

**Mid Atlantic Acquisition Council**  
**Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, July 10, 2019**  
**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Host**

Jack Wise, GSA

**Attendees:**

Bob Vitelli, GSA  
Mike Dyszel, GSA  
Lisa Makosewski, FEB  
Stacy Buechele, GSA  
Al Stracciolini, NSW  
Karyn Price, EPA  
Eric Simonait, GSA  
Cladia Plantin, GSA  
Sean Schoenecker, GSA  
Jaime Kern, GSA  
Maria Gonzalez, DOL  
Caitlin Zaslou, GSA  
Frederick Hilliard, VA  
Melissa Ramos, DOL  
Chris Callender, DOL

The July 10, 2019 meeting was hosted by GSA at the Dow Building. Thanks to GSA for providing the meeting space and the refreshments. The meeting began with a brief introduction of everyone in attendance. There were a few topics touched upon at this meeting including:

- **Events Planning Subcommittee Update on MAAC Training Symposium:**
  - See Slides (2019 MAAC Training Symposium Update 7.10.19)
- **Executive Leadership Training Opportunities**
  - *Gettysburg “in the footsteps of leaders”*
    - September 18-19, 2019 is sold out.
    - Pittsburgh FEB is doing September 12-13, 2019 and if your agency has an office there you could see about working with them to go.
    - Baltimore FEB is scheduled for a currently unknown date in November and if spots do not fill up they will contact Lisa at the Philadelphia FEB to possibly open up those spots to this area.
    - Dates for 2020 Philadelphia FEB include April 22-23 and September 23-24. The price will most likely go up for next year (approximately to \$390).
  - *SALT- Senior Acquisition Leadership Training (Run out of Acquisition Academy: Frederick, MD)*
    - Includes collaborative projects throughout the year.

- It is one year long with 4 one week trips.
  - For more details go to: <https://www.acquisitionacademy.va.gov/schools/contracting/salt.asp>
- *TEI (Treasury Executive Institute)*
  - Includes professional coaches, free online classes and resources.
  - For more details go to: <https://home.tei.treasury.gov/>
- **Other Developments/ Issues Raised**
  - The VA's Intern development program was discussed.
  - In the future could non-VA agencies inherit some of these interns if the VA's need is fulfilled?
  - Service disabled and medically discharged veterans are recruited to join the program and go through night classes at Mt. Saint Mary.
  - This is only for the 1102 workforce and there is a service commitment of 2 years on the participant's part.
  - How can we get back to providing FAI courses for the Philadelphia 1102 community?
  - Hiring and retention, how can we hire and keep good people?
  - Train current employees how to interview by doing mock interviews, assessments and giving pointers.
- **Future Topics**
  - Recertifying, retaining and succession.
  - How do different agencies onboard their 1102's?
  - Speed mentoring, mentor-protégé programs and how do different agencies do this?
  - What are others doing to foster a sharing environment?

**Action Items:**

- Caitlin to explore the possibility of getting FAI classes to return to Philadelphia.

**Next Council Meeting October 16, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**

**Location EPA 1650 Arch St.**