Region 15 Meetings

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

**Meeting Dates: January 21 – 23, 2020**

**Locations:**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Northland Community College, Thief River Falls  
12pm – 1pm

Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
Spitfire Restaurant, Detroit Lakes  
12pm – 1pm

Thursday, January 23, 2020  
Pizza Ranch, Dilworth  
12pm – 1pm

**AGENDA**

1. **Officer Reports**

* Membership (Brad Berce)
  + As of January 14, 2020 there are 223 members (72.64%), 82 non-members (26.71%); slightly below state average of 72.74% (11,092 members and 4,157 non-members)
* Treasurer’s Report (Larry Moe)
  + Larry was unable to attend.
  + See attached handout for Local 1502 12/31/2019 Trial Balance. The year-end total will be about $1,000 lower after final meeting meals and door prizes are reimbursed.
* Secretary’s Report (Nicole Anderson)
  + Minutes were handed out at Moorhead/Dilworth meeting. Since we are not formally approving minutes at the local meetings, they will be posted following each meeting.

1. **1502 Audit – pay for Auditors**

* Three individuals review entire year’s worth of activity, a stack of papers over an inch thick. If local did not complete audit, then MAPE would have trustees perform the review at likely a higher cost.
* Motioned/Seconded/Passed to pay auditors $50 each. Also approved at Thief River Falls and Detroit Lakes meetings.

1. **Federal Paid Parental Leave Act – 12 weeks**

* Previously drafted as Family Leave, but dropped to Parental Leave in negotiations.
* MAPE currently has 6 weeks leave – will see in new legislative session if we can get an increase to 12 weeks.

1. **1502 Local Officer Elections**

* All local officer positions up for election with terms beginning June 2020. Nominations are open February 10, 2020 through April 10, 2020. Voting opens May 13 and closes on Mar 27, 2020.
* See Election Information page for details (<https://mape.org/resources/mape-documents/election-information>), including statewide positions up for election.
* Contact JoDee Haugrud, Local Elections Committee Chair, if you are interested in a local officer position ([haugrud@mnstate.edu](mailto:haugrud@mnstate.edu)).
* Motioned/Seconded/Passed to pay MAPE membership dues for Local Membership Secretary, who typically sets up meeting between colleague and new hire to discuss MAPE membership.

1. **Letter from MAPE Member (Brad Berce)**

* Read letter from MAPE member describing frustration for pay increase not covering increased cost of living – healthcare premium, parking, childcare, etc. for those in lower pay scales.

1. **Regional Director Update (Bryan Kotta)**

* Regional Directors meet once a month.
* Subcommittee on IT – update MAPE’s facilities with visual and audio equipment for meetings.
* Climate study for MAPE being conducted. Summary report expected in February.
* Delegate assembly Saturday, September 19, 2020 – we can send 2 delegates + 2 alternates.
* Scholarships being revitalized for Fall 2020.
* Contract printing will be reduced to either a quarter or about 20% of membership, as new contract is available on the MAPE website (<https://mape.org/2019-2021-contract-info>).

1. **MAPE Business Agent Update (Debbie Prokopf)**

* Restructure mentioned in November
  + Organizing Council – focus on membership, recruitment
  + Political Council – focus on contract approval
* Spring Day on the Hill being redone – agency based/topical discussions
  + DOC met with legislators who sit on Corrections committee – more about the work the agency does and less about the contract.
* DOC local legislators meeting – Sen. Kent Eken, Rep. Paul Marquart, and Rep. Ben Lien, supervisor, Debbie, and 12 members. See MAPE article about the meeting (<https://mape.org/news/members-meet-state-legislators-moorhead>).
  + Justin Ball gave a summary of the impact of the meeting – the format seemed to work and they hope for more meetings in the future. The information presented was new for those not on Corrections committee. Found it’s helpful to be a constituent of the legislator.

1. **Other Items**

* Chief Steward Update (Bryan Kotta)
  + Gary Wass DL – acting as co-Chief Steward to assist
  + Issues brought to Chief Stewards and then sent to next two stewards available. They may be at a different agency, but this is good thing as they will likely ask more questions to understand the situation than someone at the same agency.
* Discussion on Single +1 (dependent) cost/actuary numbers – don’t have data available to determine cost, so this plan option is not available.

Winners of the $25 check were meeting attendees Charity Reese, Nick Kramer, Lindsey Ternes, Erik Ness, and Kayla Simon

Submitted by Nicole Anderson, MAPE Local 1502 Secretary