

North Jersey NIGP Chapter #7

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Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2010

The Imperia Conference Center

Somerset, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Jim Jorgensen.

After the flag salute, self introductions were made.

Minutes from April's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Jane Foti. She also wanted to remind everyone that if they did not receive a dues notice to please contact her.

Motion to approve treasurer's report.

Jim to speak about the agenda for the meeting. George Nader of the National NIGP. Kathy Cupano from Rutgers will speak about the Purchasing Conference. Joe Valenti to give legislative update. Lucille from the County of Somerset will speak about cancer.

Lucille, County of Somerset

Cancer awareness and early detection. Everyone has been affected in some way by cancer. Largest segments in our population are cancer survivors. Called the "Big C" 40 or 50 years ago. Modern technology has helped people live longer. Not an easy road to be a survivor. Early detection is best prevention for cancer. . Wants to mention about the Somerset County Cancer Coalition. Every County has a Cancer Coalition. For instance they work very closely with many

doctors and wellness communities. It's a great resource for support. Four major cancers especially in NJ are breast cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer and lung cancer. Melanoma and skin cancers are on the rise in the State of NJ. There is a high incidence in Hunterdon County and Somerset County. She did a big awareness on the steps of Somerset County. Early detection is extremely important. She has handouts to screen ourselves for skin cancer and it must be done all year long, not just in the summer. We must always have SPF on. Put sunscreen on 30 min before you go out into sun and it must be reapplied. There is a lot of controversy about which sunscreens work. There is a wonderful resource called the ERW group. There is a list of credible sunscreens on their site. They have recommendations for men and women on screenings. Men playing golf should always put it on their forehead while playing golf. Don't forget about the feet and ears. Use lip balm. They also have protective clothing.

George Nader, NIGP Region Representative.

This is the best facility he has been to. In 2009, 80 delegates attended Langhorne. In 2004 vendor attendance was 100 %. We are all affected by the economy. It has become more and more difficult to get to Conferences. Location for 2011 NIGP Conference will be in Maryland. Hotel rates are \$179/night. Street rates are \$299/night. It's a pretty good price. Registration fee before 9/1/10 is \$150.00. Parking across the street is cheaper. The schedule is still in its early stages. Reverse trade fair is interesting. See the vendor side of things. Future regional conference sites 2012 in NJ. South Jersey does it on their own. Marylou Stanton said that North Jersey nearly died. Thirty to forty people would come out regularly. We have several associations, State and County. In 2013 Conference will be back in Maryland and 2014 back to Pennsylvania. In 2015 will go back to Washington, DC. Joint chapter meeting held in Camden area on the Battleship NJ. Spoke on general issues. He encourages us to attend one of these meetings. There is difficulty getting supervisors to get out to conference. On NIGP website you are able to figure cost of Conference. When you come back with ideas from the Conference it will outweigh the cost to go. New at forum peer to peer type forum. If you volunteer you get a break on registration, which is about half. For anyone that would like to attend, check out websites brochure. Has information on sessions. Anything you need to know about Conference.

What can National NIGP do for you?

They realized that the website can be a huge resource. Terms glossary is free on website. There is a book on benefits of being member of National NIGP. Also a great place for specifications. No sense in reinventing the wheel. There are nine different list serves. Will get several email responses. There is a contact an expert area. If there is something you are particularly good at something like Jim is at spec writing, please sign up. Drop Jennifer an email for products.

Webinars are popular in this economy. NIGP has several available through their website. Right now there are 4 different ones posted. Like RFP's for architects versus RFP's for engineers.

Jim Jorgensen believes that RPPS is more stringent than the CPPO. Can we use that toward getting CPPO? George is not familiar with NJ's certifications. Marylou Stanton tried to do this year's ago in the 70's. It fell apart on NIGP side. He needs documentation to see what is needed to get certified in NJ so he can bring back to get answers. Jim feels we are not as travel close and we are truly the most stringent out of the rest of the country.

Marylou Stanton earned her CPPO while in Ottawa. She knows only 3 who are going to Conference. One is paying for himself. Being a member is also too costly. Somerset County is a member of NIGP since 1970. She has to make a decision for next year whether or not she can be a member.

We are unique to the rest of the country because we have our own state certifications-NJ and VA. There are other issues now because of the QPA and the State being involved. There is certainly a benefit for our members to get national NIGP certifications.

NIGP is feeling the economy also. In the last 6-8 months, NIGP has eliminated 9 different positions.

Our region is the only region to increase membership. Our issue is clearly certification.

Kathy Cupano, Rutgers

There were 235 in attendance at the Conference this year, same as last year. There was a positive reaction to the Conference. As usual everyone loved the legislative update. In general it was all well received. Next year the Conference will take place May 11th and 12th. We will be meeting about next year's topics and we need suggestions. Summer courses have been scheduled. Many people want to get QPA before 12/31/10. Fall schedule is being worked on

Marylou Stanton-QPA is supposed to displace Rutgers RPPO and RPPS. Many people will still need to have it. Will keep both open in case people don't pass State exam. Ray Murray thinks that keeping the classes should just be applied to getting QPA. Kathy Cupano thinks that will be the way it goes.

Joe Valenti, Retired

Look on resources page on NIGP website for the following info.

Predatory towing prevention act went into effect last year current version for towing. Chapter 193 created a monster. Tariff rating is out. It does regulate public and private tows. Public tows are private. Example accident needs a tow. Towing two ways through bids or rotations. Most a

vendor can get is \$400/per car, whether in lot 1 day or 300 days. This is Administrative code regulations. Also sign postings on beach front. In Seaside there were never any signs posted. His son got ticketed and towed away. Maverick towers came around hooking up. Concerns how we regulate private towers.

S514-A1592- up for hearing tomorrow. UTCA is boasting how they were able to get 3 out of 4 bills. .

A2660-Pay to Play-Prohibits certain individuals and businesses.

A2769-Amends Local Public Contracts Law. You have to have prime sub-contractors HVAC, electrical and plumbing. There is a 5th category for general construction for all other work. We don't need to know sub primes. Will take 5th category out who are the sub primes. Bill is flawed. Engineers and architects want to know everybody on job. Intended well initially.

A2786-Educational services commission can use US communities. Allow us to deal directly with nationally recognized coops. When NJ went with Auto Zone they stopped the contracts with the 65 other vendors. They got their day in court. Did not justify in writing why they chose Auto Zone.

A2824-set aside goal for minority, female owned etc.

S1911=-prohibits awarding professional services contract to members of legislature.

OPRA-present law tested in a court case. You cannot charge cost of labor to make copies. Total cost of paper per plus the total cost of toner purchase divided by annual copying volume

There is an article in the League of Municipalities magazine about Matt Boxer and Senate Bill 1888. We will see an increase in competitive contracting.

Citizens United took out billboard ads against candidates. Corporations cannot do that in NJ.

Old business to discuss; inducting Kevin Galland and Gerri Popkin as members of the executive board.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00. Networking and lunch were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula S. Ferreira

Secretary