

MPPOA 2010 PLAN  
MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide quality support services to public purchasing professionals in Michigan. This will be accomplished through networking opportunities, encouraging cooperative buying, providing resources for education and communication. Through these efforts the public interest of our citizens will be promoted by securing goods and services in an ethical and cost-effective manner.

GOAL: MPPOA should use its collective knowledge and experience to promote purchasing as a profession within the political environment and to improve laws recognizing ethics and best value in public procurement.

- Become more visible and participate with other organizations as MML, MGFOA, as attendees, speakers, resources, liaisons and members and be represented at supplier diversity activities.
- Promote purchasing within members' political environments.
- Encourage individual and agency recognition to/from national associations.
- Create political avenues for MPPOA members to make professionalism and the code of ethics known.
- Actively monitor legislation effecting State and local public procurement.

GOAL: In order for MPPOA to have the human and financial resources to fulfill its mission, it is imperative to expand its active membership base through outreach and networking.

- Update promotion materials.
- Communicate with other professional groups not yet tapped for membership.
- Use local MPPOA members to target specific areas to add personal involvement.
- Market MPPOA by attendance at meetings and trade shows sponsored by other professional organizations.
- Support and encourage MPPOA member participation in ethnic and culturally diverse organizations and activities.

GOAL: To maintain the viability and economic stability of the organization, the Board of Directors should implement sound and equitable administrative procedures and encourage member participation.

- Perform an annual review of the strategic plan by MPPOA Board of Directors and at the General Membership meeting.
- Establish an annual budget and present to members at General Membership Meeting.
- Encourage members to attend Board meetings through advertisement of times, dates and agendas.
- Prepare a yearly schedule of events with dates for publication.

GOAL: A sense of connectedness is important for the life of any organization and to that end, resources must be spent to promote and maintain communication.

- Utilize the website as MPPOA's main communication tool.
- Enhance and expand the mentor program, reaching out to new members.
- Act as a resource for cooperative purchasing groups through education, the website and list serve.
- Develop the Spanner as a resource to communicate information as identified by MPPOA members to be valuable; solicit vendor advertisers.
- Use meetings, conferences, seminars and classes as opportunities to communicate to the membership.
- Help to facilitate reciprocal agreements between agencies for emergencies.

GOAL: A basic reason for MPPOA being a professional organization is to provide education for its membership. For this reason, we should be intentional about providing a variety of educational opportunities for all levels of purchasers.

- Promote education through certification and certification through education by enhancing availability of LEAP classes sponsored by MPPOA or in coordination with other State chapters.

- Utilize every available medium to facilitate education including on-line training, teleconferences and one-day programs with MPPOA members as speakers.
- Partner with private sector purchasing organizations and other public sector professional organizations to share educational opportunities, vendor shows, speakers and networking.
- Fund education through scholarships.

GOAL: Conferences serve as an important networking tool for MPPOA membership, providing a forum for being enriched by speakers, sharing ideas and challenges with our peers and providing a tangible identity for MPPOA.

- Continue to hold regional meetings and a yearly conference at different locations throughout the State.
- Increase opportunities for social interactions during the conference with initial introductions or ice breakers and more organized activities.
- Diversify topics with speakers from other professional organizations as well as self-improvement and fun sessions.
- Include networking sessions through round tables and other interactive sessions.
- Establish a venue for vendor presentations during the trade show or on the conference agenda.