**Region 15 Meetings**

**Local 1502 web page:** <https://mape.org/locals/1502>

**Meeting Dates: September 24 – 26, 2019**

**Locations:**

Tuesday September 24, 2019

Northland Community College, Thief River Falls

12pm – 1pm

Wednesday September 25, 2019

Spitfire Restaurant, Detroit Lakes

12pm – 1pm

Thursday September 26, 2019

Pizza Ranch, Dilworth

12pm – 1pm

**AGENDA**

1. **Officer Reports**
   * Treasurer’s Report (Larry Moe)
     + Current balance is $17,887.74 as of 08/31/2019.
     + Reminder for drawings – three $25 door prizes drawn from the combined attendance of the three local meetings.
   * Membership Report (Brad Berce)
     + As of 09/24, there are 223 members or 73.6%, above the state average of 73.07%.
     + Members are always encouraged to reach out to new hires to discuss the benefits of becoming a member.
2. **Local Election results**
   * + With new Secretary, Nicole Anderson, Local now has a full officer staff.
3. **Delegate Assembly September 21 – recap**
   * Governor Tim Walz visited and spoke to delegates
   * United Auto Workers (UAW) member visited while they are on strike at GM
     + Described heavy use of temporary workers who are doing the same work for less paid and benefits.
     + Resolution to give $50K to UAW Local 722 in Hudson, WI (74 employees), the closest GM plant, to assist the 74 employees while on strike.

* See MAPE website for article (<https://mape.org/news/2019-delegate-assembly-recap>).

1. **Contract update**

* 21 regions/negotiators
* Executive Director, president met with governor about MMB negotiations team
* Pay increase likely in late November
  + IT scale
    - No language to access them, looks related to new hires potentially starting at higher steps.
  + Student loan reimbursement
    - No language either – take to meet and confer with agencies, hoping for consistency.

1. **Regional Director update – Bryan Kotta**
2. **MAPE Business Agent update – Debbie Prokopf**
   * MAPE reorganization
     + Two councils – organizing and political; 5 voting members, 2 appointed by president
   * Organizing – using 20-1 membership recruitment model where each individual member has 20 people they can contact and so on.
   * Political – conduct in-district meetings, listening sessions, focus on swing districts/seats

* Temporary unclassified workers – fewer protections, unpaid medical leave, etc., require advanced notice to employee before scheduled end of their position in contract
* DOC field services summit on 11/1
  + - Workload, safety issues (<https://mape.org/news/corrections-probation-agents-hold-first-summit-build-power-and-plan-political-action>)
* First ever steward summit on 10/25
  + - This full-day summit will offer a day of learning that ensures you are equipped with the resources needed to fairly and competently represent your colleagues.

Next meeting: November 19 – 21, 2019

Winners of the $25 check were meeting attendees Mary Lynn Ziegler, Matt Verdoes, Marc Holland, Ted Hoaby, and Jennifer Johnsgard.

Submitted by Nicole Anderson, MAPE Local 1502 Secretary