Local 1502 minutes
MEETING DATES: May 29 - 31, 2018

LOCATIONS:

Tuesday May 29, 2018
Northland Community College, Thief River Falls
12pm - 1pm

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Northland Community College, East Grand Forks
12pm - 1pm

Thursday, May 31, 2018
Country Kitchen Restaurant, Detroit Lakes
12pm – 1pm

Dave's South Side Tap, Moorhead
5pm – 6:30pm

1) OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report (Larry Moe)

* Current YTD balance is $19,311 as of 04/30/2018.

Secretary’s Report (Jane Melander)

* Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were handed out to attendees at the Moorhead meeting.
* Reminder: Minutes are posted under "News" on the Local 1502 web site (<https://www.mape.org/my-mape/locals/1502>).

2) 1502 MAPE ELECTIONS (Brad Berce)

* Nominations for the upcoming election ended Friday, May 25th.
* Bryan Kotta was unsuccessful in his bid for the open First Vice President position so he will continue as our Regional Director.
* Bryan is unable to serve in two leadership positions so he will be stepping down as Chief Steward.
* A call for nominations and an election will be held among the current Local 1502 Stewards to choose a new Chief Steward.
* Our Local also needs people to represent Local 1502 on the Negotiations Committee and serve as Local 1502 Membership Secretary. Please consider stepping up to serve your Local in one of these leadership positions.

3) NEGOTIATIONS & CONTRACT (Brad Berce)

* As part of the MAPE 2017-2019 contract, state employees will see a 2.25% cost of living increase beginning on July 1, 2018.
* This increase is in addition to the 2% salary pay increase received as a lump sum on our May 11, 2018, paychecks that were retroactive to July 1, 2017.
* Brad and Bryan both stressed how important it is to help elect a labor-friendly governor and representatives. Consider volunteering to door knock and talk to your neighbors to stress the importance of a strong State workforce.

4) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY (Brad Berce)

* Delegate Assembly is slated for September 15th at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington, MN.
* Brad Berce, Bryan Kotta, and Larry Moe are delegates to the assembly.
* Two alternates are authorized to represent Local 1502 at the assembly.
* Contact Brad Berce if you are interested in attending as an alternate.

5) MN LEGISLATIVE SESSION (Brad Berce)

* The Pension Reform Bill was passed at the very end of the MN Legislative session on May 15, 2018.
* A summary of the wrap-up can be found on the MAPE News tab (at <https://www.mape.org/mape/news/legislature-approves-pension-reform-bill>).
* Fortunately, language that MAPE considered detrimental to State employees was dropped from the final supplemental finance bill.

6) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (Brad Berce)

* Our membership numbers have improved!
* Statewide average is 70.33% full members versus fee payers.
* Local 1502 has increased to 70.03%.
* A BIG thank you to those who have approached fee payers about the need to become a full member to support our union in light of the impending Janus ruling.
* Just a reminder: the fee for a full member is $21.00 per pay period.

7) REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Bryan Kotta)

* MAPE’s Finance Committee reviewed audit results of the MAPE combined financial statements.
* A new Business Agent was hired recently.
* MAPE is offering a daylong political mobilization training on Friday, June 20th. This event is organized by members of MAPE’s Government Relations Committee.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

* A motion was approved and carried forward from the Detroit Lakes meeting on Thursday, May 31st, to change the drawing for a $25 gift from the combined attendee list. Currently, Local 1502 draws a name for every 20 attendees who attend one of the meetings. Each winner receives a $25 gift. The motion forwarded from the Detroit Lakes meeting is to draw a name for every 15 attendees rather than 20. Lindsey Ternes made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marc Holland seconded. The motion passed by voice approval.
* In the past, Local 1502 gave out turkeys to members during the holiday season. Those in attendance discussed the possibility of providing $25 gift cards instead of turkeys.

Next Meeting: TBD

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Winners of the $25 gift were meeting attendees Jeff Johnson and Bryant Swenson.

Submitted by Jane Melander, MAPE Local 1502 Secretary