

## February 16, 2017 ETPA Membership Meeting Recap

ETPA held its first membership meeting of the year on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Acropolis Mediterranean Grill in Chattanooga. We had a great turnout for the meeting with many agencies in attendance including new members from the Hamilton County Board of Education, Hamilton County, and The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

### **MEETING RECAP**

#### **Speaker:**

Lieutenant Joseph Mays with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department provided the group an excellent presentation on Active Shooter Training. From his talk, we learned the acronym ADD – Avoid, Deny, Defend and he recommended an informative video from Los Angeles County found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQ-oxhdFjE>.

#### **Business Meeting:**

*ETPA Awards Program* – Recognition Committee Chair David Griffin and committee member Bonnie Woodward started the Business Meeting by announcing the winners of the ETPA 2016 Awards program. The awardees were nominated by their ETPA colleagues and presented awards for their service to ETPA and our procurement profession. The 2016 ETPA Award Winners are:

- 2016 ETPA Manager of the Year – Terry McKee, Knoxville's Community Development Corporation
- 2016 Buyer of the Year – Penny Owens, City of Knoxville
- 2016 Volunteer of the Year – Penny Owens, City of Knoxville

Next year's awards will also include an ETPA Innovation award, celebrating members or an agency that create or implement an innovative idea or process. We encourage you to start thinking now of whom you will nominate for 2017.

*Treasurers Report* – Treasurer Lynn Farnham issued the report showing a balance of \$16,634.59. Of that, \$2,000 is reserved for Forum 2018 and \$2,000 is reserved for the scholarship program.

*NIGP Scholarship Program* – The deadline for entering your scholarship application based on 2016 activities has been extended until April 1, 2017. This is a great way to get rewarded (with attendance to classes, payment of class fees or conference fees) for your volunteer efforts in ETPA.

*Volunteer opportunities* – The 2018 NIGP Forum Committee needs volunteers to help run the table at this year's 2017 Forum in Salt Lake City, advertising Forum 2018 in Nashville. If you will

be attending Forum this year and can work a shift or two at the table, please contact Forum Volunteers coordinator Shanikka Tate at [state@mlgw.org](mailto:state@mlgw.org).

Also, the date for this year's **ETPA Business Matching** is set for July 20<sup>th</sup>. The steering committee will start meeting soon and we will need EVERYONE's help to advertise the event and find vendors/sponsors

*Legislative Update* – Pamela Cotham, Legislative co-chair, reports that our recommended clarifications to the requirements on Performance & Payment Bonds are moving through the state legislative process on House Bill 0981 and Senate Bill 0681. The current requirement sets the statutory amount for Performance and Payment bonds at 25% of the contract cost for all public works over \$100,000. We've requested a clarification to match current practice, changing the language to say the statutory amount of 25% is the minimum amount for the bond, allowing us then to continue the practice of requiring 100% bond.

*March is Procurement Month* – we encourage your agencies to join us in recognizing the professionals on the front lines of our profession during the month of March. ETPA, in conjunction with the City of Tucson and many other NIGP chapters, has proclaimed March 8<sup>th</sup> as Professional Buyer's Day. If you are planning an event at your agency, please let us know and send our social media committee ([jmaxwell@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmaxwell@knoxvilletn.gov) and [jcombs@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:jcombs@johnsoncitytn.org)) pictures of your events/celebrations.

**Key Dates to Remember:**

- April 5 -7: ETPA Hosting NIGP Class "Legal Aspects of Public Procurement" in Johnson City-REGISTER NOW
- May 3 -5: TAPP Spring Conference in Nashville area
- June 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ETPA Membership Meeting
- July 20: ETPA Business Matching and Tradeshow Event
- August 10: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ETPA Membership Meeting
- August 27 – 30: NIGP Annual Forum in Salt Lake City
- October 25 – 27: ETPA Fall Professional Development Conference