan, MBA CPPB
MTPPA Secretary